



Letter From The Principal

Date: 2/26/2018

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Update on Changes for Next School Year

We are very pleased to announce, that based on the number of students returning next year, we will be separating our 5th and 6th Grade classrooms. With this change comes some moving around of our current teachers, as well as the hiring of a new teacher. For the 2018-2019 School Year, Mr. Hesselning will be the primary 6th Grade teacher as well as teaching science to the 4th and 5th Grade. Mrs. Fritz will be the primary 5th Grade teacher as well as teaching Language Arts to the 4th and 6th Grade. Finally, we are very pleased to announce that Mrs. Bloomfield will be returning to the 4th Grade as their primary teacher, after spending the last 5 years in 2nd Grade. Mrs. Bloomfield will also teach Math to the 5th and 6th Grade.

EdChoice Expansion Scholarship

If you are a parent planning on applying for the EdChoice Expansion Scholarship for next year, **PLEASE RETURN THAT INFORMATION TO THE SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.** The first window to apply for this scholarship will be closing soon. If you have any questions, please call the School Office and we will be happy to assist you. This scholarship is first come - first served. Once the scholarship funds have been allocated, no more applications will be accepted for the upcoming school year.

Kindergarten Screening

A FREE Kindergarten developmental readiness screening for all children will be held at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic School gymnasium. Any child who will be 5 years of age by September 30th, 2018 and lives in Van Wert County or the surrounding areas, is invited to attend. Screening appointments can be set up for **Thursday, March 8th, Tuesday March 13th, or Thursday March 15th between the hours of 4:00p.m. – 6:00p.m.** Please call St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic School Office at 419-238-5186 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, to set up a screening appointment. Time slots are limited.

School Uniforms

As the weather starts to change and the fourth quarter approaches, we would like to ask that you take a look at child's uniforms and make sure they still fit them properly, especially lengths of skirts, jumpers, skorts, and shorts. The length of skirts, jumpers, skorts, and shorts should **be at least** longer than fingertip length when standing tall and arms straight at sides. Please contact the school if you need different sizes.

Benefit Auction

The St. Mary of the Assumption Parish Benefit Dinner and Auction will be held on Saturday, April 21st. Please mark your calendar and plan on attending! This auction helps keep your tuition low and 100% of the proceeds help support our school and church. Last year, we were able to raise over \$37,000 on this one event. Your help and attendance are crucial to the auction's success. More details on how you can help and ticket sale information will be sent home at a later date.

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Saturday, February 24th – Friday, March 2nd

Scholastic Book Fair – We are hosting a book fair in the gymnasium that started this past Saturday, February 24th. The Book Fair hours during the week are Monday through Thursday 7:30am – 8:15am and 3:05pm – 3:45pm. The Book Fair will close at 9:00am on Friday, March 2nd. We hope that you will take an opportunity to stop by and pick up some books for your children. Books are available for readers of all ages. Also, a large part of the proceeds from the book fair returns to our school and enabling the purchase of new books for the classrooms and library.

Online Book Fair - If you are unable to make it to the Book Fair, you are still in luck. There is an online portion of our Book Fair available from Saturday, February 24th - Tuesday, March 6th. Any online purchase will be credited to our school and contribute to more Scholastic dollars for our teachers to use to purchase new books for their classrooms. Simply go to the following website: www.scholastic.com/fair: enter the school's zip code (45891) and St. Mary Assumption Catholic book fair.

Monday, February 26th – Friday, March 2nd

Right to Read Week – This week is Right to Read Week. Students will be taking part in many fun activities throughout the week to help encourage them to be more active readers. A detailed agenda of the week's activities was sent home last Wednesday. Please refer to this agenda for the schedule of activities are going on throughout the week.

Tuesday, February 27th

Students are permitted to dress up as their favorite book character.

School and Family Pancake Breakfast Day – We will be holding a Pancake Breakfast Day on **Tuesday, February 27th at 7:30am until 8:15am in the gymnasium.** The cost is \$2.00 for pancakes and for just an additional \$1.00, you may get sausage as well. Parents/Guardians, Grandparents, siblings, or other friends/relatives are welcome to enjoy breakfast with our students before school that day. This would be a great day to also check out our Book Fair with you children or grandchildren.

Royals Read-A-Thon Due– The Read-A-Thon Reading Log, Pledge Sheet, and all money collected must be turned in on Tuesday, February 27th.

Stations of the Cross – Our 2nd – 6th Grade students celebrate the Stations of the Cross at 8:45am on Tuesday, February 27th. All are welcome to attend and celebrate with us.

Wednesday, February 28th

Students are permitted to wear crazy socks with their uniforms.

Thursday, March 1st

Students are permitted to wear a T-shirt with writing on it with their uniform pants, skirts, or jumpers.

Friday, March 2nd

After Mass, Students are permitted to wear a hat during the school day. Crazy hats are encouraged!

Pie Your Teacher – In the afternoon, students will get a chance to pie their teachers in the face. The number of pies each teacher will get is based on the amount of money each class raised during the Read-A-Thon.

Tuesday March 6th

School Council Meeting - The March School Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 6th at 7pm in the School Library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Thursday, March 8th

Benefit Auction Meeting – The second Spring Benefit Auction Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 8th in **the School Library** starting at 7:00pm. We welcome anyone who would like to help plan and put on this important event.

Friday, March 9th

End of 3rd Quarter – March 9th is the end of the 3rd Quarter. Your child(ren) should bring home their report cards on Wednesday, March 14th. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact either the school office or your child's teacher so we can schedule a time to meet. **Students whose tuition payments are not up-to-date, have outstanding lunch balances, and/or latchkey dues will have their report cards held until payment is made.** If you are not sure if your tuition payments or other charges are current, please call the School Office at 419-238-5186 and we will be able to answer any questions. If you are experiencing difficulties with making these payments, please contact me so an alternative plan can be arranged.

Family Movie Night - This month, we are showing the movie “*Wonder*” in the gymnasium. Doors open at 6:00pm with the movie beginning at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend this Family Movie Night.

Sunday, March 11th

Daylight Savings Time - Reminder to turn your clocks **AHEAD** 1 hour.

Friday, March 16th

The K of C will be hosting a Fish Fry at the Van Wert Knights of Columbus Hall. Part of the proceeds from the sales of the dinners on this night will go toward the St. Mary of the Assumption Tuition Assistance Fund. If you are looking for a good meal, please consider stopping by the K of C Hall; dine-in and carry-out options are available.

As part of the School's efforts to help make this meal a huge success, **we need your help with supplying some delicious desserts to be sold at the meal.** The coordinators of this event are asking for items like: Brownies, Cookies, Cupcakes, Cakes, and Pies. If you are able to donate a dessert item, please bring it to the School Office on **Friday, March 16th**. You can also drop your item off yourself at the K of C Hall **anytime after 3:30pm on Friday, March 16th**. If you would like your pan returned to you, please make sure you put your name on it.

Monday, March 19th – Friday, March 23rd

NO SCHOOL – WE WILL BE ON SPRING BREAK THE WHOLE WEEK.

Tuesday, March 27th

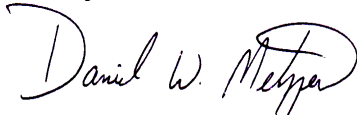
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Chrism Mass – Several of our 5th Grade students, Mr. Hesseling, and Mrs. Freewalt will be going to Toledo on Tuesday, March 27th for the Chrism Mass. This is a very special Mass where the Oil of Salvation, the Oil of the Sick, and the Sacred Chrism Oil are all blessed for the Church to use throughout the coming year.

Friday, March 30th – Monday April 2nd : Easter Break

NO SCHOOL - Easter Break Begins on Friday, March 30th through Monday April 2nd. Classes will resume on Tuesday, April 3rd.

Thank you and God bless,



Mr. Daniel Metzger
Principal-Minister