



St. Mary's Catholic Elementary School Friday Notes – Sept. 10, 2018



Not Yet, but we will get it!

One of our big ideas as we kicked off this school year is that of a Growth Mindset. It is an idea that is growing in understanding. The heart of it is that we help kids grow in all areas by encouraging them that they have the potential to learn and improve. I love that it is an idea which greatly helps students develop perseverance. If there is one thing we know for sure, hard work will always be the best approach. Talents can be fleeting, but giving your faith, academics, and athletics all your best will result in the best possible outcome. You may not always get an "A" or win the game, but they will know they put their God-given talents to work in the best way they could. It seems this is also the message from the Saints. Many had difficult lives and struggles, but they persevered even though it seemed impossible. One very recent example was St. Monica who prayed unceasingly for her son who eventually had a total conversion and died as St. Augustine. I have started our virtue presentations this month on Hope and continue to share with students that God has a beautiful plan. I pray that they not lose hope and that they can persevere through life's struggles.

Virtues in Practice
(Year of Hope)

Sept. Hope

Trusting in God's
Loving Plan

K-2: St. Joseph

3-5: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Lessons start next week

God Bless you and your families. May you have a blessed Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady on Sat.

Mrs. Zook

T-Shirt Fundraiser is Under Way!! Please read your packet and call the school with any questions. It is easy and one of 2 we do during the year, so please give it your all. St. Mary's keeps ALL the funds raised!

Upcoming Events:

Thu., Sept. 13: T-Shirt Fundraiser packets due

Fri. Sept. 14: School Pictures—Students may dress up as long as they are modest. [Length of at least finger tips, wider straps or covered, and no leggings unless covered.] No jeans on picture day. They may always wear school uniform, too. – **No money now**—order packets will come home in a couple weeks.

Fri. Sept. 14: Mid-term ends. Grades will come home next week.

Gratitude ~ Thank you all of our families who have generously donated time and treasures to the Holy Family Child Care Center!

Intentions ~ Prayers for these families who welcomed **new little ones** this summer:

Kenzie to Todd and Kandi
DeWispelare, Camden (2), Kollyns (PS).

Prayers



A Note from the St. Mary's Spiritual Coordinator Happy Birthday, Mary!

On Sept. 8th we celebrate Mary's birthday! Different parts of the world celebrate this special feast in different ways. Since September 8 marks the end of summer and beginning of fall, many of the celebrations involve crops and livestock. In the Old Roman Ritual there is a blessing of the summer harvest and fall planting seeds for this day. The winegrowers in France called this feast "Our Lady of the Grape Harvest". The best grapes are brought to the local church to be blessed and then some bunches are attached to hands of the statue of Mary. A festive meal which includes the new grapes is then eaten. In the Alps section of Austria this day is "Drive-Down Day" during which the cattle and sheep are led from their summer pastures in the slopes and brought to their winter quarters in the valleys. This is usually a large caravan, with lots of decorations, and festivity. In some parts of Austria, milk from this day and all the leftover food are given to the poor in honor of Our Lady's Nativity.



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We hope that everyone received their packets and is excited about this year's T-shirt project. And most importantly – we hope that you are having FUN with it! This project is our only FUNdraiser this year, aside from our annual soup supper. **So it's extremely important that we have EVERYONE'S full support and participation.** In return – we promise to keep it FUN!!!

This FUNdraising money is necessary to keep our school current and to purchase things that aren't in our regular school budget. For example, painting of the bathrooms and black top games, the St Mary's logo on the chain link fence of the playground, and the beautiful awning at the front entrance were purchased with funds from last year's t-shirt project. **We are hopeful that, with another successful fundraiser this year, we will be able to look into some exciting upgrades to our school's exterior!** So you can see how very important these funds are in maintaining our school and keeping it the wonderful, safe, FUN place that it is!

One tip that we wanted to share is that it is far more effective to do your fundraising in person/face to face. Sending an email/text or posting to Facebook probably won't get you your optimal results.

You probably won't be surprised to find that we have a couple of FUN things planned to get everyone involved and excited about this project.

#1- Any students that participate in the FUNdraiser will be rewarded with ice cream! And not just any ordinary ice cream, but ice cream sundaes with your choice of crazy-fun toppings. Gummies, marshmallows, oreos, you-name-it! If any of you remember last year's ice cream party, you know what we're talking about. So you won't want to miss out on this one!!!

#2- Each family that meets their **\$200 suggested goal** will be rewarded with a 'surprise prize'. Each St. Mary's School student in your family will take home a cool prize.

So for the sake of ice cream sundaes, surprise prizes, reserved program seats and just for the FUN of it – get busy collecting donations!!! **It is exciting to think of the potential that we have when we all work together for our school!**

The following sponsors have generously given to our project to cover all expenses. Thanks to them, 100% of the donations you collect will go to St. Mary's School! Please remember this and thank them when you see them and also remember to support their businesses!

Bank of the Valley	Benes Services
Butler County Clinic	Chermok Funeral Home
Egr, Birkel and Wollmer PC	Groene Chiropractic
Hartman Auto Repair	Hilger Alfalfa
Kobza Ag and Home/Callaway Rolloffs	Krivanek Construction
Moravec Auction Co.	Moravec Financial Services
Northside	Optimal Health Chiropractic
Vandenberg Electric	Skyhawk Transfer Inc

And remember these shirts are going to be awesome! Everyone should have one!!!
What are you waiting for?!?! Get busy St. Mary's Families!
Good Luck! And remember.....have F – U – N!!!!

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-----Packets due back Thursday, September 13th at 8 a.m.-----

Feast of the Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary (Sept. 8)

Here are some pictures from the celebration of Mary's birthday on Friday, an important feast day for our school.

Students had Adoration available all day. Then, at 2:30 they received a colored rosary from Spirit Club and prayed a rosary together led by Fr. Timmerman and the 5th graders, then enjoyed a popsicle in the gym (since weather was pretty misty.)

