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

**NO SCHOOL OCTOBER 26, 27, 30<sup>TH</sup>**

**Oct 27: Halloween Fun Night**

**Oct 31: Halloween; Jeans w/ Holiday colors**

**Nov 1: Sokol Theatre F/T (8th gr Spanish); All School Mass – All Saints Day**



*Greetings to our parents and families. I hope to see you at our parents at Parent Teacher conferences tomorrow and our Halloween Fun Night this Friday. Home and School have worked hard...it should be an amazing night of fellowship and fun.*

*When students return on Halloween, Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, they can enjoy wearing jeans and an appropriately themed Halloween shirt. There is no fee, nor is there the expectation of canned goods to participate. On November 1<sup>st</sup>, All Saints Day, we will celebrate Mass and perhaps see a few saints in the building. Thanks to Ms. Gaspers who plans a Saints Parade with the First Grade every year. It is fun for the school to see.*

*On Halloween, students will bring home a hard copy November events calendar and November Breakfast/Lunch Menu. Please hang on your refrigerator or other helpful place for your planning purposes.*

*In November one highlight is our Veterans Day Assembly. This is a great opportunity for students to feel that sense of pride for their family members and friends that proudly serve or have served our country. If you haven't had a chance to color the I Know a Soldier sheet with your child, forms will be out during conferences to take home. Students can hand in 1 or 10+ and they will be on display. We have many parishioners that have served and would love to share a name/branch of service for the coloring sheet if a child would like.*

*Patricia Wallinger*

Dr. Trish Wallinger, Principal

### PARISH SACRAMENT DATES

**2nd grade: First Reconciliation Parent/Child Workshop October 25th from 5:30-7:15 p.m. - Parish Center**

**First Reconciliation - January 20, 2018 - 10:30 a.m.**

**7th & 8th grades: 7th grade retreat - November 4, 2017**

**7th grade Rite of Entrance: November 5, 2017 - 12:30 or 5:00 p.m. Mass**

**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.

**Parent and Teacher Conferences.** Parent - Teacher Conferences will be held Thursday, October 26th, from 11am-8pm. This is an important opportunity to discuss your child(ren)'s progress. We look forward to seeing you that day.

**Time Change on Sunday, November 5, 2 a.m.** Remember to set your clocks back Saturday night. Enjoy the one hour of extra sleep! Don't forget to check your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.

**2017-2018 Yearbook.** Last chance to get your yearbook at the low price of \$18. Starting on November 1st the price jumps to \$20. Do not miss out on the early bird special.

**Free Adult Computer Classes.** Mark your calendars now for these free adult computer classes, held in the school computer lab from 7:-9 p.m. Register at [jbezy@cox.net](mailto:jbezy@cox.net) or call John for more information @ 402-291-1765. Class size is limited to 20 people.

November 16 - Windows 10 & latest developments

December 21 - Facebook & Social Media

**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](mailto:bfeagan@cox.net)

**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!

St. Vincent de Paul Thift Store 13th Annual Free  
**Winter Coat and Accessories Giveaway on Saturday, November 4, 2017 from 9am-1pm**  
(St. Peter's Parish Gymnasium, 2706 Leavenworth St. For more info, call 402-341-1688)

**Project Hope.** Project HOPE – coordinators – Rhonda Prewitt and Kati Wilwerding – [smscripcoord@cox.net](mailto:smscripcoord@cox.net) . **Are you thinking about Christmas? Scrip is! Low denomination cards are available until Dec 1st**

- \$5 - Barnes & Noble - Panera - Starbucks
- \$10 - Applebee's, CVS, Olive Garden, Home Depot, IHOP, Outback, Red Lobster, Target, Walmart



**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@stmarysbelleuve.com](mailto:will.targy@stmarysbelleuve.com)) or [402.659.8981](tel:402.659.8981).

**Basketball News.** Registration forms should have been handed in by now. Thanks for your help with completing registrations. 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](mailto: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).



**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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 (cheesecake, bars, etc)



**Couples for Christ Fun. 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](mailto:SaintMarysCIC@gmail.com) or on Facebook at Couples in Christ St. Mary's Bellevue.

**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 (flyer with eNewsletter).

**Catholic Daughters Soup Dinner and Bake Sale.** St. Mary's School Gym - 903 W. Mission Ave. Saturday, Nov 4th – 9 am - 5 pm. Come and browse and do some early Christmas shopping! A wide selection of hearty soups and delicious desserts will be available for purchase throughout the event. Proceeds support our Education and Scholarship fund. Crafters wanted! Tables are \$25. Call Peg Kallman @ 402-733-2915 to rent a table.

**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

**St. Mary's 5th Annual Trivia Night was a Success!** Thank you to all who attended Trivia Night last Friday. This event raised over \$800 for Home & School. Thank you to Liz and Willie Wessling and all the volunteers that helped to make this event a success.

**Halloween Fun Night.** Mark your calendars for our annual event planned for 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



The schedule of events is as follows:

6:00pm - 7:15pm Dinner served **and** 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 out with this fun event: Set-up for Event, Cake Walk (baked good donations), Greeters, Photo Booth, Door Watchers, Games, Working Kitchen, Clean up of Event

## Prayer to Our Lady of Fatima

O Most Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer.

Our Lady of Fatima, Pray for us!

Our Lady of the Rosary, Pray for us!

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pray for us!

