



Letter From The Principal

Date: 2/25/2019

Dear Parents / Guardians,

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 only 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, 2019 and lives in Van Wert County or the surrounding areas, is invited to attend. Screening appointments can be set up for **Tuesday, March 5th, Thursday March 7th, or Tuesday March 12th 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.

God, Flag, and Country Oral Essay

Four St. Mary's students recently competed in a God, Flag, and Country Oral Essay contest held at the Delphos Eagles. Students composed an original essay on the topic, committed their work to memory, and presented the speech in front of three judges and the audience. Myles Mood placed first in the 6th Grade Division. In the 5th Grade Division, Mary Claire Kopack placed first, Grace Spieles placed third, and Sofia Alvarado was honorable mention. Students worked with Mrs. Fritz outside of class time to prepare for the contest. Congratulations to all our students. We also wanted to wish Myles and Mary Claire good luck as they move on to the District competition to be held on Sunday, March 10th in Ashland.

Lent Begins Wednesday, March 6th

We, as a school, will begin preparing ourselves for the Lenten Season. The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, on March 6th, and ends on Holy Thursday, April 18th. During these 40 days let us devote ourselves to the spiritual and corporal works of mercy that "remind us that faith finds expression in concrete everyday actions meant to help our neighbors in body and spirit." (USCCB) Help us, O Lord, to take inspiration for our Lenten journey through prayer, fasting, and giving alms.

K o f C Fish Fries

Every Friday during Lent, starting March 8th, the Van Wert Knights of Columbus will be hosting a fish fry at the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 425 Woodland Ave. There are dine-in and carry-out options available from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. The menu includes Alaskan Pollock, baked potato or French fries, vegetable, coleslaw, and a drink. The cost of an all you can eat adult meal is \$8. The \$4 children's menu includes macaroni and cheese, hot dog, vegetable, and drink.

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Saturday, February 23rd – Friday, March 1st

Scholastic Book Fair – We are hosting a book fair in the gymnasium that started this past Saturday, February 23rd. 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. A large part of the proceeds from the book fair returns to our school and enables us to 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 available from Saturday, February 23rd - Tuesday, March 5th. 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 25th – Friday, March 1st

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 that are going on throughout the week.

Tuesday, February 26th

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 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 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 26th.

Wednesday, February 27th

Students are permitted to wear a favorite or craziest hat all day.

Thursday, February 28th

Students will be permitted to wear their favorite St. Mary's Royals Spirit wear (or Blue/Gold) shirt or sweatshirt with their uniform bottoms.

Top Reader Awards given out: The student in each class who logged the most minutes read during the Read-A-Thon will get to pick a book from the Book Fair.

“Pie Your Teacher and Principal” in the afternoon.

- Each class will have the opportunity to pie their teacher based on how much money they collected during the Read-A-Thon. If a class collects \$100 their teacher gets pied. For every \$100 after that, the class gets to pie teacher again and again and again.
- The students who will actually get to pie the teacher will be based on the amount of money they brought in. The more money, the more pies, the more students involved.
- The student in each class that logs the most minutes read will get to pie Mr. Metzger!

Friday, March 1st

12:15pm – 2:30pm – Movie Trip: Since we did not get to go during Catholic Schools Week. Students and staff will go to Van Wert Cinema to relax and watch “How to Train Your Dragon, The Hidden World.”

Saturday, March 2nd

4th Annual Taste of St. Mary's Iron Chef – You are invited to join us for the Taste of St. Mary's on Saturday, March 2nd at 6:00 pm. There are still a limited number of tickets available. Tickets are \$25 each and available for purchase in the Parish office. Proceeds benefit St. Vincent de Paul which aids those in need in the Van Wert Community and our 5th and 6th Grade trips.

Tuesday March 5th

Kindergarten Screening – Kindergarten Readiness Screenings in the gym from 4pm to 6pm. Call the School Office to schedule an appointment.

School Council Meeting - The March School Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 5th at 7pm in the School Library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Wednesday, March 6th

Ash Wednesday – All School Mass

We start the Lenten Season with students receiving ashes at 8:45am Mass. All adults are welcome to attend this Mass and receive their ashes, as well.

Thursday, March 7th

Kindergarten Screening – Kindergarten Readiness Screenings in the gym from 4pm to 6pm. Call the School Office to schedule an appointment.

Friday, March 8th

End of 3rd Quarter – March 8th is the end of the 3rd Quarter. Your child(ren) should bring home their report cards on Wednesday, March 13th. **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.

Sunday, March 10th

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

Tuesday, March 12th

Stations of the Cross – Our 2nd – 6th Grade students celebrate the Stations of the Cross at 8:45am on Tuesday, March 12th. All are welcome to attend and celebrate with us.

Kindergarten Screening – Kindergarten Readiness Screenings in the gym from 4pm to 6pm. Call the School Office to schedule an appointment.

Friday, March 15th

Monthly & Quarterly Tuition Payments Due

Monday, March 18th – Friday, March 22nd

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

Sunday, March 24th

Hunger Banquet – St. Mary's will be hosting a Hunger Banquet in the gymnasium after 10:30am Mass. More details about this event will be coming home closer to this date.

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Friday, March 29th

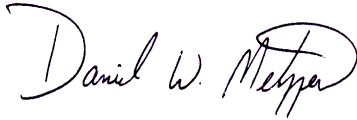
5th and 6th Grade DARE Graduation – Our 5th and 6th Grade classes will have their DARE Graduation that will take place at the Performance Arts Center. More details will come home closer to this date.

Bread and Bowl – On **Friday, February 29th**, St. Mary's School will host a Bread and Bowl Meal for people in need in the Van Wert community. You will receive a letter closer to this date with what items to donate. Everyone is welcome to come that night and help with serving the meal.

Benefit Auction

The St. Mary of the Assumption Parish Benefit Dinner and Auction will be held on Saturday, April 27th. 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 \$51,000 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.

Thank you and God bless,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel W. Metzger". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Mr. Daniel Metzger
Principal-Minister