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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
St. Mary's Parish School
Week of April 19, 2021



Hot Lunch + information for the date/day



Monday, April 19:

Turkey with pasta + salad+ oranges

Last day to sign-up for a Student Council school event of a Talent show (which will be held on April 30)

Garden Club meets after school today.

Given the weather, shorts *may* be worn starting today. Please be sure to have your children follow the guidelines as stated in the Parent Handbook for shorts at our school. The guideline is printed below for your reference (page 3). If a student consistently fails to follow the school guideline, s/he may lose the privilege of wearing shorts.

Sacrament of Confirmation will be received by 3 of our 8th graders: special blessings on:

- ✚ Sadie Newlan
- ✚ Gianna Niehenke
- ✚ Anna Ristine
- ✚ Kaitlyn Swam

Tuesday, April 20:

Baked potatoes + trimmings + veggie tray + melon

Wednesday, April 21:

Corn dogs + chips + veggie tray + apples

Deep gratitude to a person who makes the “running of a school” more smooth---Mrs. Debbie Johnson---Happy Administrative Assistants Day, Debbie and special blessings on you today!

8th graders will have their Graduation photo taken today by Jonathan Billings. They need to wear jeans and their sweatshirts.

Thursday, April 22:

Meatballs with rice, cheese and tomatoes + salad + fresh fruit

Today we have *Principal for a Day* (purchased at the school auction in 2020).

Garden Club meets today.

Earth Day

Friday, April 23: **Chicken nuggets +tater tots+ Cole slaw + fresh fruit (assorted)**

Mass at 9:00 with Gr. 7/8 as our prayer leaders

Sunday, April 25: **Sacrament of Eucharist will be received for the first time by four of our second graders at 12:30 p.m. Mass:**

-  **Gavin Thomas Clark**
-  **Gabriel James Helbling**
-  **Jase Edward Izzo**
-  **Nola Bryan Johnson**

Monday, April 26:

CHEF FOR A DAY! Matthew Ristine, Sixth Grader, will be cooking hot lunch. Parents bid on this item at the 2020 Auction; school will receive Matt's wonderful cooking gifts! The lunch he will be making will be sausage, egg, with cheese burritos; hash browns; strawberries and apples and a veggie tray choice of celery, carrots and cucumbers.

May 8th is THE date for our online Auction—first time ever!!! SAVE the date please and let ALL your friends, relatives and neighbors know about this great event....it is OPEN for everyone to come and enjoy....

Thank you so very much for your generous support in this year of adapting to doing our Auction in a creative and “fun” way. Remember:

- ❖ there is **NO limit** to the number who can “attend” the auction this year
- ❖ there is **NO costly dinner**
- ❖ there ARE wonderful donations to bid on (as always) and **BEST OF ALL**
- ❖ we are **NOT LIMITED** to the number who can attend!!!
- ❖ Flyers with key information about connecting with both SILENT auction and the LIVE auction will go out in a few days along with the opportunity of purchasing charcuterie boxes for your own watch party in your bubble in your homes.

GARDEN CLUB has begun. The students who have signed for this fun program will meet this week (and next) on Monday and Thursday after school for 30 minutes. (See attached letter.)

UPDATE REGARDING SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: The following School Board Members are finishing their terms. We are most grateful to those who were able to give one-year service: *Steve Farley and Karen Richel* and to those Board Members who gave three-year service: *John Bieker**, Deanna Gilmore and Stacey Thornycroft. Special gratitude to Erin Linskey who gave four years of service (three as a Board member and one more year as Past President).*

Special welcome to our new Board members who were drawn after being prayed over:

- The two who will be serving a one-year term: Tom Ristine and Loren Jeglum

➤ Those serving a three-year term:

Jonathan Billing
Ellie Helbling
Michelle Kahler

**John Bieker will serve one year as the Board's *Past President*.

OPEN HOUSE this year is different. Please be the ones to let others know about St. Mary's School. **YOUR family is the best ambassador for the school**, so please do invite your friends to consider St. Mary's for their child's education! We are able to give tours after school hours. Also, teachers are available to speak with prospective families too.

SCHOOL MUSICAL is coming along: As mentioned in last week's Newsletter, Nikki Crathorne our music teacher, and the students are busily putting together a wonderful and creative production of *Mary Poppins*. We promise you that it will be an event that you will thoroughly enjoy! The hopes are that "all come together" by the end of May.

YEARBOOK: under the direction of Mrs. Sandy Izzo has *gone to press*. It will be given out before the school year ends on June 4th.

SHORTS: From the Parent Handbook: "Normally, shorts may be worn only till November 1 and then from *May 1st till the end of school*. If there is a change to this, it will be printed in the Newsletter. Please remember, the faculty and administration do reserve the right to adjust these dates as necessary." (page 25-26)

Given the change of weather (and hopefully it will last!), the faculty and administration are allowing shorts starting this Monday, April 19.

REMINDER re. the type of shorts allowed for ALL students, regardless of age: Shorts must come to *the top of the knee or longer*. (NO cutoffs nor skintight shorts or ragged shorts with holes are allowed.)

Future DATES to note:

- April 28:** **Tie Dye at the Family Center for all families.** Bring a shirt, socks, mask, etc. any time between 9:00 a.m. and 4 to the Family Center. Color blue is a reminder that God is a healer; color yellow reminds us when hurting, God comforts; red is a reminder of God's overflowing love. Instructions and colors will be provided and all you need is to bring the article of clothing.
- April 30 Mass Gr. 3
- May 3-7 Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 5 Second "Chef" for the day: Carter Hawkins, Gr. 7 is the chef. His family "bought" this at the school Auction 2020.
- May 7 Mass Gr. 5/6
- May 1, May 3 and May 5th **Online Silent Auction days**
- May 8 **LIVE Auction online**
- May 10 - 14 MAPS Testing (Grades 2 – 8)

- May 11 School Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. Thank you to Board members whose term is finished and welcome to new Board members.
- May 13: Happy Birthday Mrs. Sandy Izzo, Grade 3 teacher
- May 14 Mass
- May 17 Foundation Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.
- May 20 Happy Birthday Mrs. Fitt (PS teacher)
- May 21 Mass Gr. 2
- May 21-22: Catholic Women's League Rummage Sale. Questions? Contact Sylvia Brown (509-338-1251)**
- May 28 Happy Birthday Mrs. Swam, Kindergarten teacher
Mass Gr. 1
- May 31 **NO SCHOOL:** Memorial Day Holiday (**No** Childcare Available)
- TBD Klemgard Picnic: whole school attends this long standing tradition (over 45 years)...more details soon.**
- June 2 Happy Birthday Mrs. Karen Herrenbruck, Gr. 4 teacher
- June 3 Happy Birthday Mrs. Elizabeth McEvoy, Gr. 5 teacher
- June 4 **Last Day of School**--School ends @ 1pm and the last Mass of the school year at 9:00 a.m.
- June 6 8th Grade Graduation and Mass at St. Mary's at 12:30 p.m.
- June 7: Summer program (if we have enough to hold this program and that it is safe to do so for the students) will start...*more details will come soon*

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