

SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Nurturing faith, illuminating minds, inspiring hearts, and empowering hands - we are working together to transform our world.

October 2016

Principal's Message

We have just finished our first six weeks of the 2016-17 school year and we are so very thrilled about our successful start to this new year. There has been a buzz around the building as students have settled into their routines and staff and students have been working hard to focus on academic achievement, which is so crucial for success. We want to thank parents, staff and our students for making our new school year start-up such a smooth experience for all.

We would like to thank all of the many parents and students who attended our Pizza Q/Meet The Teacher Night – what a tremendous turnout! It was a wonderful time to visit classrooms and see evidence of some of the terrific work students have been doing. It was also great to see just how proud the children were to show off their new classrooms to their parents. We would like to thank our dedicated group of School Council members who are working hard to bring many improvements to St. Mary's. We believe that achieving success results from a strong partnership between the school and home. Thank you to parents for supporting your children as they complete homework and assignments, prepare for quizzes and tests and practice their reading, writing and problem-solving skills. Working together ensures success for all.
God Bless, K. Penrose



Gratitude

To be grateful for what is, instead of underscoring what is not. To find good amid the unwanted aspects of life, without denying the presence of the unwanted. To focus on beauty in the little things of life, as well as being deliberate about the great beauties of art, literature, music, and nature. To be present to one's own small space of life, while stretching to the wide world beyond it. To find something to laugh about in every day, even when there seems nothing to laugh about. To search for and to see the good in others, rather than remembering their faults and weaknesses. To be thankful for each loving deed done by another; no matter how insignificant it might appear. To taste life to the fullest, and not take any part of it for granted. To seek to forgive others for their wrongdoings, even immense ones, and to put the past behind. To find ways to reach out and help the disenfranchised, while also preserving their dignity and self-worth. To be as loving and caring as possible, in a culture that consistently challenges these virtues. To remember to say or send "thank you" for whatever comes as a gift from another. To be at peace with what cannot be changed.



Smoking on School Property

What the Law says: Smoking or holding lit tobacco is not allowed by anyone anywhere on school property (school building, parking lot, fields, driveway, car parking in lot) at anytime – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



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CSSC Corner

St. Mary's Catholic School Community Council, or Parent's Council, is excited about all the events we have planned for this school year. Next on the calendar council is proud to once again host St. Mary's annual Halloween Spirit dance. We know the students look forward to this event each year. The dance will be on Monday October 31, and will be Spooktacular!!!



CROSS COUNTRY

On Thursday, September 29th Miss McGrath and Ms. Levesque took 30 grade 4-8 students to Sunnidale Park to compete in cross-country regionals. The students showed true grit, determination, and incredible sportsmanship. We had five students make it onto the next round! Miss McGrath took Dayana, Isabelle, Dakoda, William, and Jessica to compete at County's, which was held on Tuesday, October 18th at Mount St. Louis. The students worked incredibly hard and should all be very proud of themselves. Way to go sharks!



WEATHER IS GETTING COLDER OUTSIDE

With the temperatures cooler in the morning and throughout the day we would like to remind you to have your child/ren dress for the weather. They are outside for two 20-minute recesses.

THE IMPORTANCE OF REGULAR ATTENDANCE

Students usually begin each new school year with excitement and enthusiasm. The anticipation of a new teacher, new friends, and being with old friends provides real motivation for daily attendance at school. Unfortunately, as the year progresses, some students become careless about regular attendance. Missing a few days of school may seem inconsequential, but there are several reasons why regular school attendance is important for every student. First, it is difficult for young students to learn if they are not in school. The teaching-learning process builds upon itself - each lesson presented to students is based upon or related to the lessons that were taught earlier. Just as we can never regain a moment of time wasted, the child who misses a day of school also misses a day of education that cannot be retrieved. Indeed, all research shows that those children who attend school regularly are more likely to be successful during their school years. Success after graduation is a second reason for regular attendance. If young children do not develop the habits of good attendance and prompt completion of assignments while they are in school, when will they learn these things? Their success as adults in their chosen occupation is dependent upon these habits. From experience, most educators know that students' success in their school years is directly related to the importance that parents place on education. When parents believe that consistent attendance is important and communicate that belief to their children, unnecessary absences from school will be dramatically reduced. We encourage students to attend school every day unless an illness or emergency prevents them from doing so.

ROSARY APOSTOLATE IN SCHOOLS

St. Mary's School welcomes our Rosary Volunteers on every 2nd Thursday of the month. Children are taught how to pray the rosary in an inspiring, interesting way. Each child will receive a free Rosary.



Wendy's Night

Please mark your calendars. Our upcoming Wendy's night fundraiser is Wednesday, November 16 from 4:30 - 7:30. We work with Wendy's on Dunlop St. They will donate 10% of all sales restaurant and drive thru to the school.

Noon Hour Supervisors:

We are looking for additional noon hour supervisors for the 2016-2017 school year. If you are interested in being a noon hour supervisor, please contact Mrs. Penrose in the office. This is a paid position

On-Line School News Sign Up

Please fill in the information and we will gladly add you to our e-newsletter database.

Email: _____

***Send back to office with your child

COAT DRIVE

St. Mary's annual coat drive takes place in November. We will collect the coat donations at the school starting Nov. 1 - Nov. 17. The Salvation Army provides donated coats to the homeless and other individuals and families who do not have a warm coat for the winter.

UP-COMING DATES

PA Day -	Oct 27
Halloween Spirit Dance -	Oct 31
Picture Retakes -	Nov 1
Clocks Fall Back -	Nov 6
CSCC Mtg. - 6:00pm -	Nov 3 (At JOA)
Wendy's night -	Nov 16
Progress Reports Home -	Nov 16
Parent Teacher Evening Conferences -	Nov 17
PA day	- Nov 18

HAPPY HALLOWEEN