

# St. Mary's Catholic School

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## **ALL SAINTS' DAY IS THIS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1st**

We will have an All School Mass at 8:15 A.M. this Friday at the Church to celebrate the All Saints' holy day of obligation. All are invited to attend!

## **THANKS FOR THE GRANDPARENT'S DAY HELP!**

Last Friday we had another wonderful Grandparent's Day celebration with 250 in attendance! We are VERY thankful for all that helped to make this a joyful day, especially Jenny and Natalie and all of our kitchen/serving help, Book Fair volunteers, dessert donors and all the students, faculty and staff that helped keep things running smoothly throughout the event.

## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL . . .**

With the observation of All Saints' Day this week, you may have wondered or been asked by someone: "Why do Catholics teach that it is good to ask for the prayers of the Saints? Isn't that superstitious since you are trying to talk to "dead people"? And why not go directly to God in prayer?" Of course, it is always appropriate to go to God in prayer and this is an essential feature of our relationship with Him, but He also tells us to **pray for each other**. Imagine if you asked me to pray for you and I told you, "No! Go to God yourself!" You would be rightly offended. We pray for one another because it is an opportunity to show that we are united in love and concern for each other in our family of faith as we "bear each other's burdens."

The Saints in heaven are truly alive in God's presence and because of their love for us and for God, they are perfectly equipped and positioned to help us. United to Our Lord as members of His Body, the Saints join in that perfect intercession which pleases God as a loving Father Who always wants to help His children and include all of us in the work that He is doing!

## **BOOK FAIR CONTINUES THROUGH FRIDAY**

### **RED RIBBON WEEK**

SMS themed days to celebrate and promote being "drug free" for the rest of the week:  
Wednesday, October 30th - "Wear Red & Sock it to Drugs" - Wear a red shirt and crazy socks.  
Thursday, October 31st - "Spook Out Drugs" - Wear Halloween colors.

\*NEW\* Friday, November 1st - wear Orange & Black to promote CHS Football success!

### **UNIFORM REMINDERS**

November 1st will be the last day allowed for shorts with the school uniform until next Spring. Please also remember that **all uniform pants must follow the dress code in the school Handbook**. Also, only St. Mary's Spirit Wear hoodies are allowed during the school day.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1st, 1:30 P.M. DISMISSAL - BUS IS AVAILABLE**

**PTO ALL SOULS DAY SOLAR LIGHTS CROSS FUNDRAISER**

Please see the flyer for more information about these memorial lights! Each solar light is \$10.

**SCHOOL PICTURES ABSENT/RETAKES NEXT MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4th**

We have scheduled a makeup/retake day for Monday, November 4th for any that are interested. Please see the sign-up and turn in no later than this Friday if you plan to take advantage of this opportunity. November 4th will be a non-uniform day.

**NOVEMBER 5th (ELECTION DAY) EARLY DISMISSAL (BUS IS NOT AVAILABLE)**

Kindergarten through 8th Grade - 11:30 A.M. Dismissal

Pre-school - 12:00 P.M. (Noon) Dismissal

**PTO POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER - THROUGH NOVEMBER 6th**

Please see the flyer for your Holiday poinsettia orders and help raise money for SMS PTO! The price is \$11.

**PTO THANKS!**

The Kindergarten through 4th Grade students would like to extend their thanks to the SMS PTO for covering the cost of transportation to their Fall Field Trip at Eckert's Pumpkin Patch!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S RAFFLE FUNDRAISER WINNER:  
CLAIRE DETERDING!**

**GIFT BAGS FOR SANTA'S COTTAGE**

If you have any new or gently used gift bags, please consider donating them for use at Santa's Cottage.

**CRITICAL NEED FOR MASS SERVERS**

We are tremendously thankful for all of our current servers and those new additions that were recently trained by Father Sebastian, but we are still in great need of volunteers. The 4:00 P.M. Saturday Vigil Mass is especially in need of more servers willing to be added to the schedule. (Special thanks to Lucas Maes who has been a huge help for weekly Saturday Masses!) Any interested student who has received 1st Communion is eligible and will be trained by Fr. Sebastian. Please prayerfully consider this important ministry with your student and/or consider additional serving times. Contact Brian Neirmann at (618)708-1381, the school or parish office.

**SMS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DATE IS DECEMBER 11th**

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (KC'S) MONDAY LUNCHESES**

The KC's offers \$11 lunch from 11:00 AM to 1:00 P.M.

Also, check out their Facebook page for news and events.

**NEW GYM IMPROVEMENTS**

We are now at \$136,481 toward our goal of \$150,000 for the gym! We are excited for the progress that has already been accomplished! There are a few memorial tags available for the bleachers for any size donation. Thank you to all who have generously contributed to this very successful project!