

Parent Memo

From Ms. Lorie

St. Mary's Grade School

Friday, April 19, 2024

**Reminders/News:**

**April 24, next Wednesday, will be an early dismissal day at NOON because of a power outage. St. Mary's students will have lunch before dismissal. No Keepers will be available.**

**Next week is MAP testing for all students in grades K-6. Please make sure your child's iPad is fully charged every day next week and your child is well rested. iPads will be collected at the end of testing. Return your child's charger with the iPad. All iPads for grades K-5 will need to be turned in by Friday, May 3.**

**SAVE THE DATE: Our spring play this year is 101 Dalmatian Kids! We will perform this play as a whole school on Thursday, May 9 at the Robinson Grand Theater at 7:00 pm. Tickets will be \$10 and go on sale next week! Friday, May 10, will be a TECH Day for our students since it will be a late night out!**

**Service Project: Bags of Joy, March 13-May 13, 2024**

ND student, Nicholas Munro and his family welcomed two foster children into their home this year. Nicholas saw firsthand how both of the students arrived with a trash bag of clothes. Because of this experience, Nicholas is collecting new and slightly used duffle bags and suitcases to donate to DHHR for children in foster care in West Virginia. If you would like to donate, please bring them to Notre Dame or St. Mary's schools. By donating a bag or suitcase, foster kids will be able to transport their belongings in a more dignified way.

**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.

**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.

**\*\*\*\*\*CALENDAR\*\*\*\*\***

**Watch for changes each week!**

**Upcoming Dates and Events:**

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 - 10: Teacher and School Staff Appreciation Week

May 7: One Mission, One Day Fundraiser

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

Kindergarten time TBD

6<sup>th</sup> Grade time TBD

May 23 and 24: NOON dismissals

May 24: Students in grades 1-5 last day.