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

March 21, 2019

Week –At – A - Glance

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<td>Sunday, March 24, 2019</td>
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<td>Tuesday, March 26, 2019</td>
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Thursday, March 28, 2019

- 3:15 Children’s Choir, Homework Help, and Wildbots Robotics

Friday, March 29, 2019

- 7:30 Band
- 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 7

**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**

THERE IS DEFINITELY A NASTY BUG GOING AROUND THE SCHOOL! ANY OR ALL SYMPTOMS INCLUDE FLU TYPE ACHES AND PAINS, DIARRHEA, VOMITING, SORE THROAT, SINUS ISSUES AND COUGHING! PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR STUDENT TO SCHOOL WITH THESE SYMPTOMS. REMINDER THAT STUDENTS MUST BE FEVER FREE WITHOUT MEDICINE FOR 24 HOURS BEFORE RETURNING TO SCHOOL. WE WILL CONTINUE TO DISINFECT EACH DAY TO HELP REDUCE THE NUMBER OF POTENTIAL STUDENTS GETTING SICK. Thank you so much for your help and cooperation in this matter.

Reminders to your students of hand washing using soap after sneezing (especially if you don’t sneeze in the elbow) and saying a Hail Mary while washing to be sure to get all of the germs is a great way to prevent getting sick. We are encouraging lots of hand washing here at the school.

**Congratulations** to our JV Girls Basketball Team on their season. The girls were 9-1 for the season. They played their final tournament this past weekend and came home with a First Place trophy! This group included 4 fourth graders, 2 fifth graders, and 5 sixth graders. Thank you to Coaches Dan Cooke, Tim Lackey, and Frank Sample for sharing your talents and love of the game! Great job Lady Wildcats!
2019-2020 Enrollment: Families will be automatically re-enrolled in grades Kindergarten to Seventh grade for next year UNLESS you notify the school office by March 15th. Enrollment fees will be billed to family accounts starting April 1 or 15 depending on when you chose to be your billing date. **Families will receive 2 tuition statements for April.** One for this year’s tuition and one for registration fees for next year. Please write two separate checks for that billing period. One check for the current school year with your account number on it and one check for the enrollment fees with that account number on it. **Remember they change the account number from year to year so be sure to check the account number to avoid SMART charging a late fee.**

**Looking Ahead:**

**March 24th** School lead Mass at the 9:00am Mass. Thank you to all who responded to my request. We will practice at school on Friday, March 22 at 9:20.

**April 1st or 15th** 2019-2020 School Registration Due

**April 5th** Parent Contracts for 2019-2020 school year due.

**April 15th** Spring NWEA Testing begins

**April 16th** Spring Pictures
April 17th 11:00 Living Stations of the Cross performed in the gym

April 17th half day of school; Easter break begins at 12:00; April 18-28

May 3rd Eighth Grade Graduation Pictures taken after Mass

May 10th Special school lunch Hotdogs!

MAY 17th 7:30 am Donuts w/Grandparents, Mass, Candle and Ribbon Ceremony, 9:45 Spring Music and Band Concert; 2:00 Living Bible History Museum

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the PTC Meeting this morning! Your input into the school is always greatly appreciated. For those who were not able to attend, the notes from the meeting are below.

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.

Peace, Veronica Kinsey

CLASSROOM NEWS

MUSIC

As we approach the final marking period of the school year, students in music classes have been learning about composers, music history, music notation, and music reading skills.

Band students are continuing to refine their instrument skills; tone production, scales, key signatures, and sight reading are areas of continued development and focus. They are also practicing their music for the spring concert on May 17.

The primary grades are doing a great job reading rhythms, which is a fundamental skill necessary for reading music. They have also been exposed to the life and music of Bach, Mozart, and Beethoven. A few days ago, 3rd and
4th graders attended the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra performance of Carnegie Hall’s "Orchestra Moves". Elementary students from all over the country participated with local orchestras, which gave students the opportunity to play recorders and sing with the orchestra. I think they had a great time and they heard some great music! Thanks to the parents and teachers who made this field trip possible!

The older students have been spending the last few weeks learning more about the history of American music through the lives and music of African American composers and musicians. In the coming weeks, most of music class will be spent preparing each class for their part in the spring music program on May 17th. Let the "joyful noise" continue!
The goals for Spanish class this year are to teach students oral and written vocabulary words on a wide variety of topics, to introduce them to basic language concepts, and to help them understand the people and places where Spanish is spoken. So far, we have learned numbers, the Spanish alphabet, greetings, colors, shapes, calendar and weather words, telling time, family relationship words and me gusta/no me gusta phrases. Throughout the year students have done hands-on projects to help them connect with Spanish and Latino cultures. We have made ojos de Diós (eyes of God) and replicas of Mexican artist Frida Kahlo’s Casa Azul (blue house) and self-portraits. We have learned about Mexican Independence Day, La Posada at Christmas, Valentine’s Day in Mexico, and current issues in US-Mexican politics. To help us experience Latino cultures, eighth graders prepared authentic Mexican foods for a class fiesta.

As spring approaches, younger students will learn the names of plants and animals, clothes and parts of the body in Spanish. Middle school students will use -ar verbs to speak and write grammatically correct sentences in Spanish, using the vocabulary they have learned throughout the year. This year’s Spanish classes are laying a foundation that will help students at St. Mary’s grow in their ability to understand and communicate in Spanish.
Virtue of the Week

**PATIENCE** meaning: Bearing present difficulties calmly

**LOOKS LIKE:** Waiting without complaining, Raising your hand and waiting for Sister to call on you, Raising your hand and waiting calmly for the teacher to answer your question, Waiting in line for lunch, Bearing your own difficulties.

**SOUNDS LIKE:** I will wait for you. I will wait for my turn. I will raise my hand and wait for my teacher to call on me. I will wait my turn. I will not push or cut ahead in line. Jesus, I trust in You! I will not complain.

*James 5:7–8*

*Be patient, therefore, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient over it until it receives the early and the late rain. You also be patient.*

**Project Healthy Schools Wellness Tip:** Broccoli, strawberries, pineapples, and bell peppers are all great sources of vitamin C. Try grabbing one of these vitamin C packed foods next time you want a snack.

**PTC MEETING 3-21-19**

Start time: 8:00

In attendance: Mrs. Kinsey, Julie Flaherty, Kelly Martyka, Jen Cooke, Susan LeVasseur, Becky Lackey

Prayer: Hail Mary

1. **Auction:** Date February 1, 2019
   - Auction Chair: Donna Aullette
   - Need for a new auctioneer; interviews need to happen very soon!
   - Will sent up a meeting to determine what is happening next year.
2. **Becky Lackey:** A spring t-shirt/sweatshirt sale.
   - Possible sweatpants and shorts? If there is interest in sweatpants or shorts I have the catalog with options to discuss. Those present decided against sweatpants. Perhaps a nice light jacket that parents would like. Check with Becky if you are interested
3. Becky Lackey: Sports/Club pictures. I contacted Frazzini Photography and he has openings. He asked if we would be interested in team or team and individual. I asked for pricing and I have some of his photos to show. I want to know if there is interest and if so what options do we want to offer. Do we do this for cross country, volleyball, girls and boys basketball, chess club, robotics, band, any others? My goal would be to have the photographer put us on his calendar and contact us. The contact person can put the photographer in touch with the coach to schedule the picture. Orders, money and shipping can be handled by the photographer.

4. Communication from SWOT:
   - Linda Schneider/Sarah Stuk:
   - Daily emails out need to come out a bit earlier; 5:00 is a suggested time;
   - Send out Messenger to the parish group leaders
   - Display work of kids in hallway leading to the church; before breakfasts weekend

5. Check with Father Dan to see if we could have April 13 at 10:00 an Easter Egg Hunt Open to public; This is not in stone! Father Dan needs to approve first; perhaps it will happen after “Easter Sunday” as Easter is 50 days? Veronica will confirm with Father

6. Volunteers: Group Discussion: How do we get more people to volunteer? Do we assign classrooms to be in charge of certain things; mandatory hours per family; pay to get out of working hours...? Same people doing all of the work. No fundraisers were done in MS this year except for dress down days. Only a few helping with fundraisers and everyone profits/not equal to all. We need to work on this. Maybe a survey to all. Jen offered to make one Survey Monkey

7. Communication: This was brought up during the SWOT meeting. Mrs. Kinsey was not sure what this meant because she was watching children while parents met. If it is communication between parish and school then it is an easy fix. Veronica already sends out emails to all teachers and parish office staff on Friday with at Forecast and the Messenger. She will get the emails of the parish groups and include them on Thursday when the Messenger goes out to families. This way all groups can speak to what is happening in the school. And they can see that we are supporting their efforts too.

End Time: 9:15

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


These readings reveal a God who is merciful and forgiving. In the reading from the Old Testament God reveals the divine name to Moses and the Jewish people. God tells Moses that this divine title is for all generations. The first
reading emphasizes the care and commitment that God has for the chosen people. God is identified as one who is filled with mercy and compassion.

In the Gospel Jesus tells the parable of the fig tree. This story sheds light on the importance of repentance and it informs listeners that God is patient and merciful. In this parable a fig tree is given another chance to bear fruit. This conveys how God patiently waits and longs for the return of those who are loved. In this parable Jesus stresses how important it is for us to return to our true source of nourishment. Jesus calls us to repent and turn back to God. This gospel offers encouragement. We are given another chance to bear goodness.

- Why is it sometimes important to be given a second chance?
- What do these readings say to you about God’s love?
- How can you return God’s love?

"The Lord is kind and merciful." – God’s nature revealed.

The nature of God has been revealed to us through God’s actions in history. God’s actions expose a faithful and loving God. In Jesus we find a God who is merciful and forgiving. Through his teaching and preaching, his life and death, Jesus points to a loving God who is always ready to forgive.

Catholics celebrate the loving kindness of God in the Introductory Rites of Mass. During the Penitential Rite we examine our lives in light of God’s mercy and love. We are given a chance to start anew and turn back to God who patiently awaits our return.

- Do you think of God as being kind and merciful?
- Is it difficult for you to forgive others when they have hurt you?
- How can you be more willing to forgive?

The Gospel in Life

This week write a prayer asking God for forgiveness, then use it for prayer.
St. Mary School
Bunny Run
Family Fun Run/Walk

When: Saturday, April 13 at 9:00 AM

Where: Lakeland Trail – park at the trailhead across from Captain Frosty’s Ice Creamery

What: a non-competitive fun run for St. Mary School families; run 1 or 2 miles; dress for the weather!

Cost: $1 cash per person; money raised will go toward school wellness initiatives

We are a Green School – Bring your own refillable water bottle; snack will be provided
St. Mary School Bunny Run

Yes, I want to do the Bunny Run Family Fun Run!

Meet at the Lakeland Trail at the trailhead across from Captain Frosty’s Ice Creamery

Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 9:00 AM
Run 1 or 2 miles for fun and fitness!

Cost: $1 cash per person

We are a Green School – please bring your refillable water bottle.

Snack will be provided. Dress for the weather!

Family participants:
Name___________________________ (Grade _____)
Name___________________________ (Grade _____)
Name___________________________ (Grade _____)

Adult Name _____________________________
Adult Name _____________________________

If you consent to your child/ren participating in this event, please sign and return this form, with entry fees, by Wednesday, April 10.

Parent/guardian signature: _________________________________

Phone number _________________________________

Date: _________________________________

Parents who are not participating in the Bunny Run must stay and wait for their children to finish. Thanks!
**Wednesday, April 3**
Taco Day with Salad
Soft Ground Beef Taco
*Optional Toppings:*
Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato
*Sides:*
Garden Salad with White Corn
Chips & Mild Salsa
Orange Wedges

Circle Grade & Entrée Size: K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
First & Last Name__________________________

**Wednesday, April 10**
Grilled Chicken Rice Bowl
*Optional Toppings:*
Mexican Rice, Black Beans, Steamed Corn & Cheese
*Sides:*
Chips & Salsa,
Orange Wedges

Circle Grade & Entrée Size: K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
First & Last Name__________________________

Any Dietary Concerns Contact:  
Total Meals Ordered: ________
Connie @ Salsarita’s 810-227-2572  
Total $$ Enclosed: ________ Check #: ____

**APRIL ORDER DUE FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2019**

**MAY ORDER BELOW DUE WEDNESDAY**

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<td>Cheesy Chicken Roll-Up</td>
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St. Mary Parish
Men’s Club Presents
FRIDAY FISH DINNER
Serving From 4:00-7:00 PM

MENU
- Baked or Beer Battered Fried Fish
- Choice of Potato (French Fries, Scalloped or Baked)
- Beets, Cole Slaw
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Cut Veggies, Jell-O
- Homemade Rolls
- Homemade Desserts
- Milk, Coffee, Tea, Punch

For Our Younger Guests
Individual Size Cheese Pizza

Join us each Friday during Lent
March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12
Adults $10.00  Seniors $9.00
Children $5.00 (Under Age 12)
Family $35.00 (Immediate Family Only)
Take-outs Available!

WE NOW ACCEPT VISA, MASTERCARD, AND AMERICAN EXPRESS!

St Mary Catholic Parish - 10601 Dexter Pinckney Rd - 734-878-3161
St. Mary Parish
Men’s Club Presents
COUNTRY STYLE BREAKFAST
Sunday April 7, 2019
From 8:30am to 11:00am
FREE WILL DONATION
Proceeds to be used for New Parish Sign

50/50 Raffle
1ST Prize Half the POT!
Two Chances - 2nd Prize
Certificate to PINCKNEY AUTO WASH

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

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