



# St. Mary's Cathedral School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

We have received our Accreditation Status Report from the Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops – Accreditation Commission. There are Five levels of Accreditation:

- Accredited (*This is always our GOAL!*)
- Accredited Provisional
- Accredited Advised
- Accredited Warned, and
- Dropped.

**We are so happy and proud to announce the Accreditation Status granted to SMCS as ACCREDITED!**

The report from the TCCAC was very positive and complimentary. There is a three month, year, and three-year timeline for the few recommendations that were made, which are already being addressed.

Many thanks to our students, parents, faculty, staff, clergy, parish staff, pastoral council, finance council, and our parishioners for the support and dedication of our school!

*WinterFest* is fast approaching (see page 2 for details). Tickets can be sent home with students, just email the school secretary, Jeanna Ortiz, at [ortiz@stmarysamarillo.com](mailto:ortiz@stmarysamarillo.com).

*AMDG...Ad Majorem De Glorium ~ for the greater glory of God  
In His Spirit & Service,  
Linda Aranda* 

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Thursday, 1/11  
HSA Chick-Fil-A *Spirit Night* 5-8pm
- ◆ Friday, 1/12  
\*School Mass @ 8:15am  
ALL are Welcome!
- ◆ Monday, 1/15  
MLK, Jr. Day: NO SCHOOL
- ◆ Wednesday, 1/17  
Class Projects Completed
- ◆ Friday, 1/19  
\*School Mass @ 8:15am  
ALL are Welcome!  
\*District Spelling Bee  
*Good Luck to Katie Nguyen!*  
\*Popcorn Sales @ 3:00pm - 2B;4A

## Looking Ahead

- ◆ Saturday, 1/27  
*WinterFest*
- ◆ Sun.-Fri., 1/28-2/2  
\*Catholic Schools Week  
\*St. Jude's Math-a-Thon

## HSA Popcorn Sales

The HSA would like for you to know Popcorn Sales will now be held at 3:00pm. Students will need their monies during the school day. Please note: students will not be allowed to call home if they forget their money.



The next Popcorn Sales will be Friday, January 19 @ 3:00pm - 2B;4A

## Class Auction Projects

**Class Projects are due by Wednesday, January 17th.**  
Photos will be taken of each project and displayed on FB.  
**ALL projects need to be delivered directly to the gym on SATURDAY Jan 27th, from 11:00am to 2:00pm.**  
You will also need to take photos of your project by the 17th and email them to [patriotlady74@yahoo.com](mailto:patriotlady74@yahoo.com).

Thank you for your dedication!

## Catholic Schools Week: January 27-February 2

Catholic Schools Week is only a month away! The theme for CSW is **Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.** Here are a few *highlights* for one of the most exciting weeks of the year for our school.

- **Saturday, 1/27: WinterFest**  
Kick-off CSW with an evening of food, fun, fellowship and our school auction. This is an adults-only event for our school and parish community.
- **Sunday, 1/28: In our Parish**  
All weekend Masses will celebrate the opening of CSW with students serving in ministries.
- **Monday, 1/29: In our Community**  
We honor our "First Responders"
- **Tuesday, 1/30: In our Students**  
Pizza Picnic, Buddy Reading, Craft Project with HCCA
- **Wednesday, 1/31: In our Nation**  
Service Project sponsored for relief of natural disasters
- **Thursday, 2/1: In our Vocations**  
Eucharistic Holy Hour of Vocations @ 8:15 AM
- **Friday, 2/2: In our Faculty/Staff/Parents**  
School Mass celebrated by Bishop Zurek @ 8:15AM

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital®

# MATHATHON®

One of our service projects during the week of CSW is the St. Jude Math-A-Thon. A permission slip to participate is being sent home with students in grade Kinder – fifth grade.

Students receive donations from family and friends and in turn, work on math skills.

**Watch for permission slip and return by Wednesday, January 24.**

The Math-A-Thon begins January 29 and ends February 9.

All proceeds go to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital to help fund research for serious childhood diseases.

We greatly appreciate your support!

*"Called to Holiness...  
as we grow in  
prayer, mercy, and service."*



Saturday, January 27, 2018

St. Mary's Parish Gym - 6:30 P.M.

**Dyer's BBQ \$10/plate \* Mystery Coolers  
Free Beer \* Wine Pull \* Raffle \* Live Auction**

This is a free event, which will provide the option of a \$10 Dyer's BBQ plate. There will be a limited number of tickets distributed. Parents and parishioners may pick up their tickets after all weekend Masses, at the school office, or the parish office.

**This is an ADULTS-ONLY event.**

### Box Tops



It's time to start collecting **Box Tops** for the Spring contest. We know it may seem like there is always something to do, but we want you to know how much you are appreciated when you help encourage the children to bring in Box Tops. We just received a check from General Mills for **\$1,500.00** for all the Box Tops that were submitted from last April through October of 2017! You DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE! Please continue to encourage your children to bring in those Box Tops. Ten cents at a time really does add up!

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Through teaching and learning in Christ with our hearts, souls, and minds!