



St. Mary's Cathedral School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

In spite of some illnesses and absences, what a great week of celebration we had this past week as we celebrated Catholic Schools Week! We are so thankful to be a part of such an amazing school community. "When Pope John Paul II visited the 1987 NCEA convention and proclaimed Catholic schools as "a gift to the Church and a gift to the nation," he reminded all of the assembled educators of the value of the contributions of Catholic schools to both the sacred and secular aspects of American Society. That is what we have celebrated for the past 45 years in the annual proclamation of Catholic Schools Week – and what we proudly acknowledge in our them: Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." ([Http://bit.ly/2DRQdsk](http://bit.ly/2DRQdsk)) #CSW2018

On Wednesday of next week, the whole school will attend Ash Wednesday Mass, which marks the start of Lent. It is worthwhile spending time reflecting on the three ways to prepare for Easter during the Season of lent: to pray, to give alms, and to fast (make personal sacrifices). In practical terms that our school children can relate to, this means spending time in relationship with the Lord, going without something or doing something extra; perhaps going outside of our comfort zone to support another. Lent is also a good time to consider letting go of old hurts and find room in our hearts to forgive and move forward. We pray that this Lent will be a truly special time of preparation for us all and that we all arrive at our Easter celebration feeling renewed and just that little bit closer to our friend, Jesus.

Re-enrollment began on February 6, 2018. We realize this is earlier than usual, but we feel the need to compete with other schools that have early enrollment periods and we already have families asking to be added to a waiting list, and we would love to secure your spot. We also need to begin planning for staffing and programming needs. Open Enrollment to new families will begin February 26. Your child is not considered enrolled and a spot is not held until we receive verification of your online enrollment. The registration fee of \$225 is only \$200 if paid by March 6, 2018 and can be billed through incidentals in FACTS. We look forward to continuing and growing our relationships with our children and families!

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

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Tuesday, 2/6
Re-Enrollment Opens on RenWeb ParentsWeb
- ◆ Wednesday, 2/7
Bags of Hope to be returned to school
- ◆ Thursday, 2/8
HSA Chick-fil-A Spirit Night 5-8PM
- ◆ Friday, 2/9
*School Mass @ 8:15am
ALL are Welcome!

Looking Ahead

- ◆ Monday, 2/12
HSA Meeting
- ◆ Tuesday, 2/13
FAT Tuesday - Valentines passed out in class
- ◆ Wednesday, 2/14
Ash Wednesday Mass @ 8:15am
ALL are Welcome!
- ◆ Monday, 2/19
Presidents Day - NO SCHOOL
- ◆ Monday, 2/26
2018-2019 Open Enrollment Begins
- ◆ Sunday - Friday, 3/4-9
Scholastic Book Fair
- ◆ Tuesday, 3/6
*Final day for early enrollment benefits, including \$25 discount on registration fee.
*Advisory Board Meeting @ 5:30 PM
- ◆ Monday - Friday, 3/12-16
Spring Break - NO SCHOOL

Join us for
ASH
 WEDNESDAY
 School Mass
 Wednesday, February 14
 at 8:15 AM

Winter Fest
 Thank you Thank you Thank you

Ash Wednesday
 This year Ash Wednesday falls on February 14th, which is **Valentine's Day**. Therefore, our school children will be passing out Valentines on **Tuesday, February 13th**, which is also **FAT Tuesday!**

	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Profit</u>
*Raffle	0	\$ 862.00	\$ 862.00
*Wine Pull	0	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,050.00
*Bar Tips	\$ 107.30	\$ 672.00	\$ 564.70
*Arts & Crafts Projects	\$ 25.00	\$ 3,520.00	\$ 3,495.00
*Meal	\$ 1,861.60	\$ 1,740.00	-\$ 121.60
*Class Projects	\$ 150.00	\$15,000.00	\$14,850.00
*Other	0	\$ 9,475.00	\$ 9,475.00
Auction Items			

ESTIMATED TOTAL PROFIT: \$ 30,175.10

Our Lost & Found bin is emptied regularly. Unfortunately, only a few of the items have names on them. The items with names are taken to the proper classrooms. Parents, we can't stress enough how important it is to write your child's name or first initial and last name on items. This makes it easier when going through the bin. This saves time and \$\$\$ so you don't have to replace the hoodies, jackets, sweaters, or uniforms. We also ask that you go through your child's school clothing and make certain you do not have some else's items. Thank you so much for your consideration. 😊

Box Tops
 Let's keep those Box Tops coming!

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.

Thank you, St. Thomas, for your support of Catholic Education!

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

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HSA Popcorn Sales
 The HSA would like for you to know Popcorn Sales will now be held at **2:45pm for Montessori** and **3:00pm for elementary**. 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, February 23rd - 3A; MD**

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