

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

Friday, February 23, 2024

Dear St. Mary's Families:

A Sweet Leap

Celebrate Leap Day, Thursday February 29th with a sweet treat at lunch from our bake sale! From cookies, to cupcakes, to brownies and more, there is sure to be something for everyone. All proceeds from the bake sale will be used to defray costs of the 6th grade class trip to Washington, DC in May. Thank you in advance for your support!

Reminders/News:

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.

Girls On The Run: This program will be open for all girls in grades 3-6 starting in March. The first meeting will be Th, Feb 29. Practices will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30-4:00 at the school. This is a great program that combines physical activity with the building of self esteem. Scholarship money is available to help cover the costs of the program. Contact Lisa Thompson with questions at thompyslsm@gmail.com

ND and SMS Elimination Dinner: Our schools will be hosting an Elimination Dinner on Feb 24th in the Notre Dame Gym. Cash prize of \$1000. All funds benefit ND and SMS. Tickets may be purchased online or with a paper form sent home last week. Questions? Ask Ashley Vernon at avernon@stmaryswv.org.

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

*******CALENDAR*******

Watch for changes each week!

Upcoming Dates and Events:

Feb 24: ND and SMS Elimination Dinner...see notes above
Feb 29: Girls on the Run begins, 2:30-4:00, Bake Sale at lunchtime
March 14: End of 3rd Nine Week Quarter
March 15: Shamrock Messages delivered by 6th Grade
March 16: Parents Night Out – sponsored by the 6th 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 4th Nine Week Quarter, check grades regularly in FACTS Portal
April 29: Class Picture Day
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
May 13: PK3 and PK4 last day of school, 6th grade field trip
May 17: Kindergarten and 6th Grade Graduations...in school auditorium
 Kindergarten at 8:30 am
 6th Grade at 10:00 am
May 23 and 24: NOON dismissals
May 24: Students in grades 1-5 last day.