



St. Mary's Cathedral School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Greetings! St. Mary's Cathedral School is proud to be Accredited through the Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops and Recognized by the Texas Education Agency. Every seven years we participate in an intensive Self-Study process leading to a re-accreditation visit from the TCC Accreditation Team. For the past year and a half, our school has been involved in this process, which has assisted us in doing three things: honoring our past (we have a lot to be proud of); celebrating our present (this has been an in-depth focus on all that we are accomplishing now and the impact it has on student learning); and pondering the direction of our future (we never want to settle, but rather do better in everything we do as we move forward).

It is now time for our Re-Accreditation Visit scheduled for Monday, October 23, through Wednesday, October 25. The Visiting Team will conduct an extensive review of records and documents, complete interviews, observe and evaluate, and will determine our accreditation status for the next seven years.

We offer a big thank you to Fr. Scott, our clergy, parish staff, parishioners, stakeholders, and you, our school families, for your support and dedication of our parochial school. We welcome your continued support and your prayers for the success of this process. Please note the attached letter, which gives more detailed information.

AMDG...Ad Majorem De Glorium ~ for the greater glory of God

In His Spirit & Service,

Linda Aranda

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Thursday, 10/12
*"Twinkie" Spirit Day
*HSA Chick-Fil-A Night 5-8pm
- ◆ Friday, 10/13
School Mass @ 8:15am
All Are Welcome!
- ◆ Saturday, 10/14
Fall Carnival - noon to 7pm

Looking Ahead

- ◆ Monday-Friday, 10/16-20
Safe Environment Program for Students
- ◆ Friday, 10/20
Popcorn Sale (4B; KA)
- ◆ Monday, 10/23
HSA Spirit Night @ Sonic on Georgia 5-9pm
- ◆ Mon.-Wed., 10/23-25
TCCAC Accreditation Visit
- ◆ Wednesday, 10/25
Early Dismissal @ 2pm
No Extended Day
- ◆ Wednesday, 11/1
NO SCHOOL -All Saints Day
- ◆ Tuesday, 11/7
School Advisory Board Mtg. @ 5:30
- ◆ Wednesday, 11/22
NOON DISMISAL
- ◆ Thursday-Friday, 11/23-24
NO SCHOOL -Thanksgiving



Keeping Children & Youth Safe
Safe Environment Program

Safe Environment Program for Students

At the direction of the Diocese of Amarillo and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, St. Mary's Cathedral School will present a Safe Environment Program for Children and Young People, to our students from October 16-20 as part of their Religion Curriculum.

If you determine that you **DO NOT** want your child to participate, please call the school office to make an appointment with Father Scott, as the Pastor is the only person authorized to sign the "Opt-Out" form.

Box Tops



To help our school, just look for pink Box Tops on products, clip them, and send them to school with your child. Be the winning class! Keep those Box Tops coming!!!

HSA Popcorn Sales

The HSA would like for you to know the price of popcorn and all other items has gone up to \$1.00. Our next Popcorn Sale will be Friday, October 20, at 3:30pm.



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

Carnival Spirit Day

We have met our next goal in Carnival Ticket sales! That means we get another Fun Spirit Day! Join us on Thursday, October 12, for "Twinkie Day!" Pair up with a friend and wear matching outfits. Who will be your "Twin?"



Carnival Silent Auction

We have been blessed with an amazing Silent Auction item. Please see the attached info for the NASCAR opportunity!

Carnival Shifts

Dear Parents: Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of your carnival shift. YOU MUST CHECK IN at the 'Command Center', located by the gym entrance in the foyer of the church. Please keep in mind other families rely on you being on time. Looking forward to see you all at Carnival.

SPIRIT NIGHT

St. Mary's Cathedral School

Second Thursday of Each Month • 5-8 PM

Come out & support St. Mary's during Spirit Night on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Dine-in, carry-out, or drive-thru between 5-8pm. Simply say "Spirit Night" when ordering, & a portion of sales will go towards the school.



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St. Mary's Cathedral School provides academic excellence and fosters Catholic identity through teaching and learning in Christ with our hearts, souls, and minds!

FALL CARNIVAL

Baked Goods, Toys, etc...

A flyer went yesterday (please check backpacks), which lets our families know what is needed by grade level for our Carnival. **All items may be dropped off in the drive line on Friday, October 13.**

Montessori: One – new toy (\$5 minimum)

Kindergarten: 2-dozen homemade cookies, packaged 3-4 per baggie

1st Grade: 2-dozen homemade popcorn package a handful per baggie

2nd Grade: 2-dozen homemade brownies, packaged 3-4 per baggie

3rd Grade: 2-dozen homemade Rice Krispie bars, packaged 3-4 per baggie

4th Grade: 2-dozen homemade cupcakes, packaged 1-2 per cup

5th Grade: 2 - homemade 8” round or square cakes, packaged in a disposable pan with a lid

Note: One volunteer hour will be given for each additional dozen donated of the above items. All items will be collected in the drive line on Friday. Please put a sticky note with your child’s name on any additional items you bring so volunteer hours can be recorded. Thank you for your contribution.



The Fall Carnival silent auction committee has been hard at work gathering amazing items to bid on at Carnival. Make plans to be at Carnival on Oct. 14th to bid on these items and many more:

- Mother/ Daughter shopping spree trip to Dallas at American Girl
- Tickets to Texas Motor Speedway
- Coors Cowboy Club steak dinner for 20
- Grill
- Echo Show by Amazon
- Michael Kors purse
- Antonio Melani purse
- Dooney & Burke wristlet
- Vera Bradley backpacks & wallets
- Kendra Scott earrings
- Kendra Scott necklace
- Chick-fil-a for 6 months
- Leather jacket
- Lots of jewelry
- Wrought iron home décor
- Lamps
- St. Mary’s student backpacks
- Randy Friemel artwork
- Judy rogers artwork
- Several beer & wine baskets
- Waterford Carafe
- Sherwin Williams paint/primer supplies

Gift certificates for:

- Lots of restaurants
- Lights Off Golf
- AirU
- Hollywood 16 movies
- Lone Star Ballet
- Wonderland
- Digital Keepsakes
- Davy Knapp photography
- Pumpkin Patch
- Mani, Pedi, Spa
- Texas Furniture
- Lots of tickets to events
- And many, many more local businesses!!

Student gift certificates for:

- Lunch with your favorite teachers
- Lunch menu guest chef
- Be the music, PE, Spanish, & library teacher
- Extra recess

Make plans to do some shopping at Carnival!!!