



Letter From The Principal

Date: 01/29/2019

Dear Parents / Guardians,

We kicked off our Catholic Schools Week on Sunday with an amazing Mass led by our students. The Pancake Breakfast/Faith Fair in the gymnasium was very well attended. Please refer to the Catholic Schools Week Itinerary that was sent home a couple of weeks ago or this newsletter to help keep track of all the rest of the activities going on this week.

Wednesday, January 30th: Celebrating Our Nation: Let's Transform the World

***Sweatshirt Day** – Students may wear any sweatshirt over their uniforms during the school day.

***Let's blanket our Nation with FAITH!** Each student will receive a template for a paper quilt square. Students will complete their quilt square and a paper blanket will be made for display in the hallway.

***Military Valentine Day Cards** - Students will create cards for St. Mary's Alumni currently in the Military.

Thursday, January 31th: Celebrating Our Staff: The values we teach are a call to Holiness!

***Colors of the Rainbow Day** – Students may wear a shirt in the color assigned to their class with their uniform bottoms. If a student does not have a shirt in that color, they may wear a St. Mary's Spirit Wear shirt.

Grade K = Red, Grade 1 = Orange, Grade 2/6 = Yellow, Grade 3 = Green, Grade 4 = Blue, and Grade 5 = Purple

*Each Class will be given colored hearts for each student to sign their name. The hearts will then be made into a big rainbow to display for all to see.

***10:20am – 10:40am** – Quiz Bowl Games 5

***6:30pm – 8:00pm** – Science Fun Night for ages 4 – 10 and parents; 5th & 6th Graders will run stations. **IF SCHOOL SHOULD BE CANCELLED ON THIS DAY WE WILL NOT HAVE SCIENCE NIGHT.**

Friday, February 1st: Celebrating Our Community: Serving Others

1st Blizzard Bag Assignments are DUE.

8:45am – All School Mass

***After Mass** – Quiz Bowl Championship Game

***12:15pm – 2:30pm** – Students and staff will go to Van Wert Cinema to relax and watch: "A Dog's Way Home".

***5:30pm** – Bread and Bowl – Everyone is welcome to come that night and help with the meal. This is a great opportunity to show our students the importance of doing service for others in our community.

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Monday, February 4th

***District Spelling Bee** – Madelyn Berryman will represent St. Mary’s at the Van Wert County Spelling Bee. The Spelling Bee is held at the Marsh Foundation and begins at 7:00pm.

Good Luck Madelyn, we all believe in you!

Tuesday, February 6th

Feast of St. Blaise – Fr. Stan will be coming to each classroom and doing a Blessing of Throats.

School Council Meeting – The February School Council Meeting begins at 7:00pm in the School Library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Monday, February 11th

Royals Read-A-Thon Pledge Drive – Students are to begin gathering Sponsors for our Read-A-Thon. The Read-A-Thon will begin the following week. Sponsorship forms will be sent home with students on this day. All money collected from the Read-A-Thon will go to purchase books from the Book Fair for the Classrooms and the School Library. There will also be prize incentives for students to collect pledges. More details will come home closer to the date.

Thursday, February 14th

St. Valentine’s Day – This is more of just a reminder to all the Dads.

Friday, February 15th

Monthly Tuition Payments are due.

Officer Phil – Our Kindergarten through 3rd Grade will have an assembly discussing the important role that police officers have in our communities and lives.

Sunday, February 17th

God, Flag, & Country Contest – Myles Moody, Sofia Alvarado, Mary Claire Kopack, and Grace Spieles will be representing St. Mary’s in the God, Flag, & Country Oratory Contest. The contest is held at the Delphos Eagle and begins at 2:00pm. Good Luck to all our students!

Monday, February 18th

No School – Presidents Day – Van Wert City School will be in session, as of right now we **WILL NOT BE IN SESSION.**

Royals Read-A-Thon Begins – Students are to begin logging their minutes of reading time. They will keep track of their minutes for the entire week. There will also be prize incentives for students with the most reading minutes; more details will come home closer to the date.

Friday, February 22nd

6th Grade to attend “Lift Every Voice and Sing” - The YWCA of Van Wert County is thrilled to be able to offer our students what they feel will be an inspirational, educational, and impactful opportunity. They have partnered with Niswonger Performing Arts Center to present a program called **"Lift Every Voice and Sing"** which is an approximately 1.5 hour presentation offering the story of African American History through song.

Saturday, February 23rd – Friday, March 1st

Scholastic Book Fair – We will be hosting a book fair in the gymnasium starting Saturday, February 23rd after the 4:00pm Mass. The Book Fair is open on Sunday, February 24th after the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses. 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 1st. 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, part of the proceeds from our Book Fair comes back to our school and helps us purchase 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 that runs from Saturday, February 23rd through Sunday, March 3rd. 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. You simply need to go to the following website: www.scholastic.com/fair and then enter our zip code, 45891, and St. Mary Assumption Catholic book fair.

Sunday, February 24th

Royals Read-A-Thon - Last day to log reading minutes.

Monday, February 25th – Friday, March 1st

Right to Read Week – The week of Monday, February 25th through Friday, March 1st 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 will be included with each student's reading log. Please refer to this agenda for what activities are going on throughout the week.

Monday, February 25th

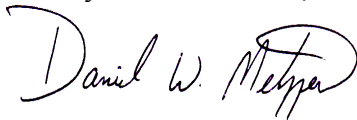
Royals Read-A-Thon Pledge Collection – Students are to collect all pledges from their sponsors.

Tuesday, February 26th

School and Family Pancake Breakfast Day – We will be holding a Pancake Breakfast Day on **Tuesday, February 26th 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 your children or grandchildren.

Royals Read-A-Thon ends – Students are to return their Sponsorship Form, all pledge money collected, and their Reading Logs to be eligible for prizes.

Thank you and God bless,



Mr. Daniel Metzger
Principal-Minister