

February 2, 2018

Dear Parents,

Happy Winter!!! According to the Groundhog, we have a few weeks left.

Our Charity Dress Down this week was to Ronald McDonald House. We raised \$383.16. Students in Mrs. McAtee's class will be going on an awareness trip to our local Ronald McDonald House. They brought in the most cash. This brings our total for 2017-2018 to \$5,584.82. We have also collected 447 canned goods for St. Peter's Outreach, 835 boxes of Jell-O for the Newton County Food Basket, and 69 pairs of PJ's for Children's Haven. We are blessed to have such generous families.

Please check the calendar of events. Valentine Parties will be at 2:00 on Tuesday, February 13th. Also, we will have King's cake at lunch time. It is a free dress day on Tuesday and Thursday. Students are welcome to wear Mardi Gras colors (Purple, green, and gold), but it is not required for the free dress. Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, so uniforms are required. Mass is at 8:30. As it turns out, Thursday is our normal free dress. Sorry for the craziness!!


Attached are the Home and School Minutes.

I was notified by the Springfield-Cape Girardeau Catholic Center. Our students competed in various "Voice for Life" Contests. This contest was divided by the East and West sides. Students who won from JACS were 2nd Place: Quinn Gorman, coloring contest; 1st Place: Miley Dang, poetry contest; 1st Place: Gabby Guodace, poster contest; Honorable Mentioned: Isabella Griffin, poster contest. Bishop Rice is honoring these students at the 11:30 Mass at St. Agnes on Sunday, February 11th. If you have any questions, please call Kathleen Keesee (573-334-7298) or Carl Schimek (417-496-1235).

Yearbooks are on sale until March 1, 2018. The price is \$15.00. To order visit: www.inter-state.com/yearbook and enter this code: 22768Q. Also, we still need pictures e-mailed to the office to add to the yearbook. That e-mail is stmaryschool@jacss.org

On Wednesday, we had a kick-off assembly for our upcoming Jump Rope for Heart Event later this month. Students were shown a video introducing the different thank you gifts they can earn by collecting donations. They were encouraged to try to do so in three ways:

1. By using the envelope (ENVELOPES ARE DUE FRIDAY, MARCH 2)
2. Email-- go to heart.org/jump and register
3. App on your phone/any device (Apple/Android)-- [jump/hoops](#)

The email and app are both very user-friendly and an easy way to reach out to family and friends all over. This is our 4th year to participate, and in the past three years, our St. Mary's students have raised over \$25,000!! You read it correctly--TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS!! Students are learning about taking care of their hearts and making good choices--eating more fruits and vegetables, drinking fewer sugary drinks and more water, never using tobacco, being active for at least 60 minutes a day, and lowering their sodium intake. We've also talked about nutrition labels, and I've asked the students to bring some in to share with the class. Thank you for your support and generosity. We've already raised almost \$300! I will keep you updated!! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask!! 
Mrs. Black

I want to let you know that at the close of this year, I will be RE-RETIRING. I have been involved in education for 38 years (some of you aren't that old). This does not include my formal schooling and college...Yikes, don't add. I have certainly enjoyed my time at St. Mary's. I don't plan to be a stranger and I hope you won't be either.

Thanks to 1st grade for their great job at Mass. Thanks, too, to Fr. Justin for presiding.

Thanks for your time this time until next time!!

Ann Hamlet, Principal

MASS SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY:14 – Schoeberl/McAtee; 23 - Lone

MASS SCHEDULE FOR MARCH: 2 – Hosp; 9 – Staton; 16, 23, 30 NO SCHOOL

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Upcoming Events

February 12	Moe's Monday
February 13	3rd Grade go to Spiva
King's Cake at lunch	
	Valentine's Day Parties 2:00
	Free Dress – Mardi Gras colors or just free
February 14	Ash Wednesday Mass at 8:30
February 15	Free Dress
February 19	No School – President's Day
February 21 – 26	Jump Rope for Heart - Support AHA
March 7	Charity Dress – Fr. Rahab, Hope Academy
March 9	Early Out 12:30 (St. Mary's)
	End of 3rd Qtr.
March 12	Moe's Monday
March 14	Spring Pictures – Free Dress
March 15	Spring Pictures – Free Dress

Evening Conferences

March 16	Morning Conferences
March 16	12:00 pm begin Spring Break
March 17 – 25	Spring Break
March 26	Welcome Back
March 29	Holy Thursday – Dismiss at 12:30
March 30 – April 2	Easter Break
April 3	Classes resume