

Feb. 10, 2017

Dear Parents,

This week the Gospel calls us to reflect on making good choices. We hear how to be peacemakers, not peace breakers. When we make bad choices we break from the peace of God and it affects everyone around us. Every day we are faced with making choices. When we live close to God each day our outlook changes. We make decisions based on God's law of love. We carry Christ's love in our minds and hearts and live each day trying to bring His peace into our world. Let us keep focused on the positive and see the good in others. Let us choose to focus on our blessings and set our hearts on God's way. God's law of love is the path of true life. Whenever you are faced with making a choice, set your heart on God's way.



I am happy to announce the return of Mrs. Heidtman to Grade 2 on Monday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>. We thank Mrs. Cunningham for providing such a seamless transition for the class. She now returns to her original position as Pre-K 4 aid on Tuesday and Thursday. It was wonderful to have a great team player who just jumped right in to see that the children had the best learning experiences they could, while their teacher was away.

Two new families have joined us in February. Philip Rinehart and Julie Niemeyer have registered Paul in Grade 7. The Frerichs family registered their daughter Liberty, in Pre-K 3, and their sons Brocklin in Kdgn. and Balin in Grade 2. We now have 134 students. It is nice to see the school growing. Let us continue to share the good things happening at St. Mary School so more families will join us.



**REMINDERS:** This is the last week to sign up for TaeKwonDo which begins Tuesday, Feb.14<sup>th</sup> and also Tennis which begins Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>.

Our ice-cream day which was missed on the Tuesday of Catholic Schools week because of the early dismissal will now take place on Friday Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>. The students will have a “make your own Sundae” with choice of chocolate or strawberry syrup, whipped cream, and sprinkles on Vanilla Ice-cream. Any parent concerned with the ingredients for students with food allergies can e-mail Mrs. Guillemette with any questions.



The mom's spirituality group meets on Wed. Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>. All moms are welcome even if you couldn't make the first meeting. The group will meet at 6:45 in the Library.



**February, 20-21**



Final preparations are underway for our Silent Auction on Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>. Please consider that wonderful offer from the YMCA for child care during the Auction hours. It would be great to see many of the parents able to attend now and take advantage of this very generous offer.

We have heard from the Knights of Columbus on the winners in the “**Keep Christ in Christmas**” contest. The winners from St. Mary’s were:

Age Group: (5-7) 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Shayla Torres

Age Group: (8-10) 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Emilie Ajamie

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Allison Torres

Age group: (11-14) 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Nora Shannon

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Joseph Loffredo

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Juan Salas Romer



Students will be recognized at the 11:00am. Mass on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>. I hope many students and their families will support them with your attendance at that Mass.

A Happy Valentine’s Day to everyone this Tuesday! Please remember if you are planning to send in Valentine cards with your child, no candy or other food items are allowed. Thank you for understanding our safety/food allergy policy in the school.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Sr. Annette



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