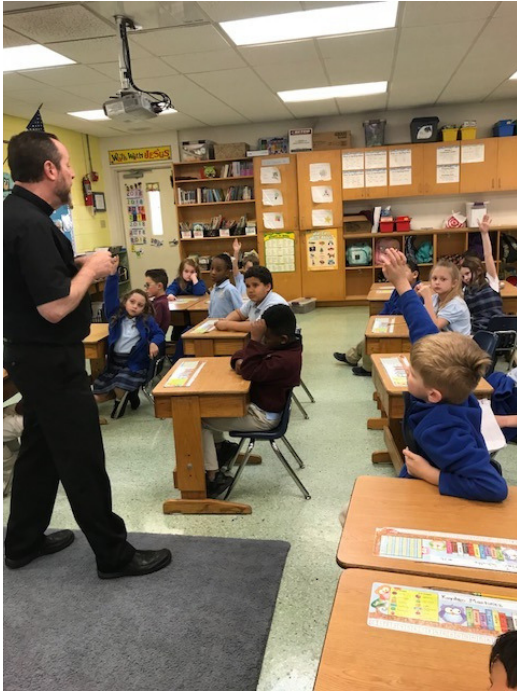


SAINT MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL MESSAGE



IOWA ASSESSMENTS Tomorrow

What can parents do?

- Have your child to school on time.
- Help your child get a good night's sleep.
- Help your child have a healthy breakfast.
- PTO is providing a snack for all students taking the Iowa.
- Make sure your child has 2 sharpened pencils with good erasers.

Some test taking strategies to remind your child of, include:

- Read all questions and answer choices carefully.
- Eliminate wrong answers to reduce choices.
- Make an educated guess if not sure of the answer.
- Don't leave questions blank.
- If you finish early, go back and double check answers.
- And most of all, just try your hardest!

CANNED FOOD DRIVE STARTS MONDAY FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

AC MOORE FUNDRAISER FRIDAY MAR 2ND

LENTEN RICE BOWL COLLECTIONS ARE CONTINUING

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

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



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 March is Mercy ~
Caring for those who
suffer.**



JUMP

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.

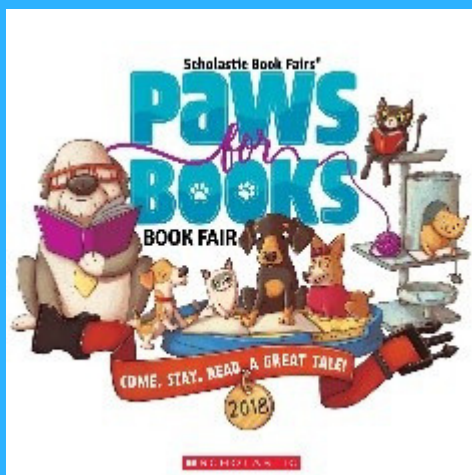
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See athletics page for required paperwork. Must be up to date to participate in tennis, swimming and golf.

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.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND THROUGH
FRIDAY, MARCH 1ST

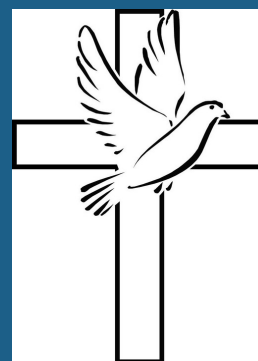
SAINT MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR WILL BE
THURSDAY, FEB 22ND TO THURSDAY,
MARCH 1ST FROM 7:45 AM TO 3:15 PM IN
THE MEDIA CENTER. WE ARE LOOKING
FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE! YOUR
STUDENT WILL BE VISITING THE BOOK
FAIR WITH HIS OR HER CLASS AND
STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY
TO PURCHASE 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 at our next Monday Morning Meeting!

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. MOORE, ON MARCH 2ND.**



WEEKLY CALENDAR

- Monday - Friday, Iowa Testing
- Tuesday, February 27th, Scholastic Book Fair Family
- Wednesday, February 28th, JUMP EVENT in PE class.
- Thursday, March 1st, NJHS Meeting
- Friday, March 2nd, Stations of the Cross, 2:00pm
- Friday, March 2nd, Movie Night 5:30pm

Mrs. Brainerd

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Math, 5th - 8th, Thursdays

Mrs. Honsinger

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Math K - 8th, Weds.

Mrs. Webb

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Mrs. McNeill.

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Math, Science K-8, Tuesdays.

Ms. Brandewie

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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

- Feb 26th to March 8th, Iowa Assessments
- March 6th, Student Council 7:15am
- March 7th, Life Runners meet in Courtyard 7:40am
- March 8th, Awards after Mass
- March 9th, No School
- March 12th, MMM in Gym
- March 17th, Life Runners FWB
- March 19th-23rd, Spring Break