



Greetings St. Mary's Families,

We have had a very productive week with some fun thrown in as well! I have mentioned before the great things I observe in our various classrooms from kindergarten through 8th grade but I want to share some highlights with you:

- Badminton – PE – I even got to play a little!
- Valid sources – Fake News – Technology
- Primary vs. secondary sources – 6th – 8th Social Studies
- Learning Vocabulary in context – 3rd grade
- Working with two-digit numbers and multiples of ten
- Spanish – learning about spring – la primavera

It is a privilege each and every day to work with the teachers, students and staff at St. Mary's.

Thank you to all who contributed to our Call to Heart in October – with these funds, we are installing much needed new blinds in all the classrooms next weekend over our long break! We are also ordering English Language Arts Books for kindergarten – 8th grade – this is a huge investment in our students' learning. Thank you, thank you, thank you for supporting your children's education!!

Marketing

We had a great marketing meeting on Tuesday – thank you to all who participated! We came up with some great ideas and a general strategy moving forward. Our next meeting is on Thursday, April 25th at 3:30.

Holy Week

Next week is Holy Week and a very important week for us at St. Mary's. On Tuesday, we will have Live Stations of the Cross at 2:30 – all classes will be in attendance, parents are invited as well! Students will be deepening their understanding of the Triduum. washing of the feet and the Glory of Easter!

Our 3rd – 8th grade students had Reconciliation this week on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Enrollment for Summer Program/Care

We are beginning to enroll students for our summer program – please fill out the [attached form](#) so we can get your children on our list for the summer program/ care for the summer of 2019 and bring it to the office as soon as possible.

PTO

PTO has some great events lined up as we finish out the school year. Save the Date - We will be celebrating the end of year with our St. Mary's families on Sunday, May 5th from 2:30 – 5:30 at McDevitt Park (please check the PTO Facebook page for all the great upcoming events).

MAP testing is from April 15th – May 10th for K-8 – [see attached schedule](#)

Math Help

Mr. Eric Thomson will be offering math tutoring on Tuesdays after school from 3:15 – 4:00. Mr. Thomson teaches pre-algebra here at St. Mary's and is great at working with students. If your child needs some help in math, please have them stay after school on Tuesdays. Thank you Mr. Thomson for helping our students and volunteering!!

Concern

I would like to invite you to come and talk with me with any concerns or questions you might have. Recently, there have been some misunderstanding and miscommunication about the [Harry Potter](#) series – I have had one parent come and talk with me about this issue. Facebook really isn't the platform for best communication. Again, please come and visit with me so I can address any concerns.

Lenten Prayer:

Youth Prayer for Lent

Lord,
 Teach me a new freedom.
 Freedom to reject comparison
 And to embrace uniqueness.
 Freedom to cut ties with greed
 And feast on love.
 Freedom to abstain from over indulgence
 And feast on self-control.
 Freedom to leave behind selfish thoughts
 And to focus on the needs of others.
 Freedom to fend off insecurity
 And to embrace grace.
 Lord, at this time of Lent,
 Thank you for the freedom you bring.

Amen.

Thank you for entrusting you child's education to us at St. Mary's and thank you for being part of our St. Mary's Family!

Blessings,

Tammy Emerich

Principal

Weekly Calendar

***** Apr 15–May 8 MAP Testing*****

- Apr 16 Living Stations of the Cross** 2:30 pm Church
- Apr 17 Mass** (Talent) 2nd Grade
- Apr 19 Good Friday—NO SCHOOL**
- Apr 21 ****HAPPY EASTER******
—Christ Has Risen

Upcoming Events

- Apr 22 Easter Monday—NO SCHOOL**
- Apr 24 Mass** (Food) 3rd Grade
Kick Ball & Ice Cream Social 3rd—5th (see below)
- Apr 25 4th Grade Field Trip** (Wagons Ho)
- May 1 Mass** (Time) 4th Grade
Four square (K-2) **Dodgeball** (6-8) see below

Bishop Kelly Youth Football

25th Annual, the only Full padded camp in the area.
 Players in grades 3rd -8th for the 2019-20 school year
 June 24th -27th, 2019

For applications and online registrations go to www.bkfootballcamp.com
 For more information contact Tim Brennan
tbrennan@bk.org

Every
 Wednesday
 during Lent
 from
 6-8pm
 In the Church

St. Mary's Parish

**The Light is
 ON for You.**

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Athletic Physicals

BK Students (and that would include our 8th grade students who will be attending BK next year) who participate in athletics or cheerleading are required to have an Athletic Physical on file with the school. As such, they sponsor an Athletic Physical Clinic every year to help meet that need. This year, they have set Sunday, May 5th from noon—4 pm as the day for the Athletic Physical Clinic.

Here is a [flyer](#) with complete information about this event.

May Lunch Orders Due April 24th

Please read [this information letter](#) before going following the links, to better understand the process of Lunch Ordering for this year.

[May Lunch Order Forms](#)
[May Blimpie Order Forms](#)

You must complete BOTH links if you are ordering Blimpie

Student / Teacher Experiences - Four square, Kickball or Dodgeball!

If you purchased a Student / Teacher Experience for your child(ren) in our online auction, the dates have been set! If you'd still like to sign up your child(ren) for a teacher experience, it's not too late! Experiences are \$10/child. Send your cash or check made payable to St. Mary's PTO to the attention of Kelly Lodge **PRIOR TO April 17**. Please include your child's name and grade!! Sign ups will close April 17!!

All games will be held after school from 3:30pm to 5:00pm with treats being served from 5:00-5:30pm.

- Grades K - 2: Foursquare Games and Ice Cream Social - Wednesday, May 1st
- Grades 3 - 5: Kickball Tournament and Ice Cream Social - Wednesday, April 24th
- Grades 6 - 8: Dodgeball Tournament with Pizza & Ice Cream Social - Wednesday, May 1st

Nurses Note:

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

When children are nurtured, they can grow up to be happy and healthy adults. But when they lack an attachment to a caring adult, receive inconsistent nurturing, or experience harsh discipline, the consequences can affect their lifelong health, well-being, and relationships with others. [This article](#) provides information to help parents, service providers and others concerned about the health and well-being of children to understand child abuse and neglect, its effects, and what each of us can do to address it when it occurs. (Prevention Resources Guide: Chapter 4 Protecting Children).

