

St. Mary's Parish School Newsletter
Week of May 15, 2022



*Where Respect, Resourcefulness
and Responsibility is Lived*



The School Auction 2022 was at the 1912 Building on Saturday, May 14 (live and hybrid)---it was a great success in ALL ways! A huge thank you to all our families who

contributed by their service hours/donations given who made the auction so much fun and it was so successful. This was the 47th ANNUAL Auction the school has had. There were those present on Saturday who were at the first Auction in 1975 as well as about 30 new persons for whom this was their first auction! FINAL figures costs have not been fully itemized yet, but it definitely looks like we have made (and exceeded) our goal of \$85.000!!!!

On behalf of the whole school, we want to say a huge *thank you to our fundraiser coordinators:*

Dianna Spellman and Natalie Johnson for doing such a marvelous job!



Monday,	May 16	<u>Lunch menu</u> Chicken + Rice (Hawaiian Haystacks)
Tuesday,	May 17	<u>Lunch menu</u> Spaghetti with Meatballs/bacon bits
Wednesday,	May 18	<u>Lunch menu</u> Waffles and Sausage
Thursday,	May 19	<u>Lunch menu</u> Pizza Muffins with Pepperoni
Friday,	May 20	<u>Lunch menu</u> Bacon + tomatoes + penne pasta

Mass at 9:00 a.m. with Grade K/3 as prayer leaders

Is there a parent that can assist in **mowing the front lawn** at school? If you can, please call Debbie Johnson at the school office and let her know: 208-882-2121. Thank you!





To our newest aide in the classrooms, Ms. Erika Larson. Ms. Larson comes from a family of teachers (3 generations). She is assisting students cross the grades and will be working in our summer program too. We are happy to have her with us.

As you the Penny Wars this year was for the benefit of the Bright Family to assist them with expenses for their son, Samson, has been overwhelming this year!!! Thank you each and every one for being so super generous. There was a mistake as to WHICH class was the leader.....

THE **top class** that brought in the **most pennies/money as a CLASS** was **Grades PS/PK**.

With the TOTAL AMOUNT of MONEY = \$623.82

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The **top class** that brought in the **most money per student was Grades 7 and 8**.

With \$53.53 per student—total \$535.31 as a class!!

HOWEVER, the total school did an OUTSTANDING effort, so every student has earned a Pizza lunch and a Bingo party. Date **TBD---it will be soon!**

Special ice cream treats to PS/PK and Grades 7/8. Congratulations

Some Questions That Have Been Asked:

- Q. We heard that there was a gathering of parents/children that would be members in the Fall for the Middle Grades. Can you tell us about it, please?**
- A.** This is from Mrs. Sandra Izzo: “Last Wednesday evening, May 11, we had a great meeting with the students and families of next year's middle grades. The tentative weekly class schedule was shared, and it was announced that every Friday afternoon will include an elective (this is in addition to P.E., Music, and Religion). In the first semester, all students will have Health and Study Skills as electives, and in the second semester students may choose from Art, Outdoor Education, Journalism/Yearbook, and Teacher/Office/Library Aide. We also discussed several extra-curricular opportunities, which include the possibility of having school sports teams. We will be gathering with the students soon during a lunchtime to determine what sports they are interested in and then how to move forward. Lastly, we shared some exciting news of a fabulous grant we'll be receiving and invited parents to share their ideas on how to use the funds to improve student learning. If you would like to know more details from the meeting, please see the included pdf of our slideshow presentation, and you're welcome to ask further questions.” **Slideshow that was presented at the meeting is attached.**

Q. Will there be training for altar servers for the Masses at St. Mary's?

A. Yes, there is. We are looking for volunteers for every Mass. If you are interested in altar serving please join Bill Kerr after the 11 o'clock Mass on May 22nd to be officially trained. Altar Servers must be in the fourth grade or older. Adults are more than welcome to be trained as well. Questions? Call Bill 208-596-1942.

Q. We understand there will be a new and updated Science Curriculum for PK through Grade 8 in the Fall. Is this true?

A. Yes, it is. We have been investigating and seeking out the best program for the students. We have decided on a comprehensive program that is already in many Catholic (and other) schools throughout the country. It is Mc Graw Hill's INSPIRE Science. Basically, its focus is to:

- ✚ Inspire Curiosity by sparking critical thinking
- ✚ Inspire Investigation by sparking inquiry-driven exploration
- ✚ Inspire Innovation by sparking creative solutions to real world challenges.

We believe all the students will thrive and grow in this newly adopted program.

Some Dates to Note in the Days/Weeks Ahead

RUMMAGE SALE: The Catholic Women's League Rummage sale is May 20/May 21st. Please drop off your saved items at the Family Center beginning Monday 9am, May 16th. The sale will be Friday 4pm-7pm and Saturday 8am-noon. Volunteers are always welcome. Contact Sylvia Brown at (509) 338-1251 or sylbrown@live.com

Tina Anderson (Music Minister at St. Mary's for the last 24 years) is leaving to continue her studies in medicine. We are having a thank you/Farewell Party for her. All are invited to come and say "thank you Tina"! Mark your calendar for Sunday, May 22nd to celebrate Tina Anderson and all the music she has brought to our Parish. So now is the time for St. Mary's to come together to show our appreciation for all that she has done these many years. Tina's Farewell Party Coming to Tina's Thank You party?

When: Sunday, May 22 after the 11 am Mass

Where: Parish Center What to Bring: side dishes (i.e. salads, chips, fruit, veggies). KC's are doing burgers and dogs, CWL will provide desserts and drinks. Plan on coming to the potluck gathering to celebrate all that Tina has brought to our parish.

Remember Next Sunday, May 22 from noon to 2:30. Bring a dish to share!

The Lion King is coming on **Thursday, May 26** at the Nazarene Church....This wonderful concert will be under the direction of Ms. Nikki Crathorne involving the children. This is the first time we have been able to do a live play since Christmas 2020!!! Please invite your family, friends, neighbors to come and enjoy the time with us---it will be wonderful!



The next day, **Friday, May 27** we celebrate as **Grandparents Day!** We have a great lunch for all plus some fun activities (more details coming on this event).



St. Mary's Parish School is accepting applications for Fall 2022 for the following positions:

- **Grade 3 full time teacher;**
 - **Full time Social Studies/English teacher for Grades 6, 7 and 8;**
 - **Full time Aides**

Contact the school for more information and application form.

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