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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)

Sep 13: Confirmation Parent Mtg (7th grade)

Sep 14: Chess Club (to 4pm)

Sep 15: Progress Reports home (grades 2-8); Karate Club

Sep 18: NO SCHOOL (Teacher School of Faith)

Sep 19: Budding Botanists

Sep 20: All School Mass



It was great to see so many parents at this past Monday's Home and School Association meeting. We received fresh perspectives from new parents, staff, and long-time parents on a variety of issues. With parent support, we can do many great things.

It is hard to believe that we have been back in school for one half of the first quarter already. This Friday, students in grades 2 through 8 will be bringing home progress reports. This is a great opportunity to look at areas where your child is excelling as well as those areas that might need some extra attention. The mid-point of the quarter is an excellent place to celebrate success and plan strategies for improvement should those be necessary. For now, congratulations, we're off to a fantastic start. Thank you for your support of our students and teachers.

Something I am continuing this year is our periodic *Coffees with the Principal*. Friday, September 22nd, immediately following drop-off will be the first. All Parents are invited to come and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea before you continue on your way. Please, come to the main office for a visitor pass. We look forward to visiting with you.

Thanks to everyone for all they do for our students and St. Mary's School.

Patricia Wallinger

-Dr. Trish Wallinger, Principal

Safety Note – Cross walk at the front of St. Mary's. Last week, a student from the local public school was in the cross walk, when a vehicle heading East failed to stop, hitting the vehicle in front of him. We are thankful that the student was safe, but we would like to stress to families, there is no parking in the EPS parking lot so there is no need for us to use the cross walk. If for some reason, you or your child are using the cross walk, please know that drivers are sometimes failing to stop (due to sun/visibly, attention issues, etc). Please help us keep our families safe. Dr. Wallinger is working with the city to elevate this safety issue.

Archbishop's Annual Pro-life Mass at St. Mary's. There will be a special Pro Life Mass at St. Mary's on Saturday, Sept 23 (8 a.m., Saturday, September 23, at St. Mary's Church) followed by a rosary procession to the Bellevue Abortion clinic, and reception afterwards in St. Mary's Parish Center.



Free and Reduced Hot Lunch Applications. Friendly reminder, Free and Reduced Hot Lunch Applications are due September 29th. This is a needs based program.

Veterans Assembly. St. Mary's School will hold its annual veterans' assembly, November 10th, at 1:30pm in the school gym. All veterans, retired and active duty are invited to attend. Today, an eForm was sent to all our families inviting them to share information on veterans that we can honor during assembly. If you don't have a computer to complete eForm, please call the office to provide info (402-291-1694).



Celebrating our History. 70 years ago this Thurs, Sept 14th, ground was broken for the building of the school. When St. Mary's Catholic School opened its doors on August 29, 1948, there were only three Dominican Sisters - Sr. Rosalia, Sr. Irmina, and Sr. Joan Miriam to operate the school and 96 students. The legacy rich in Catholic teachings and academic excellence passed on from the Sisters remains strong.

Celebrating Peace Week. We have a number of different activities in celebration of Peace Week.

Buddies: Buddies will get together to make pinwheels.

Doves: Each student will be given a dove to decorate in whatever way he/she wants. We will hang these throughout the building.

Peace Acrostics: Students in grades 3-8 are asked to write an acrostic using the word Peace.

Prayer Service: We will have a prayer service for peace on September 21.



2017-2018 Yearbook. That's right...we are now taking orders for our upcoming yearbook. The price will be \$18 during the time period of Sept 12-Oct 31st, then the price will increase to \$20 with orders from Nov 1-Jan 31, 2017. After Jan 31st the price will be \$22.

Grandparents Info Form. All parents are invited to share information with the Development committee on grandparents. This info is used to invite grandparents to special events, send them the school newsletters etc. An on-line form will be emailed to all families this week. Hardcopy forms available upon request. If they have previously provided grandparent info, **no need to do it again unless their contact info has changed.**

School Pictures. Picture day was yesterday. If you didn't get your order form in, you can still order on-line within 48 hours of picture day at mylifetouch.com. Our on-line code is BN207099Q0. We had perfect attendance on picture day! Yippie.

From Lifetouch: Any order form turned in after picture day is considered a late order. Late orders will be received 2 weeks after everyone gets pictures back at the school. **After Picture Day:** Proof will come in with all other orders placed for those who didn't order, allowing parents to go online & order. A Proof order will come with a portrait ID and access code. Please note: there will be a shipping fee.

Handbook Highlight (page 25)

Birthday Dress-Up Day. Students may choose to wear a special shirt, or outfit for their birthday. Students may wear a special shirt and jeans for their birthday or they may dress up following the guidelines for dress-up day.

No birthday treats for the classroom please.

7th Grade Confirmation Parents Meeting today Wednesday, Sept 13th at 6:45pm at the Church. Information regarding Group Stewardship Opportunities, Retreat, Sponsors, Confirmation names, Prayer experiences, Youth Ministry will be presented.

Prayer intentions. Most of our classes do prayer intentions at various times during the week. These prayers are prayers of the gathered faithful. In praying these prayers, the faithful are carrying out their role of praying for the entire world as well as for the needs of the local community. Parents are invited to email the office if they would like prayer intentions for our weekly Masses.

Children's Liturgy of the Word. Available at the Sunday 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Masses for all children 4 years old-through 4th grade! After the Opening Prayers, a Catechist leads the children down to our Parish Center where a special homily centered around the Gospel Reading is presented. They join their family just before the Presentation of our gifts. Children do not need to be registered for this program and all are welcome. For more info, call Ted or Cindy Menzel 402-292-2076.

Project Hope. Project HOPE – coordinators – Rhonda Prewitt and Kati Wilwerding – smscripcoord@cox.net Just 37 weeks left to make your \$1000 requirement for a rebate. \$50 per week – 37 weeks = \$1850

Where is scrip available?

School – Monday 8am – Thursday noon School Gym – Wednesday 4:30-7:30pm (RE)
Rectory – Thursday noon – Friday til 5:30pm After mass – Sat 5pm – Sun 7:30, 9:30, 11, 5pm

On-line PrestoPay enrollment code – 2L1FB7D7653

Thank-Scrip-ing Day bonus bonanza is on Monday, September 18! Don't miss 24 hours of incredible ScripNow®, Reload, and ReloadNow® bonuses from dozens of your favorite retailers.

We've got some great news for those of you who use, PrestoPay, from September 23 - 29, PrestoPay will be free to use! That means no \$0.15 charge on PrestoPay transactions.



Jr. Legion of Mary. Meetings on Mondays from 3:30- 4:30pm. Open to 4-8th grade students. They are led by a spiritual director and 2 Senior Legion members. They pray the rosary, listen to a reading from the Legion handbook, pray the Legion prayers and report on one hour work they did the previous week. Questions, email: joanne.sjostedt@stmarysbellevue.com.

Jr High Youth Ministry. Our Junior High Youth Ministry meets, Wednesday **September 20th (5:30pm to 6:30pm) in the gym.**

*All 7th & 8th grade students are asked to attend at least 2 of our Wednesday night gatherings this semester to fulfill their Confirmation requirements. We also have 2 Encounter Nights on Oct. 15th & Dec. 3rd. We are asking the teens (and at least 1 parent) to attend at least 1 of these as well for Confirmation requirements. Questions, contact Will Targy (will.targy@stmarysbellevue.com) or [402.659.8981](tel:402.659.8981).

Helping Veterans. Elwyn Frailey's (older brother of Bryce in 8th grade) Eagle Scout Project will begin next week. His project will support Moving Veterans Forward (MVF), a small, locally based non-profit organization that helps military veterans, who have recently been homeless, get set up into stable housing and become self-sufficient. Please consider donating the following items: shampoo, deodorant, shaving cream, laundry baskets, toilet paper, cleaning supplies, etc. Boxes will be located in the school and church. Flyer attached in eNewsletter. This drive will end on September 30th.

St. Mary's 5th Annual Trivia Night!



Friday October 20th

St. Mary's Gym

Doors open at 6pm Game starts at 7pm

6-8 People per team

\$12 per person

Call Willie and Liz Wessling to register 402-291-0785

or [email williewessling@hotmail.com](mailto:williewessling@hotmail.com)

Beer, wine and pop provided. Bring in your own food.

Prizes awarded for 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!

St. Mary's Alumni Association is selling *NEW* St. Mary's Alumni Shirts. Orders are due by Sept. 30. Please see attached. Email MLNARIK.SARAH@GMAIL.COM with any questions.



Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge is scheduled for 12pm on Sunday, September 24th at the St. Matthew's Soccer Field. All 9 - 14 year old boys and girls are allowed and encouraged to participate. A flyer is going home with all eligible students this week. Please contact Don Pearce at pearcedk@aol.com with questions.

Home and School Association

Cake Walk Baked Good Donations – Thank you to everyone who donated. It was a great success and we couldn't have done it without the help of the school community.

Home and School Meeting. Thank you to all who attended our first HSA meeting of the year this past Monday! We encourage everyone's participation in these meetings. Next meeting will be Monday October 9th at 6:30pm in the library.

Family Fun Night at Papio Fun Park – Friday September 22, 2017 6:00p-9:00p. \$10 per family, Includes unlimited access to Lazer Runner, Spaceball, Jumpshot, & Miniature Golf (weather pending), For an additional fee you will be able to purchase tickets for Go-Karts (weather pending). RSVP form previously sent home and available upon request. Form will be included in eNewsletter.



September Food night is at Culvers. Location: 3602 Raynor Parkway Bellevue.
Date: September 28th from 4-9pm. 20% of proceeds go to St. Mary's just remember to mention you are with St. Mary's School when you order.

Fall Fundraiser – Packets went home today!! All order forms and money need to be turned in no later than October 4th. Families do have the \$250 buyout option if they wish not to participate otherwise we ask each family to sell at least 20 items. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year and we appreciate everyone's participation.

Upcoming Events:

Food Night – Culvers:	Thursday, September 28, 2017, 4-9pm
Trivia Night	Friday, October 20th
Halloween Fun Night	Friday, October 27th



HyVee Cash for Students. Calling all families, from September – December 31, 2017, if you hand in your receipts to the school office, the school earns \$. Every \$200 in receipts earns \$1 that the school will use to fund an assembly this year on anti-bullying.

The assembly is called "Love Changes It All" featuring youth speaker and social skills educator Jeff Veley. Jeff's Social and Emotional Learning program teaches students how to face adversity, grow in resilience, and solve their own social problems. It's the perfect solution for schools who want to stop bullying/social aggression through skill-based education and student empowerment.