

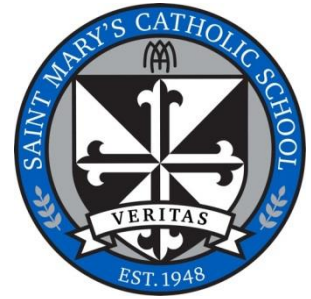


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SPARTAN NEWSLETTER

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MISSION To provide a Catholic education that nurtures students' hearts and minds to become servant leaders in an ever changing world.

Front Office Corner

Office hours 7:30am-3:30pm and by appointment.

School Mass every Wednesday at 8:30am (or Fridays for the First Friday of each month)

Oct 19: Report Cards Home; Chess Club; Don and Millie's Food Night

Oct 20: Vocations Day F/T (6th gr);



Oct 23: No HW Room; Health Screenings; Jr Legion of Mary

Oct 25: All School Mass; Middle School Assembly @245pm; Youth Ministry (7th/8th); 2nd grade Sacramental Meeting

NO SCHOOL OCTOBER 26, 27, 30TH



This week brings us into the second quarter of school. Next Thursday, parents and teachers will have the opportunity to meet and discuss student progress during the first quarter. It is good to take a look back to gauge how well our students are meeting academic goals and to make plans to help students be successful in the second half of this semester. It takes a team to nurture students' hearts and minds in order to help them become all they are created to be. Here are some tips for getting the most out of a 10-15 minute conference.

1. *Review the report card, homework papers and tests.*
2. *Have a list of questions you'd like to ask.*
3. *Ask the most important questions at the beginning of the conference.*
4. *Take notes and write down anything you want to discuss further with your child.*
5. *Ask for explanations about anything you don't understand.*
6. *Respectfully discuss any differences of opinion.*
7. *Create an action plan for the second quarter.*
8. *If you need to schedule more time, ask the teacher about a mutually convenient day.*
9. *After the conference, keep in touch with the teacher.*

Parents and teachers all have important perspectives to share. In working together, parents and teachers send the message that school is important and that we value the home and school relationship. We all want to provide the skills and knowledge that will enable our students to be happy and successful in school; the parent teacher conference can help find ways to reach this goal.

Patricia Wallinger

Dr. Trish Wallinger, Principal

Have You Been to the School Webpage Lately? We have done a picture update to the school webpage. Review it with your child and they can enjoy seeing themselves and/or their classmates.

Halloween Dress on Tuesday, October 31st. Students will be allowed to wear jeans and an appropriately themed Halloween shirt. There is no fee, nor is there the expectation of canned goods to participate.

Safe Environment Training. All parents are strongly encouraged to complete Safe Environment training because at some point, you may want to volunteer as a chaperone etc and the training is a requirement. The next local Safe Environment Training session **will be on Nov. 9th from 6:30-8:30pm** in the Dominican Center (southeast side of school). This training will be for St. Mary's parishioners only.

To register, please google CMGconnect and complete on-line registration. If you have questions, please contact me. Next local training will not be until January for St. Mary's.

Do You Have any Reusable Ice Packs? Some professions have ice packs that may be discarded. The school would love to have them. If you have some, please let us know.

Hurricane Relief. Thanks for everyone's response...the school raised \$406.18 for hurricane relief....more to follow on our celebration.

Volleyball Win. The 7th grade volleyball team took 3rd Place at the Gross High School *Cougar Classic* tournament this weekend.



Parent and Teacher Conferences. Parent - Teacher Conferences will be held Thursday, October 26th, from 11am-8pm. We are reviewing rosters and reaching out to families who have not yet registered for conferences. This is an important opportunity to discuss your child(ren)'s progress. We look forward to seeing you that day.

Health Screenings. The school nurse, Mrs. Laney, will be conducting hearing and vision screenings on Monday, October 23 for grades 1-6 and 8, from ~8-10:30am/11am. We are seeking 2-3 more parent volunteers to assist with height, weight, vision and hearing screening. No formal medical training required. Please call the office to help.

Middle School Awards Assembly has been scheduled for October 25th at 2:45pm. Families can enter through the gym.

Veterans Assembly. St. Mary's School invites all veterans, active and retired, to our annual veterans' assembly to be held on Friday, Nov. 10th. Guests and veterans are asked to arrive through the south gym doors at 1:30pm as the assembly will begin promptly at 1:45pm. If you have a child/grandchild, etc attending St. Mary's School that child may escort you into the assembly. **IF YOU HAVE NEVER attended our veteran assembly, PLEASE CONSIDER DOING SO THIS YEAR as we commemorate the 100th anniversary of WW1.** Your military photo and/or medals [if you wish to bring them] may be placed on the display tables located in the gym. Patriotism, dedication, commitment and love of family and country cannot be taught through textbooks alone. Your presence allows the students to personally thank you and honor you for your service to our nation and for the freedoms they enjoy. Refreshments follow the assembly which ends close to 3-3:10 pm. To register, please call the school or use eForm previously provided via a link. Your registration allows us to better prepare for seating purposes. If you have any questions, call the office or contact Becky Feagan at 402-639-8976 or bfeagan@cox.net

Archdiocesan Support Materials for Discussing the Virtue of Chastity with Children. Colleen Mast from LoveED will present on Thursday, Nov 2 at Skutt Catholic High School in Omaha in the student center from 6:30-8:30PM. This is an evening for adults and parents- babysitting provided for 2-10 year olds.

Book Fair. It's that time again! St. Mary's Book Fair will be in our Media Center from Oct. 23-26 AND Our Online Book Fair runs Oct. 15-29. Please check our website for more information: <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/stmaryschool77>



Our goal is to sell 551 books this year, both online and in school. Please help us meet and beat this goal! If you would still like to volunteer, we have shifts open...see Home and School section of this newsletter. We would love to see you!

Project Hope. Project HOPE – coordinators – Rhonda Prewitt and Kati Wilwerding – smscripcoord@cox.net . More participation means we can truly “Help Our Parish Economically”! Please consider purchasing gift cards to use for your everyday grocery, gas, dining out or other retail needs.”

Effective immediately, Darden Restaurants scrip gift cards and ScripNow eCards will no longer be redeemable at Red Lobster locations.

Summer Kitchen SCRIP. Currently have 3 Summer Kitchen gift cards available. Please write it in on your order form if you would like to purchase those.

Volunteer needed to sell Project HOPE once per month at the Saturday at 5:00 p.m. mass. This DOES count toward your volunteer obligation! For additional information please contact Angela Bennett at [402-926-8965](tel:402-926-8965) or angbennett@gmail.com



Jr High Youth Ministry. St. Mary’s Junior High Youth Group (7th & 8th grades) will meet in the school gym on Oct 25th from 5:30-6:30pm. *All 7th & 8th grade students are asked to attend at least 2 of our Wednesday night gatherings this semester to fulfill their Confirmation requirements. Our next Encounter Night is on Dec. 3rd. Teens (and at least 1 parent) asked to attend at least 1 of these for Confirmation requirements. Questions, contact Will Targy (will.targy@stmarysbellevue.com) or [402.659.8981](tel:402.659.8981).

Basketball News. We are now accepting Basketball registrations. Registration forms can be found on school website. We’ve received about 18 forms...I know we have more basketball players at St. Mary’s! Please return all forms ASAP so teams can be formed. Practices will start around the first week of November depending on teams. This basketball season we will have teams for 1st - 8th grades (boys & girls). The first graders will play with the second graders in their league. Games start the first weekend of December and continues thru middle of March. Any questions or concerns please contact Jennifer Kreps, Athletic Director at megjen992000@yahoo.com or [402-881-2576](tel:402-881-2576).



Church Window Washing Volunteers Needed. Did you ever wonder who cleans the glass doors at Church each week? St. Mary’s has a very dedicated group of parishioners who each take a month once or twice a year and ensure the glass doors are clean before the start of the weekend masses. St. Mary’s is looking for a few more parishioners or families who would like to help out for a month once or twice a year. If you are interested, please contact Anne at the rectory at [402.291.1350](tel:402.291.1350).

HyVee Cash for Students. We have until December 31, 2017 to hand in your HyVee receipts to the school office so the school earns \$. Every \$200 in receipts earns \$1 that the school will use to fund an assembly this year on Bully Prevention. We have HyVee Collection Envelopes in the office to serve as a visual reminder if that is helpful. You can give to neighbors or grandparents...if you’d like one, please call the office.



OfficeMax Office Depot Give Back to Schools. OfficeMax and Office Depot will give St. Mary's School 5% back in credit for FREE supplies when you make a purchase of qualifying products and provide your school ID at checkout. St. Mary's ID: 70063611.



St Mary's Auction "All Hands on Deck" meeting. We are having the first meeting regarding the St. Mary's auction in the spring. The meeting will be held on November 12th at 6:30 PM in the school library; all committee chairs and volunteers will need to be in attendance. The auction is very important to our school and we are still in need of volunteers, so if you are interested in contributing to the success of this event please attend this first meeting.

Volunteer Op: Thank You Celebration for Adopt a Student. This event is a chance for Fr. to thank those who have responded to special appeals and the Adopt A Student program to support St. Mary's School. They helped keep the school running, provided necessities and gave children a great education by helping pay children's tuition for those with financial needs who otherwise could not come to St. Mary's School.

We are in need of volunteers for Father's Thank You Celebration. It is on Tuesday, November 7th at St. Mark's Hall from 6:30-8pm. Please see below:

- 2 people to help set up from 5-7pm
- 1 person to help serve from 6:30pm-8pm
- 3 people to help clean up from 8-9pm
- 1 person to iron table cloths the day before (November 6th)

- 5-6 bottles of red and white wine
- 4-5 more fancy desserts (things you would enjoy at an Elegant Tea...cheesecake, bars, etc)



Couples for Christ Fun. We had 20+ school and parish families from St. Mary's at last week's hayrack ride and cookout. If you didn't make it, we would love to have you attend our next event please see below:

November 10, 5:30-8pm in the Parish Center. Potluck Dinner and Games and *Soup will be provided by CIC core team. Please bring breads or desserts. Come and enjoy bingo. Questions? Email SaintMarysCIC@gmail.com or check us out or check us out on Facebook at Couples in Christ St. Mary's Bellevue, NE.

LADIES GUILD CARD PARTY/SALAD LUNCHEON. Thursday, October 19th is our annual Card Party and Salad Luncheon! Plan now to attend from Noon-3:00 p.m. in the parish center. Lots of wonderful salads to choose from, and play cards or visit with friends. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the rectory or at the door on Thursday.

YOUTH MINISTRY PANCAKE BREAKFAST. Plan now to attend the Youth Ministry Pancake Breakfast fundraiser in the parish center on Sunday, October 29th after all the morning Masses. Come down for sausage, eggs and pancakes along with juice, milk and coffee. All proceeds go toward upcoming Youth Ministry events such as mission trips, retreats and conferences.

Halloween Candy Drive. St. Mary's Student Council will be collecting candy to provide treats for children living in local homeless shelters. What a great project to help our students focus on serving others! Donations will be accepted through October! *Please mark homeless shelter on candy so it isn't comingled with Halloween Fun Night donations.



Home and School Association

Fall Fundraiser - Piggies On The Loose!! Monday was the Pig Race where the top five sellers competed for their class to have a Pig Out Party. Congratulations to Maria Connealy and the 7th grade class as they were the winners of the Pig Race.

Top Seller: Bentley Moline-Kisicki	Kindergarten
2nd Place: Javier Lizarraga-Hascall	2nd Grade
3rd Place: Olivia Breitreutz	Pre-Kindergarten
4th Place: Rosalyn Morales	6th Grade
5th Place: Maria Connealy	7th Grade

We will need a couple of volunteers to help in the disbursement of the products, more information will be coming in the newsletter when we have the delivery date firmed up.

October Food Night - Don & Millie's Thursday October 19th 4-8pm. Don & Millie's will donate 20% of proceeds. Make sure to mention St. Mary's, they will put you receipt in a collection bucket. See attached flyer. If you bring your flyer, you can be registered for a drawing to win a drawstring backpack. Thank you for all your support of the Food Nights!

St. Mary's 5th Annual Trivia Night will be Friday, October 20th at St. Mary's Gym. Doors open at 6pm and trivia begins at 7pm. Gather a group of 6-8 people per team at just \$12 per person. Call Willie and Liz Wessling to register at [402-291-0785/402-291-0785](tel:402-291-0785) or williewessling@hotmail.com. Beer, wine and pop provided. Bring in your own food to enjoy. Prizes awarded for the best score and best decorated table! Buy a chance to win the 50/50 Raffle and bid on Nebraska football tickets for the Iowa game!

School Book Fair Volunteers Needed - Oct 23-26, 2017. Ms. Schafer needs help with the school book fair. The book fair will run from October 23 to October 26th. She is looking for 2 adults per volunteer time slot. There will also be a need for help cleaning up on Friday, October 27. More details to follow on the time of clean up. Also, 7th and 8th Grade Students can earn service hours and help too. You may sign up on SignUp Genius <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0945AFA82CABF49-stmarys>) or (jenny.schafer@stmarysbellevue.com).

Halloween Fun Night will be Friday, October 27th, from 6-8:30 p.m. in the school gym. We are going to have a Trick-or-Treat Village thru the school (candy/goodies will be handed out). We are also having a Pumpkin Decorating Contest. Please bring your carved, painted, or decorated pumpkins to the school for display/judging (For safety reasons, no real candles in them, please).



The Cake Walk is back again, so plan on bringing your quarters! The Monster Mash Dance is also back. Dinner will be offered for families; pre-order forms will be available before the event. Order forms for preordering food is attached. The schedule of events is as follows:

6:00pm - 7:15pm Dinner served
6:00pm - 7:15pm Games, Cake Walk, Photo Booth, etc. and Trick-or-Treat Village
7:15pm - 7:45pm Costume Parade, Costume Contest, Best Door, and Best Pumpkin
7:45pm - 8:30pm Monster Mash (Dance)

This event would not be possible with volunteers. We are needing help with the following items, please go to Sign-up Genius <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0945afa82cabf49-stmarys> to sign up and help: Set-up for Event, Cake Walk (baked good donations), Greeters, Photo Booth, Door Watchers, Games, Working Kitchen, Clean up of Event