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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
St. Mary's Parish School
Week of March 29, 2021



Re-registration for the 2021-2022 School Year is Now Open

Please see the important information attached to this Newsletter regarding “re-registration” for 2021-2022 school year along with financial agreement

What is key to note are the following items:

- Families already at St. Mary's are required to yearly re-register their child(ren) (*Re-registration form is as well as the "The Financial Agreement Form is attached."*) Also, needed for re-registration is current immunization information. (PS, PK, K and Gr. 7 have *additional requirements.*)
- Families who are presently at St. Mary's and have a child for another grade need to submit a new “registration” form for the child(ren) (Please call the school office to request this form).
NOTE: IF YOU HAVE A CHILD READY FOR PS OR PK OR K, it is important that you register him/her ASAP---these grades are filling-up fast and you, as families already in school, have the **FIRST** choice of having your child(ren) enrolled. Do not wait to register your child for these grades. Remember for PS and PK in order to be admitted the child is required to be fully immunized (required under our childcare licensing by the City of Moscow) there are **no** exceptions to this requirement. And each student must be fully potty-trained.
- Financial Agreement Form for 2021-2022 School Year is also attached. Most, if not all of our families, should be receiving monthly financial assistance for each of their children from the recent bill passed by Congress, which should assist every family with the 3% increase set by our School Board for 2021-2022 school year.

(NEW THIS YEAR) If a family needs scholarship assistance for 2021-2022 school year, they will need to contact Kathy Burton (or Rasheen Acree) *directly* by calling the school's Business Office (208-882-2121) to receive *The Financial Assistance Application Form*. This form, with all information required, **must be received on/by April 15, 2021** to be considered for a scholarship for the 2021-2022 school year. Once the application is completed with all information required, the Business Office Managers will set-up a confidential meeting with you. **Please note: any forms coming in after the April 15, 2021 deadline may not be considered for the 2021-2022 school year.**

Dates to note for this coming week along with Hot Lunch

Monday, March 29 **Creamed chicken +biscuits+ mashed potatoes + green beans +veggie tray + apples**

Tuesday, March 30 **Taquitos (beef or chicken)+rice + salad+ oranges**



Wednesday, March 31 **Meatballs + noodles casserole +veggie tray +melon**

Vision Screening for the entire school---will be held in the faculty lounge

Thursday, April 1 **NO hot lunch this day---please bring cold lunch**

Holy Thursday Retreat--- *with Seder Prayer Service*

Our tradition at St. Mary's for 25 years is to have a day of reflection, activities and prayer focused on Holy Week (the last week of Jesus' life ending with Insurrection/life/Easter!!) On Thursday, you child will be experiencing these days in a variety of ways.

One way will be a *modified* Seder Prayer Service held at 2:00 p.m. This is based on the yearly Passover the Jewish people experience. This was the day that Jesus had the last meal with his friends and it is at the "Last Supper" that Jesus gave us Himself in what looks like bread and wine.

One part of this service is each person present will be given a food box containing sampling of foods used during the Passover meal: Matzo cracker, grape juice, hard-boiled egg, radishes, etc. IF you are able to donate any of these items please use the following google link to sign up as soon as possible for what you able to make/donate.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1EbB0GV9iPR4T2jG7uGSTwv6q3_1PX696x1dmi2NzP_k/edit?usp=sharing

Please sign on/by Wednesday, March 31 so we know what we still need. For this service students are being grouped in smaller pods (K/1; 2/3; 4/5 and 6-8). They will be guided through the prayer service and then they will go to their "pods" to have the foods in their boxes and talk about their experience. We will be keeping social distancing, etc. but hopefully the students will gain the experience of Jesus' life leading up to His death and resurrection.

All food items are **needed by 9:00 on Thursday, April 1**---thank you so very much for your assistance with this event!

Friday, April 2 **NO SCHOOL Good Friday end of the third quarter** (No Childcare available)

Happy Birthday to our Music Teacher, Nikki Crathorne on April 2nd. many blessings!



Saturday, April 3 **Holy Saturday**



Special blessings and welcome to Krista Shisler who is becoming a member of the Catholic Church at the service on Holy Saturday night. Krista's son is in First Grade.

Sunday, April 4 **EASTER**



Family Faith Formation in St. Mary's Parish is sponsoring an egg hunt for children up to age 12. Come join us after the Easter Sunday 11am Mass for a small hunt around the family center. We will be adhering to all current Moscow mask guidelines. God Bless! Any questions? Please call the parish office at 208-882-4813.

Monday, April 5 **No school** Easter holiday and **no childcare**.....

Other Dates to note:

Friday, April 9 No school: report conferences for those who would like to meet with their child's teacher(s) **There IS childcare** for those who need this service. Please call the school office (208-882-2121) or talk with Lora Johnson in After School **on/by Tuesday, April 6th to sign-up.** **We do need 7 students to offer childcare.** *Also,* Gr. 8 has pre-registration at MHS

Sunday, April 11 Last Parent Session for First Communion

Health Dept. updates from Carol Mohrele:

- A. Masks are still required as is social distancing. However, with the weather becoming warmer, starting March 22 (*assuming no major outbreaks of COVID viruses*) when students are outside for PE, masks maybe brought down and worn around neck. Fresh air and sunshine will be great for health.
 - B. Flowing from i. carpools (short distances) may occur as long as all wear masks in the car.
 - C. Also, "buddy activities" classes mixing may resume---outside but not in classrooms---so walking to the park together with an activity there, etc.
 - D. CDC now says students may be 3 feet apart; adults still 6 feet.
- If your family has been using the **Lenten Rice Bowls** during Lent. Please give them to your child's teacher or to the office or at Mass at church. All donations will be given to Catholic Relief Services.
 - As we all are aware, it has only been a little over a year ago when we had to close down due to the pandemic. Recently, I read the following prayer/reflection that touched me and I wanted it to share it with all of you too. It is by Nadia Bolz-Weber.

"As we reflect upon the past year, and move forward into a future we can't predict, gently remind us that a year ago we didn't know how to live through the evaporation of all our plans, and the deaths of those we loved, and social turmoil, and an isolation we thought we surely could not bear... We did not know how we were going to live without travel and sacraments and movie theaters and hugging our parents and yet ... somehow, we did. Help us remember that we somehow got through this year without first knowing how we would do it and that you have been in every moment already, and you will be in every moment to come. So, we thank you that you are our somehow, that your sweet Holy Spirit has accompanied us, equipped us, and comforted us – even when we failed to notice it, feel it, believe it or be grateful for it."

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