



ACADEMY NEWS



St. Mary's Academy Weekly Newsletter

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Our Mission Statement:

St. Mary's Academy promotes academic excellence within a Christ-centered Catholic community. Students from Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8 learn acceptance and appreciation of others and develop to their full potential within a nurturing, family environment."

Gospel Reflection

GOSPEL

Jesus said to the Sadducees, "The children of this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. They can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise. That the dead will rise even Moses made known in the passage about the bush, when he called 'Lord,' the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."

REFLECTION

The Sadducees had approached Jesus, looking to trick him with the question of which man, in the resurrection, will be married to a woman widowed seven times. Jesus does not respond directly to their query. Instead, he says that to God, all are alive—even the dead. Our Catholic funeral liturgy tell us that life is changed, not ended. Though relationships may cease after death, the love that formed them will not. Love never dies, and we are destined to live in that Love—that is, to live in God—forever.

Important Dates:

- This Monday, November 11th there will be **no school** as we will celebrate Veteran's Day.
- Congratulations to our Jr. High students who made the First Quarter Honor Roll. Our Honor Roll Breakfast will be next Wednesday, November 13th at 7:45 a.m.
- Our Jingle Bell Run / Walk is on Saturday, November 23rd. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. The run/walk begins at 9:00 a.m. Registration fees will go up after November 9th. Be sure to register soon!

Principal's Message



Parent Conferences will begin today. There are also conferences set up for tomorrow, Friday, November 8th. We are thankful to everyone for making time to meet with your child's homeroom teacher. If you need to see another teacher, please make sure to contact that teacher directly.

November is a very busy month. So many exciting events happening this month. It is also the month we set aside to collect canned goods for those in need. There will be boxes available for each family to donate canned goods to their classroom box. On November 25th all of the canned goods along with the ones collected from Family Frolics will be donated to a local food pantry. The class with the greatest participation will have a class prize.

Please remember that the Great Lakes Scrip Program is available for parents, families, and friends to purchase store gift cards. We have some new families signed up and are looking for more families to consider joining this fundraising project. Just a reminder, if you choose to participate, 50% percentage of the funds raised by your family and friends goes back to you as a tuition credit on next year's tuition. It is a wonderful program that has a direct positive affect on your tuition. Please consider signing up. This program will run throughout the school year giving each family the opportunity to earn credit to next year's tuition. I will be sending a separate email to our families from Great Lake Scripts.

As we are entering the soon to be "snowy season" of winter it is important to know how everyone will be contacted for Delays, Early Release, and Snow Days. The Town of Longmeadow determines when we will have one of the days mentioned. Once I am contacted, I send out a message through Rediker to all families. It will also be posted on the website under School Cancellation and Early Dismissal. We usually do not have early dismissals. But, if it was determined that we needed to do this, I would do an emergency message through Rediker that reaches out to all telephone numbers and emails. If you have changed your telephone number or email since the beginning of the school year, please make sure to contact the office with your new information. Also we ask that your child has a hat, gloves/mittens, boots and a warm coat as we are now in the cold weather season. We will continue to go outside for morning and lunch recess as long as the temperature is 20 degrees or above. They will also need to bring their sneakers with them to change out of their boots when they go to their classroom.

Fair Share Opportunities:

Fair share hours

Sell, Sell, Sell! St. Mary's Advent Calendars are a great way to get your fair share hours.

*Families who sell all 24 calendars will receive (4) fair share hours PLUS a family dress down day in December.

*Families who sell 12 calendars will receive (2) fair share hours.

*Due to our generous sponsors, we are giving away more CASH this year than any other year -\$3,500 total.

Ski Club

Ski Club Volunteer Needed:

We are looking for someone to coordinate our ski club this year at Blandford. This is a great way to earn fair share hours. The group meets on Friday nights at the Mountain and skiers/ boarders can take lessons or just go for fun with their school. Please contact Mrs. MacDonald at jmacdonald@stmaryslongmeadow.org.



A Teacher's View:

Grade 3

We have just finished the first quarter! I can't believe how fast this term has flown by us in third grade. It has been wonderful to watch the students grow as learners and as people.

We have been so busy over the last few weeks working on Saint project's in religion. The students were so excited to be able to research a Saint that they picked out on their own. We have also been learning a lot about loving our neighbor as we would ourselves.

The students have been working extremely hard in math. They are working with subtraction right now and we are so excited to move into multiplication right after! They have worked harder and harder every day to become better and better at all of our math concepts. In Social Studies we are learning about goods and services and what part people play in this. In Science we have just finished a chapter about how animals interact with the environment and with each other. We have been working very hard in reading with this new series! The students loved project week in third grade and can't wait for the next. In English we are working on all different types of nouns.

As a class we are looking forward to planning our Mass and Rosary which will be in December. We are also getting excited about Battle of the Books! Many students have signed up to be a part of this and are already reading the material they need to read.

All of the students have been working hard together as a class. They are developing problem solving skills and have worked on team work skills as well.

I am blessed to be working as a part of the St Mary's Academy family with these wonderful children by my side through it all.

Ms. Quinn



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