

Parent Memo  
From Ms. Lorie  
St. Mary's Grade School



Friday, March 8, 2024

*Dear St. Mary's Families:*

*We have a forecast for a very busy, fun filled Spring ahead! Please read these emails weekly to stay on top of all the fun events ahead.*

## Reminders/News:

**Parent's Night Out:** Sponsored by the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and guardians...St. Mary's gym, March 16, 5:00 – 8:30 pm. Cost is \$20 per child. Join us for a movie night with crafts, pizza, and some fun! Complete the form attached and return to school on Monday, March 11 to register.

**Three Night Parish Mission:** All Saints is sponsoring a community mural painting project with Artist, Writer, and Story-teller Brother Mickey McGrath. Everyone is welcome to attend on March 1, March 12, and March 13. Mission Talks from 7:00-8:30 pm. Mural Painting 9-4:30 pm...stop by at your leisure. See attachment.

**Lost/Broken iPads:** We have had many iPads damaged by water, cracked screens and lost. The cost for replacing a damaged or lost iPad this year is \$260, as per the Technology Use Agreements signed at the beginning of the year. This will be billed through your FACTS account. Please help your child care for these iPads at home. We want to get the longest use out of them as we possibly can. Thank you.

**HOPE Scholarship recipients:** The renewal window opened on Jan 3 and will extend to June 15. We highly recommend that you begin the renewal process now for the 2024-2025 school year.

**TAPS – Tuition Assistance Program** opens February 1, 2024 for the 2024-2025 school year.

This year there will be 3 phases of awards. Phase I is open to Catholic families only. Enrollment is Feb 1 – April 30, 2024. Awards announced in late May.

Phase II is open to ALL families. Enrollment is open until July 14. Awards announced in August.

Phase III is open to All families and enrollment is available until August 23, 2024. Awards are announced in September. Please see the attachment for further information.

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Spaghetti Dinner** – March 17, 11:00am – 4:00pm – TAKE OUT orders only. Adults - \$12, children - \$9

**Job Opportunities:** We are always in need of substitute teachers and aides.

Substitute teachers earn \$14 an hour and substitute aides earn \$10.50 per hour.

If you have a 4 year degree in any field, you are eligible to obtain a Substitute Teacher Permit which is valid for 3 years.

To apply, go to <https://wvde.us/certification/certification-info/#fusion-tab-substituteteaching>

To be a classroom aide, no degree is required...only a love for children, patience, and the ability to clean up after kids!!

Next year, we will have two classroom aide positions available as full time jobs. If you have questions, please call us ! Applications are available through the office.

**HandS Easter Egg Hunt:** Sunday, March 24, at 1:00 pm at Compton Park in Bridgeport, St. Mary's HandS organization will have an Easter Egg Hunt for our students. HandS is asking for a \$2 donation per person attending to pay for a hot lunch, drinks, and dessert. RSVP with money is due by Friday, March 22. Flyers were sent hoom this week.

**\*\*\*\*\*CALENDAR\*\*\*\*\***  
**Watch for changes each week!**

**Upcoming Dates and Events:**

March 14: End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Nine Week Quarter  
March 15: Shamrock Messages delivered by 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
March 16: Parents Night Out – sponsored by the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade for their field trip  
March 20: Report Cards home  
March 24: HandS Easter Egg Hunt @ Compton Park 1:00-3:00pm  
March 25: Field Trip for 3-6 to 4-H Center, Walking With Dinosaurs  
March 26: Field Trip for PK4-2 to 4-H Center, Walking With Dinosaurs  
March 27: Easter Party for PK3-6 @ 1:30 pm  
March 28: Tech Day, no students in school but work will be assigned  
March 29: Good Friday, Holiday  
April 1-5: Spring Break  
April 8: Students return to school  
April 9: Picture Day, students may wear regular clothing  
April 10: ARK Testing for grades K-6, Assessment of Religious Knowledge  
April 20: Kids Night Out by HandS, Camp 4 Real program  
April 22: End of Year MAP testing week begins  
April 25: Mid-term of 4<sup>th</sup> Nine Week Quarter, check grades regularly in FACTS Portal  
April 29: Class Picture Day – regular school uniform  
April 30, May 1, and May 2: Book Fair  
May 3: SMS Carnival for kids during the school day, back parking lot  
May 6: Teacher and School Staff Appreciation Week  
May 9: St. Mary's Spring Play at Robinson Grand Theater  
May 10: Tech Day for SMS only because of previous night's show  
May 13: PK3 and PK4 last day of school, 6<sup>th</sup> grade field trip  
May 17: Kindergarten and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduations...in school auditorium  
Kindergarten at 9:30 am \* note time change  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade at 11:00 am \*note time change  
May 23 and 24: NOON dismissals  
May 24: Students in grades 1-5 last day.