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 24, 2019

**Week –At – A - Glance**

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| Friday, January 25, 2019    | 7:30 Band  
|                            | 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 6  
|                            | **Ham Slider Lunch; preordered**  
|                            | Report Cards emailed home |
| Sunday, January 29, 2019    | 11:30 School Mass; students arrive at 11:15 please |
| Monday, January 28, 2019    | Morning Prayer; gr. 5  
|                            | Random Fitness and Spirit Wear Day |
| Tuesday, January 29, 2019   | 7:30 Band  
|                            | PJ and Reading Day  
|                            | 3:30 Wildbots Robotics |
| Wednesday, January 30, 2019 | 8:30 Middle School Mass; gr. 7  
|                            | Wild West Wednesday! 2:30 Basketball game 8th vs. 6/7  
|                            | Salsarita Lunch  
|                            | 6:00-7:30 Open House |
| Thursday, January 31, 2019  | Board Game and Crazy Socks Day  
|                            | 3:30 Wildbots Robotics  
|                            | 3:15 Children’s Choir, Chess, and Homework Help |
Friday, February 1, 2019

- 7:30 Band
- 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 5
- Movie Day
- First Friday Food Drive
- Popcorn Day $.50 bag

Saturday, February 2, 2019

- 6:00 Auction Day; Under the Stars at the Country Fair!

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

Current 8th Grade Parents: Father Dan will be announcing after each Mass this weekend about a Confirmation Meeting for January 27. St. Mary School 8th graders and parents DO NOT need to attend. Our students are getting all that they currently need during the school day. Sarah Salow, Director of Religious Education, will have a meeting in April/May that will include our students.

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: Items needed: We need help building the Pure Michigan baskets! While you are shopping, can you pick up an item or two to help us build some "Pure Michigan" themed baskets? Ideas: syrup, baking mixes, wine, coasters/cutting board, chocolates, books, puzzles, sports teams.... anything to do with our wonderful mitten state!
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. See below for some baskets already made!

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 Platinum Sponsors are: Display Max, Pinckney Chrysler, Desserts By Randy, Boullion Sales, and Assemblers Inc. Our Gold Sponsors are: Lakeland ACE Hardware. Our Silver Sponsors are: Lakeland Chiropractic, Lavey Insurance, Hamburg Laser Dentistry, Mr. Muffler, and Robinson Fence. Please patronize them, and mention the auction when you do. Big thanks to all of our wonderful sponsors! Please use them for your needs and mention St. Mary School when you do!

Live auction highlights: Check out these great items for the live auction:

- Thanksgiving in Orlando, in a gorgeous condo, just minutes away from Downtown Disney and Sea World!
- Whole Hog, ready for your freezer. Consider splitting with another family, or enjoy the whole hog! Mrs. Kinsey gets her hog from this family and it is always delicious! She highly recommends this item!
- Higgins Lake Cottage for a week in the summer
- Orthodontic package worth $2500. A beautiful smile can change your life!
- Tickets to the Lions Thanksgiving Day football game, near the 50 yard line
- Four tickets to the Detroit Tigers opening day baseball game
- Justin Timberlake will rock the house on 3/26 at Little Caesar’s Arena – 6 tickets plus a limo ride! Gotta love this package for sure!
- African Safari – 6 days/6 nights, wild game viewing activities, luxurious accommodations, and meals prepared by the finest international chefs
Mrs. Kinsey’s VIP student of the day – always a hot item with the kids!

**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 is purchasing one too) is being installed and should be finished this week. 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 Thursday, January 17, you will need to buzz the front door to gain access to the school building during the school day. 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 in” during the weekday to get into the parish as well.

**The Diocese of Lansing Catholic School Scholarship:** will be using FACTS again for the 2019/2020 school year. The application can only be completed online. There has been a couple changes. Parents must fill in the parish they belong to and a drop down list is available. 529 plan monies is available for catholic school tuition. Last year it was changed that families could use there 529 plan funds for private K-12 schools. FACTS will assess that 12% of those funds would be available for catholic schools.

For the 2019-2020 school year the application due date will be March 1, 2019. In order to apply for the DOL Grant and the Greater Lansing Catholic Education Fund Grant families will need to:

- Complete the F.A.C.T.S. application by March 1, 2019.
- Include a copy of your 2017 or 2018 tax returns and a copy or their 2018 W-2’s
- Include the $30.00 processing fee.

**St. Mary School Scholarship will be available in February.**

**Looking Ahead:**

**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.

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
2nd Grade

In December, the second graders made their First Reconciliation. Now they are preparing for their second sacrament of the year, First Holy Eucharist. They will celebrate this beautiful event on May 5th. Please keep the children in your prayers, as they prepare their hearts to receive Our Lord!

The second graders are not only hitting milestones in their faith formation, but in some of their academic classes as well. In Math, they have just learned 2-digit addition with carrying over. Their next chapter is on 2-digit subtraction with borrowing! In Reading, they are transitioning from “learning to read” to “reading to learn”.

The class is busy in their other core subjects as well. In Science, after they have completed their landform projects, they will start studying “Earth’s Water”. In Social Studies, they will start discussing and sharing information about their heritage.

It is hard to believe half of the year is already over. The second graders have learned a lot already, but there are more adventures in learning yet to come!
**Virtue of the Week**

**RESPONSIBILITY meaning:** Fulfilling one's just duties; accepting the consequences of one's words and actions, intentional and unintentional

**LOOKS LIKE:** Keeping your room clean, Feeding your pet, Taking out the garbage, Bringing your folder to school each day, Taking your homework home

**SOUNDS LIKE:** I cleaned my room. I fed the dog. I took out the garbage. I remembered to bring my folder to school. I brought my homework home.

**GENESIS 29:1–3**

Then Jacob went on his journey, and came to the land of the people of the east. As he looked, he saw a well in the field, and lo, three flocks of sheep lying beside it; for out of that well the flocks were watered. The stone on the well's mouth was large, and when all the flocks were gathered there, the shepherds would roll the stone from the mouth of the well, and water the sheep, and put the stone back in its place upon the mouth of the well.

**Spelling Bee News:** Congratulations to our Spelling Bee winners. Students from grades 4-8 competed in a classroom spelling bee to determine who would compete in the school wide spelling bee. The top three from each class competed on Friday, January 11th. The first place winner from grades 4-6 was Isabella Wittrup with the runner up Patrick Burke. The first place winner for grades 7-8 was Paulina O’Donohue with the runner up Joe Burke. First place winners will travel to St. Mary Charlotte this Saturday to compete in the diocese wide spelling bee. Good luck! Thank you to the Knights of Columbus who sponsored this event.
**Boys’ Basketball:** Please turn in your uniforms by Tuesday January 29th.

**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!

We will kick off Catholic Schools Week on **Sunday**, January 27 at the 11:30 Mass with students performing the different ministries. **Monday** will be Random Fitness Day with Spirit Wear. **Tuesday** will be PJ and Reading Day. **Wednesday** is Wild West Wednesday as we dress in our western wear. Our Middle school will play a basketball game of 8th gr. vs 6/7 in the gym at 2:30 if you want to come cheer the teams on. We will also have an Open House from 6:00-7:30. **Thursday** is crazy socks and board game day. Wear your favorite socks while playing your favorite board game. **Friday** will be Kale salad taste testing at lunch with movie and popcorn some time during the day.
National Geography Bee: Students in grades 6-8 competed in the National Geography Bee on Monday. Students took a written test to determine who would participate in the official bee. Ten students competed in an “Official Geography Bee” in front of their peers. They were each asked questions one at a time. The final winner was 8th grader Nicholas Marcicky. Nick will take a written test that will go to the National Geography Bee headquarters to be graded at the state level. Good Luck Nick.

Anti-Bullying tips for parents to teach their child by Jeff Veley. We have used his videos with the school children and they are informative and very helpful.

https://www.jeffveley.com/free-video-training-delivery/

Project Healthy Schools Wellness Tip: Wash your hands before eating! Germs, which can make you sick, are spread more easily from your hands, than say, your lips. When you have a cold, keep your hands clean!

Donations for Dominican Republic Mission Trip: The preschool class would like to invite all of our school families to help us as we collect supplies for Debbie Coffelt as she takes off on her 10th annual trip to the Dominican Republic. Her group is working in partnership with Building Bridges of Hope, an organization run by her daughter. We are collecting over-the-counter medications and medical supplies (ie; bandaids, cough syrup, Neosporin, motrin, etc.). We are especially in need of children’s vitamins (NO GUMMIES please). If you are interested in donating supplies, there is a tub located outside of the preschool classroom. THANK YOU!

WE WILL HAVE A SPECIAL DRESS DOWN DAY FOR THIS TO PAY FOR THE LUGGAGE THAT WILL CARRY THE ITEMS DONATED: JANUARY 24 $1.00

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

Nehemiah 8:2-4, 5-6, 8-10  Luke 1:1-4: 4:14-21

In this reading from the Old Testament the sacred scriptures are proclaimed to the Jewish people. God’s Word gives them strength and hope during a time of rebuilding. After their exile, the people of Israel have the task of rebuilding their
nation. Not only were the temple and the holy city in ruins, but the religious identity of the people was also in question. In the Old Testament reading we see what an important role the proclamation of sacred scripture played in renewing Israel’s Covenant with God.

This gospel reading begins with Luke’s introduction to the good news about Jesus Christ. The audience that Luke is writing for has already heard about Jesus. Luke wants to given them a greater understanding of the events that they have already come to know. The gospel reading goes on to mark the beginning of Jesus’ ministry as he reads from the sacred scroll in the synagogue. The people listen to the scriptures with great reverence as Jesus stands to read from the prophet Isaiah. Jesus then interprets the sacred text to find meaning for his life at the time. This reveals how the Word of scripture is living and active. We too can find meaning and direction in the scriptures for our lives today.

- In what way do these readings describe how we worship at Mass?
- When do you listen to the scriptures?
- How can the Bible give direction to your life?
- How can you share the good news about Jesus with others?

Catholics believe that Jesus Christ is the eternal Word of God. Both Scripture and Tradition come from the Word of God. God’s Word helps teach us how to live. God speaks to us through the scriptures. The Holy Spirit inspired the writers of the books of the Bible. Therefore, we believe the Bible reveals the truth as God intends it to be revealed.

Communication helps all our relationships grow. When we read and listen to scripture we enter into a dialogue with God. This prayerful dialogue strengthens our faith and nourishes our relationship with God.
By popular demand, it’s back again ...

Friday, February 15, 2019
St. Mary Catholic School
10601 Dexter Pinckney Road, Pinckney

Mother Son Dance

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

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

Knights of Columbus
In service to One. In service to All.
St. Mary Parish
Men’s Club Presents

THE SEASON BEGINS!

Breakfast with

“PAWS”

Sunday February 3, 2019
From 8:30am to 11:00am

FREE WILL DONATION

Proceeds to Help Support
St Mary School

AREA’S BEST MENU!

Eggs - Scrambled or Fried
Hash Brown Potatoes
Homemade Biscuits & Sausage Gravy
Quiche Ham/Sausage
Pancakes
French Toast, Raisin French Toast
Ham, Pork Sausage Links
Toast-Regular & Raisin
Coffee, Tea, Milk, & Orange Juice
And of Course the Waffle Station!

“PAWS”
Detroit’s Favorite Mascot”
Will be joining us from 10-11am!

Multi Chance Raffle adds to the Fun!

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