

Mission Statement: We partner with parents providing a Catholic school rooted in the gospel teachings of Jesus Christ, modeled by Mary our mother, encouraging a virtuous life following the Catholic faith and pursuing academic excellence.



MARIAN MESSENGER

January 10, 2019

Week –At – A - Glance

Friday, January 11, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 7:30 Band ❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 8 ❖ Eligibility Check ❖ 2:00 Spelling Bee in gym ❖ 6:00 St. Mary School Family Night Chili cook-off and fitness fun
Monday, January 14, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Morning Prayer; gr. 7 ❖ 3:15-4:15 Homework Help ❖ 3:30 Super Builders Robotics ❖ JV Boys' Basketball Tournament at St. Thomas ❖ Varsity Boys' Basketball Tournament at St. Paul
Tuesday, January 15, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 7:30 Band ❖ NWEA Testing begins grs. 3-8 ❖ 3:30 Wildbots Robotics
Wednesday, January 16, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 8:30 Middle School Mass; gr. 8 ❖ Salsarita Lunch ❖ 6:00 Education Team Meeting
Thursday, January 17, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Dress Down Day \$1.00

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 3:15 Children's Choir ❖ 3:15 Homework Help
Friday, January 18, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 7:30 Band ❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr.7 ❖ ½ Day of School/Dismissal at 12:00 (Afternoon Latchkey available) ❖ End of 2nd Quarter ❖ Assembly for 3-8 Buzz about Bees ❖ Eligibility Check ❖ 7:00 Daddy Daughter Dance

LUNCH INFORMATION

Grades 6-8 Lunch 11:30-12:00

Grades K-5 Lunch 12:05-12:45

Please provide your students with everything they need to eat their lunch; plate, eating utensil, napkin, drink, condiments

Principal Notes

Chili Cook Off: We are having a Chili Cook off on Friday, January 11 at 6:00. Bring in your favorite chili to share or bring in a cookie dessert to pass. We will have dinner then have some fun fitness activity directed by *TruFit* owner Jennifer Cooke. Wear your comfy clothes and gym shoes and let's share a meal and have some fun with your children and school family.



Auction news! Under the Stars at the Country Fair Save the date - Saturday, February 2, 2019 – for our 22nd Annual Auction. Join us for a night under the stars at the country fair. This shindig will include silent and live auctions and the best BBQ this side of the Mississippi. Grab your partner! Come, invite your friends and family, support the school, and have a great time! Don't miss out!

Pure Michigan: We need help building the Pure Michigan baskets! While you are shopping, can you pick up an item or 2 to help us build some "Pure Michigan" themed baskets? Ideas: syrup, baking mixes, wine, coasters/cutting board, chocolates, books, puzzles, Sports teams....

Basket Making: Are you creative or even if you're not you can still help put baskets together. It's fun! Bring a friend and work together! Look at the sign up below for details.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090849abad22ab9-auction>

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of Auction Week: Set-Up, Auction Night, Clean Up (Jan 31, Feb 1, and Feb 2nd): All hands on deck for these days! We need all families to participate in any way that you can. Maybe you have older students who need service hours; they are welcome to come help too! Please see the link below for possible ways that you can help.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090849abad22ab9-anevening>

We love our Auction sponsors! Our sponsors include: **Lakeland ACE Hardware, Sound Financial, Hamburg Laser Dental, Mr. Muffler in Howell, and Lavey Insurance.** Big thanks to all of our wonderful sponsors! Please use them for your needs and mention St. Mary School when you do!

NWEA Testing Begins: We will begin with our winter testing for grades 3-8 on Tuesday, January 15. The goal is to get all of the testing completed next week. Please help your child to do their best by making sure that they get a good night's rest, a healthy breakfast, and encourage them to do their best on the tests they are taking. It would be extremely helpful if students arrived on time and did not leave early Tuesday – Friday next week.

T.R.I.P. INFO: For those of you doing TRIP, money has been posted to your tuition account. If your account has already been paid off, the money will be banked towards next year's tuition.

Daddy Daughter Dance: This dance will take place on Friday, January 18th at 7:00pm. If you would like to donate goodies for the evening, please bring them to the school office by the end of the school day at 12:00 when you pick up your students.

School Safety Grant: The Security Film is in the final stages of being installed on all of the school outside doors around the building. The **video buzzer at the front door** (the parish will also be purchasing one too) is being installed today and tomorrow. The trauma kits for hallways, office, and classrooms have been ordered. This project is supported by the Competitive School Safety Grant Program, awarded by the State of Michigan and administered by the Michigan State Police (MSP). Points of view or opinions contained within this document do not necessarily represent the official position or policies of the State of Michigan or MSP.

Front Door Buzzer System: Beginning some time on Friday, January 11, you will need to buzz the front door to gain access to the school building during the school day. This will most likely happen by the afternoon. During the beginning of school and during pick up, the doors will be unlocked and you will be able to come into the school without the buzzer. Reminder that the parish end is also getting a buzzing system. You will need to be buzzed during the weekday to get into the parish as well.

Boys' Basketball: Good Luck to our JV and Varsity boys' basketball teams as they compete this weekend in their tournaments. I know they will represent our school well! #Wildcat Proud!

Looking Ahead:

January 11th Spelling Bee: The date was changed so we had to move the bee up two weeks.

January 18th End of the 2nd Marking Period. Half day of school

January 25th Lunch: Hawaiian Roll Ham Sliders (2), Fruit cocktail, and Carrots w/ranch on side cost \$2.00. Please send the money in an envelope with your child's name on the outside labeled Ham Slider Lunch by Tuesday, January 22nd. Provided by Altar Society/Cathy Phipps

January 27th Sunday at the 11:30 Mass: St. Mary Students grades K-8 will be working together to help Father Dan celebrate Mass. We will be asking students to come and take on the different duties and to shine before all of the parishioners as we give praise to God. Our students are awesome at Mass and do a very good job at all of the different tasks. Students will also get a chance to sing in the choir during this time if they wish. There will be a 1 hour practice after school on Thursday, January 24 from 3:15-4:15. Please

see/call/email Mrs. Kinsey if your student(s) will be available to help us celebrate this Mass. She will also be reaching out to different families if spots are not filled.

January 30th Open House for perspective new families 6:00-7:30. Spread the word. Keep in mind that you will receive \$500 off your tuition for any new family that you refer to our school.

February 2nd Auction Night “Under the Stars at the Country Fair”

February 15th 7:00 Mother Son Dance

2019-2020 Kindergarten Parent Informational Meeting will take place on Tuesday March 5 at 6:30. Parents will have an opportunity to meet Mrs. Long, find out about our Kindergarten program, and ask questions. Parents will also sign their child up for readiness testing and parent teacher conference that night.

2019-2020 Preschool Enrollment for current families will take place on Monday March 18. Open enrollment will take place on Wednesday, March 20. Registration packets will be available March 1, 2019. Parents must have all registration papers and deposit turned in to be completely registered and save their spot in the classroom. Children ages 3, 4, and 5 **MUST** be independent in the bathroom and completely out of diapers and pull-ups as we are licensed as a “Preschool” program and not a “daycare”.

The weather outside has been like a yo-yo. Please help your child to be ready for the crazy weather by having coats, snow pants, boots, gloves, and hat.

Thank you for all that you do to make St. Mary Catholic School a great place to be.

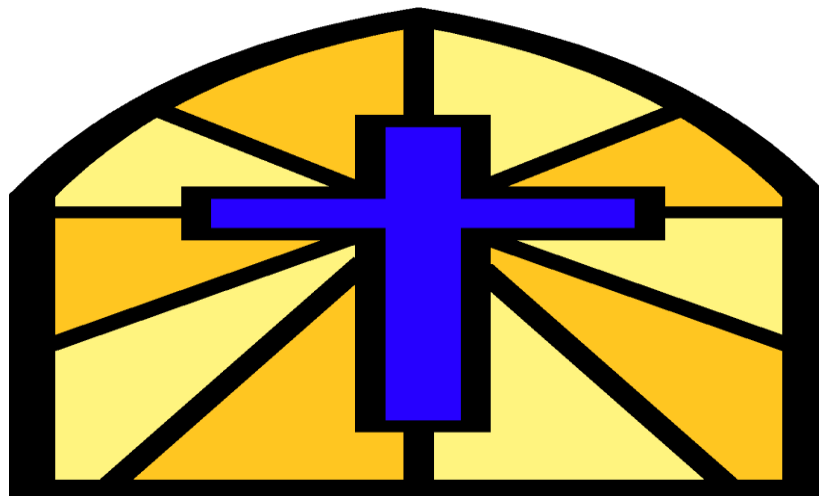
Peace, Veronica Kinsey

CLASSROOM NEWS

4TH GRADE

Happy 2019! As the New Year starts, and the second quarter approaches its end the 4th Grade continues to work hard, and grow both academically and personally. In Religion, we are continuing to learn about the Ten Commandments. Currently, we are focusing on the first three commandments, and how they affect our relationship with God. The students have completed their Alter Server training, and started officially serving in Masses this week. They are so excited to take on this new role in service to Christ. We have also been working very hard on making rosaries. So far, the students have made over a hundred rosaries to be donated!

In Language Arts, we continue to work on identifying and using different parts of speech correctly, in our writing, through our study of grammar, vocabulary, and spelling. In Math, we are building on our knowledge of multiplication. In Reading, we finished reading the novel Holes by Louis Sachar. We had the opportunity to watch the movie and have been comparing and contrasting the two, as well as, discussing its different themes. In Science, we have been talking about the rock cycle and Earth's processes. In Social Studies we are finishing up the Southeast Region of the United States, and will be learning about the Southwest Region next. The students are really enjoying learning about the different parts of our country. We are looking forward to all the upcoming learning experiences, events, and activities the second half of the school year will bring.



FYI

Virtue of the Week

MODERATION meaning: Attention to balance in one's life

LOOKS LIKE: Taking the time each day to pray, Taking the time each day to rest, Taking the time each day to eat, Taking time to do your homework, Not spending too much time on the computer or watching TV

SOUNDS LIKE: I spent time praying today. I have to go to bed on time. It's time to eat. I spent some time doing my homework today. I did not spend too much time on the computer or watching TV

MATTHEW 14:23

And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,

Catholic Schools Week is coming. We have planned lots of great activities for the children during this week. Wednesday, January 30 will be WILD WEST WEDNESDAY in honor of our Auction theme of a country fair. Students can dress in their "country" clothes or come dressed for the Wild West! Start planning now so you can be ready to dress for the occasion!

Project Healthy Schools Wellness Tip: Eating breakfast can help you do better in school because it increases your attention span and memory, gives you more energy, and allows you to feel less irritable and restless. Make sure your family eats breakfast every day!

Family Nights on Fridays at Pathfinder School: Are you looking for ways to stay active as a family on these dark winter evenings? Winter blues and cold weather have you down? Pinckney Community Education offers a Family Night on Fridays, January 4 – March 15, with open swimming, dodgeball, open basketball, weight room, and an indoor walking/running track available. The cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family. See BELOW for more details.

Carry this thought in your heart as a guide for your faith journey this week.

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

The baptism of Jesus continues the theme of Jesus' humanity, which is apparent throughout the Christmas season readings. However, the celebration

of the Baptism of the Lord marks the end of the Christmas season. The baptism of Jesus begins his public ministry. These readings help us understand the significance of the sacrament of Baptism for all Christians.

The Old Testament reading describes a chosen one who will deliver God's people. God's servant will endure suffering and remain faithful to his mission. God's chosen servant will be a light to all nations and bring justice to the world.

Luke's Gospel presents the baptism of Jesus. Jesus comes to John to be baptized. John questions Jesus at first because he thinks that Jesus should be the one to baptize. Jesus tells John to baptize him in order to fulfill what he has come to do. When Jesus comes up from the water, the heavens open and Jesus is revealed as God's Son, the beloved.

- What does the baptism of Jesus tell us about the sacrament of Baptism?
- What do we celebrate in Baptism?
- How is the sacrament of Baptism a new beginning for all Christians?

Baptism and Mission

In the Sacrament of Baptism we are joined to Jesus Christ and we are joined to the Church. We become members of the body of Christ and we share in the mission of Jesus. In Baptism we begin a new life that will be lived in the Spirit.

Water is the main symbol used in Baptism. The term "baptism" comes from the Greek word to "plunge" or "immerse." At our baptism we plunge into the water of new life.

Catholics understand Baptism to be a sacrament that we continue to live throughout our lives. Through Baptism we are charged with the responsibility to continue the mission of Jesus and to participate in the Church's mission of spreading Christ's message of forgiveness and love throughout the world.

- What happens at the celebration of Baptism?
- What is the meaning of the main symbol of water used in Baptism?
- How does our Baptism help us to take on the mission of Jesus?

It's Coming . . .

Friday, January 18, 2019

St. Mary Catholic School



Daddy Daughter DANCE



- 🎵 7:00pm - 10:00pm
- 🎵 \$20 per couple (\$10 per person), \$25 max per family
- 🎵 Admission includes snacks, refreshments and music
- 🎵 FREE unlimited Photo Booth for all !

This community activity
sponsored by the
St. Mary Pinckney
Knights of Columbus
Council #11761



**KNIGHTS
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FAMILY NIGHT

SWIM DODGEBALL BASKETBALL TRACK

November 30 thru December 14 and Wednesday December 19 Friday Nights
&
January 4 - March 15

7:30-9:00 PM

Pathfinder School

\$5.00 per person \$20.00 per family

Family Night is for all community members and guests. Family Night is designed for those families and children who would like to participate in open swim, dodgeball, weight room, the running/walking track and open basketball. The complex gym will be designated for dodgeball. The Pathfinder gym will be designated for open basketball practice and pickup games. All children 13 years and younger will need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian in order to attend family night. Student ID's will be required for all students.

Family Night Parent Responsibilities

Loitering and hanging around the building is not allowed and will not be tolerated. Those participants will be asked to leave and a parent will be called. Please help us to ensure the safety for everyone at Family Night by explaining to your children that they must stay inside the building and use appropriate conduct or they will be asked to leave Family Night activities. Any child 8 years or younger in the pool must be accompanied in the water by a responsible individual 16 years or older. Children must be 10 years of age or older to use the track. REMEMBER: Tennis shoes and shirts must be worn in the gym. Please use rear entrance to the Community Complex. Locker rooms are available for pool use only.

Pinckney Community Education will not be held responsible for any children loitering the outside of the school buildings. Please do not let your child attend Family Night without a responsible adult as they will not be allowed to participate and a parent will be called to pick them up.

Pinckney Community Education is proud of the Community Complex and happy to share the facilities with you. Appropriate conduct and attire is expected of all participants. Adherence to rules will assure your privilege of participation. Specific rules are posted in gym and pool. Pinckney Community Education reserves the right to cancel Family Night, Family Swim and Family Dodgeball if participation is low or if school activities need to be scheduled in the facilities. When Family Night is closed we will try to keep the community informed of these dates.

LETS ALL LIVE HEALTHY ACTIVE LIVES!

Pinckney Pirate High-School 4th Annual Youth Softball Clinic

When: JANUARY 26th, 2019
12:00pm-4:00pm

Where: Pinckney High School Gym

How Much: \$30.00



The girls have the opportunity to meet the High School players and coaches! They will be able to improve skills such as, Pitching, Catching, Infield/Outfield, Hitting, and throwing!

Please Email Elizabeth Kramer to register or Cut the bottom half of this slip off with you cash or check and bring it to your schools office to mail it in to the High School Athletic office

Make checks payable to PHS Softball

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ELIZABETH KRAMER by email @ elizabethkramer1234@gmail.com Or by cell 810-923-2771

Name of player: _____

Age of player: _____

Positions of player: _____ (Primary & Secondary)