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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)

***See November calendar that went home on Oct 31, 2017**



Parent surveys give both parents and staff a voice in articulating what works and what could work better in our school community. This can be especially important from new teachers and new families who offer a fresh perspective. Last year's survey provided valuable insight that we were able to utilize in improving our processes and communication. We are excited to again request parent participation in our 2017-2018 Parent Survey.

*Through our accrediting body, AdvancEd, this year's survey data will be compiled and available to our staff, Board of Education and Father Del. All parents are asked to take a few minutes to complete the survey which will be sent via email. The computer lab will also be available to families who need access to a computer (less than 2%). We appreciate your time and the insights that it will provide. ***Your participation is completely confidential as AdvancEd compiles results.***

Our goal this year is 75% survey participation. If we reach this goal, students will enjoy a free dress day on November 16th.

Patricia Wallinger

Dr. Trish Wallinger, Principal

PARISH SACRAMENT DATES

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.

Buddy Bench. Today, November 1st was the dedication of the St. Mary's School Buddy Bench generously donated "In Memory of Madeline Gowing from the Catholic Daughters" whose kindness and generosity fostered a welcoming spirit to all who met her.

A buddy bench gives children a safe, nonjudgmental place to retreat if they are feeling lonely. Then classmates are made aware and can go to the child who is feeling lonely to intervene. The hope is that children will then gain the confidence to go play with their new friends again the next day.

There are an estimated 2,000 schools with benches across the United States now and in about a dozen other countries. Also, the concept of a "buddy bench" was one of the covered lessons at our recent Vacation Bible School.

Did You Know St. Mary's Has a Junior Legion of Mary? The Junior Legion of Mary meets every Monday (when school is in session) at St. Mary's School from 3:30-4:30pm. They are led by 2 Senior Legion members. They pray the Rosary, listen to a reading from the Legion handbook, pray the Legion prayers and report on the one hour work they did the previous week. The Junior Legion is open to youth 4th to 8th grade. Consider having your child join us at this meeting. It is great for the youth to pause in their week to discuss faith matters. Contact Teresa at 402-660-5291 for more information.



Baker's Community Rewards Giving More Back to the Community! **Baker's is committed to helping our communities grow and prosper. Year after year, local schools, churches and other nonprofit organizations will earn millions of dollars through Baker's Community**

Rewards. Baker's Community Rewards makes fund-raising easy...all you have to do is shop at Baker's and swipe your Plus Shopper's Card! Go to the Baker's website for details. Our code: 10430.

<https://www.bakersplus.com/communityrewards>

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.

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

Veterans may submit a military photo no later than Wed, Nov 8th. Military medal displays can also be brought to the assembly. Photos and medal displays can be picked up at the end of the assembly.

Families are asked to fill out a Veteran Color Sheet. Forms available on school website or in the office. Please return to the office no later than Wednesday, Nov. 8th. Our students and staff look forward to honoring our veterans! *Attached with this newsletter are two versions of the color sheet. Either form will be used on our banner. Some families submit 5+...there is no limit.

There are a few volunteer opportunities for the Veterans Day Assembly (that count towards parent service hours):

1. To help cut and paste our "I Know a Solider" color sheets from students and attach to a red banner. This task will be completed sometime between Nov 8th-10th during the school day.
2. To assist with decorating the gym the morning of November 10th.

Calling all boy and girl scouts! If you are a member of the boys scouts, girl scouts, cub scouts or daisies and would like to help line the pathway for the vet assembly as part of the procession, please call the office to RSVP. Please note, for students who have a loved one that is in the procession, they can't escort and line the pathway, so students would have to pick their preference. Thanks.

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 . **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 Nov 8th 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).

The Bellevue St. Mary's 7th Grade volleyball team had an outstanding season this year in the Parochial Athletic League (PAL). After an undefeated run through the 7A Division and becoming the division champions, they were placed up into the 7AA Division post season tournament. Their first match was a close, two set victory over Holy Cross. Later that day, they faced 7AA leader, Christ the King, and pulled off an exciting, back and forth, three set victory with a final score of 18 to 16!



In the championship match the next day, the team faced off with St. Robert. Again, they played another back and forth match that ended in victory with scores of 25 to 23 and 26 to 24. In all of my 32 years of coaching volleyball, this team ranks in my top three for the qualities that exemplify great teams: teamwork, love of the game, and a "never quit" attitude. All ten members of the team were major contributors to our wins this season. I can't wait until next year!

-Coach Feagan

End of Year Volleyball Party. Our END OF SEASON PARTY for players and their families will be this coming Sunday, Nov. 5, in the gym from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. We will have pizza, pop, and cookies for everyone. The cost for attending is your nicely cleaned and folded volleyball jersey.

Basketball News. Registration forms should have been handed in by now....if you still want to play but haven't submitted, please contact Athletic Director ASAP. 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 continue thru the 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).



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.



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 or on Facebook at Couples in Christ St. Mary's Bellevue.

Looking Back on October Fun...



PAL 7AA Volleyball Champions—7th grade girls



Living Rosary – Celebration of Our Lady of Fatima



Middle Schools Awards Ceremony



Halloween Fun Night 2017

Home and School Association

HSA Fall Fundraiser Update. Product pick-up date is Thursday, November 16th from 3-5pm in the school gym. Orders made online by family and friends will be delivered directly to their homes. Thank you all for your support! If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me directly (jmyale10@gmail.com)

Halloween Fun Night. Thank you to all who came out to our event last Friday Night. It was an evening filled with fun and treats. This fun evening would not have been possible without the help of our volunteers. A big “thank you” to the following families who made this a great night: Balanay, Kennedy, Younger, Markham, Tweedy, Ames, Zermeno, Schneider, Ramirez, Clipp, Moldenhauer, Frailey, Williams, McKinney, Valiente, Clark, Schroeder, Mba, Yale, and Sasek. Thank you to all the families that provided candy for the trick-or-treat village and baked goods for the cake walk. A special thank you to D.J. Ms. Kallman, Mrs. Feagan for the photo booth, and Mrs. Hug for Minute to Win it. Also a huge thank you to the Middle School volunteers who assisted with the event.

Halloween Fun Night winners are as follows:

Best Pumpkin: Isaac Tweedy

Best Decorated Parish Organization Door: Board of Education,

Best Decorated Classroom Door: 4th grade,

Best Adult Costume: Chris Williams,

Best Costumes: Joe Dunham, Hudson Ames, Isaac Tweedy, Ruby Romo, Presley Haas, Leland Haas, and Bella Sterba. Thank you to our judges as well: Dr. Wallinger, Ms. Kallman, and Willie & Liz Wessling.

Lansky's Food Night. Our next food night is on Thursday, November 9th from 4p-8p at Lansky's in Bellevue.

Veteran's Day Parade. Please join us on Saturday, November 11th at 10:00am in honoring those who served and continue to serve our great country. The parade will begin out in front of the school and proceed eastbound down Mission Ave. Meet in the school parking lot at 9:30am and wear your St. Mary's gear, royal blue, or red-white-and-blue! We will have some candy on hand, but please bring some of your own to hand out. We will also be using our parade float again. If you would like to help decorate, please arrive at 9:00a in the school parking lot.

Home and School Meeting. Next meeting will be Monday November 13th at 6:30pm in the library.

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.