

SAINT MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL MESSAGE



SHREK THE MUSICAL

The reviews are in for the production of "Shrek the Musical", and they are tremendous! Congratulations to Mrs. Wilbas and all the amazing cast and crew members for a spectacular run of the musical "Shrek"! You were all outstanding!

"What makes us special makes us strong."

We thank everyone who helped put on this production! Stay tuned for information on how to purchase the DVD of the event.

"Lent is the favorable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his Word, in the sacraments and in our neighbor." —Pope Francis



**NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY
FOR PRESIDENTS' DAY**

**IOWA ASSESSMENTS
ARE COMING: FEB 26**

**LENTEN RICE BOWL
COLLECTIONS ARE
CONTINUING**

**OUR NEXT PTO MEETING
WILL BE MARCH 12TH,
8:15AM**



Parents' Corner

Have you noticed that we have added a virtue to our Monthly Awards? **Virtues in Practice** is a new program being implemented school-wide at Saint Mary this year. We are very excited to help our students grow closer to Christ by imitating the virtues taught to us by His life, death and resurrection. Students in every class focus on the same virtue each month, and our Servant of the Lord award recipients are chosen for living out the virtues in their daily lives. Virtues are introduced and highlighted during our morning announcements, and they are reinforced within the classroom. We encourage you to visit the website of the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecelia to learn more about Virtues in Practice and incorporate the virtues in your home as well.

<https://www.nashvilledominican.org/apostolate/vangelization-and-catechesis/virtues-in-practice/>

**We are in the Year of
Faith and our Virtue for
February is Honesty ~
Being Trustworthy and
True**

Your child (1st-5th grade) can get a collection envelope from Mrs. Abel. This event is on-going until February 28th. On that date, any child who chose to participate and raised funds for JRFH will take part in a jump rope event at school. Use the link below to find out more about how your child can join, stay "heart healthy" and help others with special hearts.

<http://american.heart.org/jump-hoops/for-teachers/event-planning-and-kickoff/parent-letter-english.pdf>

Spring Sports

Tennis, grades 5-8, begins February 12 at SMCS
follow link for more information

<http://www.saintmaryschool.net/tennis>

Swimming, grades 5-8, begins February 21st.
Mandatory parent meeting 2/14 in the gym @ 5:30.
Follow link for more information

<http://www.saintmaryschool.net/swimming-new>

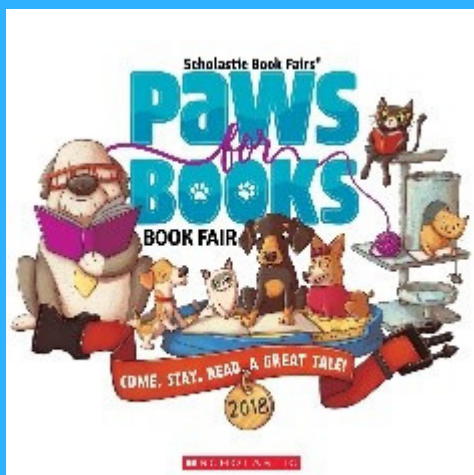
Golf, grades 5-8 We have enough girls for the golf team! As of right now we do not have enough boys (4) for a team. If your son is interested contact me asap. serra.abel@saintmaryschool.net

See athletics page for required paperwork. Must be up to date to participate in tennis, swimming and golf.

Track, grades 3-8, will begin on February 27. The meet is on April 21. Follow the link for more information <http://www.saintmaryschool.net/track-grades-3-8>

Print and complete the form on the track page to register.

All soccer and basketball uniforms should be returned to Mrs. Abel asap. Thank you!



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND THROUGH
FRIDAY, MARCH 1ST

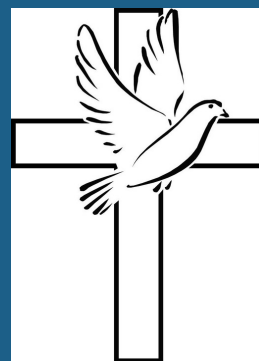
SAINT MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR WILL BE THURSDAY, FEB 22ND TO THURSDAY, MARCH 1ST FROM 7:45 AM TO 3:15 PM IN THE MEDIA CENTER. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE! YOUR STUDENT WILL BE VISITING THE BOOK FAIR WITH HIS OR HER CLASS AND STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE BOOKS AT THAT TIME. A SPECIAL FAMILY EVENT IS PLANNED FOR **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH FROM 3:00 PM TO 5:00 PM**. DURING THE EVENT, WE INVITE YOU TO HELP BUILD OUR CLASSROOM LIBRARIES BY PURCHASING BOOKS AND DONATING THEM TO YOUR STUDENT'S CLASS THROUGH THE **CLASSROOM WISH LIST PROGRAM**. VISIT

[HTTP://WWW.SCHOLASTIC.COM/BF/SAINT MARYCATHOLICSCHOOL](http://www.scholastic.com/bf/saintmarycatholicschool) FOR MORE INFORMATION.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW SO YOU WON'T MISS OUR BOOK FAIR!

School Liturgy

School Liturgy this week will be Thursday, at 8:15AM in the church. All parents, friends and family are invited to join the school community in prayer. Students in grades K4-8th will attend.



FOOD DRIVE

The SC and NJHS are jointly sponsoring a Canned Food Drive for Catholic Charities starting on Monday, February 26th-Thursday, March 8th.

The pantry at Catholic Charities is very low and with Spring Break and Easter coming, there is a greater need for food.

Students who normally receive breakfast and lunch at their schools will not be able to rely on those meals over Spring Break, which makes it even more important for food pantries to have a good supply on hand.

Hot Off the Press from Mrs. Dierig:

We raised \$230 from "Bee Kind" Day! Thank you for participating. We will be using the funds to help start off our new anti-bullying/kindness club. Look for more information to come on this club, and what the club decides to use the funds for to promote kindness!

PTO CORNER

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR PANERA FUNDRAISER! WE HAD TWENTY FAMILIES VISIT PANERA IN THE 4 HOURS! OUR NEXT EVENT IS AT **A.C. MORROE, ON MARCH 2ND.**



WEEKLY CALENDAR

- Wednesday, February 21st, Book Club 11:30am.
- Thursday, February 22nd, Scholastic Book Fair
- Friday, February 23rd, Stations of the Cross, 1:30pm
- Friday, 23rd, Middle School Dance, 7 to 9pm.
- Saturday, February 24th, Life Runners Pensacola 5K Meet

Homework Lab

Mrs. Brainerd
Cynthia.brainerd@saintmaryschool.net
t Math, 5th – 8th, Thursdays

Mrs. Honsinger
susan.honsinger@saintmaryschool.net
t Math K – 8th, Weds.

Mrs. Webb
janet.webb@saintmaryschool.net All
subjects Grades 4th, 5th, Wednesdays.

Mrs. McNeill.
Laura.mcneill@saintmaryschool.net
Math, Science K-8, Tuesdays.

Ms. Brandewie
Cynthia.brandewie@saintmaryschool.net All subjects, K – 4th, Wednesday or Thursday.

Parents, you must contact the teacher to tell them your child is coming to tutoring. Tutoring can fill up, and the teacher must know who is attending.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Friday, February
- Feb 26th to March 8th, Iowa Assessments
- March 6th, Student Council 7:15am
- March 8th, Awards after Mass
- March 9th, No School
- March 12th, MMM in Gym