

Principal's Newsletter

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**Happy New Year to all of our St. Mary's Families!
May 2012 bring you good health and God's
blessings throughout the year.**

On behalf of the faculty and staff here at St. Mary's School please accept our sincere thanks for your generosity to us during the Christmas season. Your thoughtfulness to us is greatly appreciated and will not soon be forgotten. We are really fortunate to be a part of such a warm, supportive community. Thanks again for your support.

Christmas Pageant

Congratulations to our students and teachers in Grades 5-8 for their beautiful presentation of the Christmas Pageant. It was a heart-warming and moving event that will long be remembered by all who attended. If you missed it, please view pictures on the Home Page and save the date for next year. Special thanks to Mr. Flint (gr. 8) and Mrs. Murray (gr. 6) for organizing and producing the performance. It truly reflected the real spirit and meaning of Christmas.

Special points of interest:

- Re-Registration begins on January 17
- Catholic Schools Week begins January 29
- Robotics begins on January 9 and 11
- Our monthly school Mass will be on Friday, January 6
- School Auction will be held on March 2

Re-Registration Begins Soon

Re-Registration for the 2012-2013 school year for present St. Mary's students will begin on Tuesday, January 17th. Re-registration forms will be on the website. Please send in this form by Wednesday, January 25th. A family deposit of \$400.00 for students entering grades K-8 will be due March 1, 2012. Students entering PreSchool, will require an additional deposit of \$400.00 which is due at registration. If you have a NEW student entering St. Mary's

School for the 2012-2013 school year, you must register your child by Wednesday, January 25th. Registration forms can be found on the website. All students are required to pay a registration fee of \$200.00 with form. Siblings have first preference for available seats before the Open House, so please do not hesitate. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Remembering Clara

January 19th is the birthday of Clara Sexton, a former student, who died last year of a liver disease. To celebrate her life, we will have a dress down day on Thursday, January 19th. All donations will go to the Liver Foundation in her memory.

Tuition Set

Tuition for next year has been set. There will be a \$175.00 increase in tuition to cover increases in salaries, insurance premiums and benefits. The tuition for the 2012-2013 academic year will be:

1 child	\$4,800.00
2 children	\$9,200.00
3 or more children	\$13,400.00

Tuition assistance is available to those who qualify. In April, applications will be on-line for all those who would like to apply for financial aid. Both PreK Programs filled up quickly last year, so please be sure to register to save your spot for next year. We have a 3 and 4 year old program and a half day or full day option. The Preschool rates are as follows:

5 full day program	\$5400.00
5 half day program	\$4150.00

Progress Reports

Progress Reports for all students in Grades 5-8 will be distributed on Thursday, January 19th. This is a wonderful teaching and learning time and there is plenty of opportunity to make a difference in effort and grades. Feel free to contact your child's teacher if you need help or guidance.

School Auction

St. Mary's PTO is planning for its biggest fundraiser of the year... the School Auction.. so **Save the Date.. Friday evening, March 2, 2012.** This event will be held at Montvale Plaza. More information will be forthcoming from the PTO.



Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools week will begin on Sunday, January 29, 2012. Our theme this year is *Catholic Schools Faith, Academics & Service*. Open House for new students will be held on Sunday, January 29th from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. Student Council representatives will pair with teachers to give tours to prospective parents. Parent volunteers are also needed. If you are available to volunteer, please let Mrs. Mobilia know. We will have a meeting for all volunteers before the Open House.



If you have friends or family interested in St. Mary's School, please spread the word. History has shown that our best advertisement is our own families so if there is someone you know who is interested in registering their child, pass on the information or have them call the office.

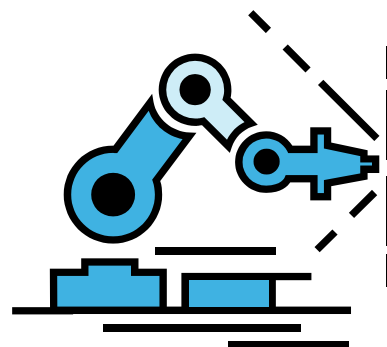
Storm Closing

If there is NO school at St. Mary's School due to weather, you will receive notification through our phone system.

We usually follow the Melrose Public Schools.

Robotics Begins New Session

Our Robotics Club is now accepting registrations for a new session. Robotics is open to students in grades 4-8 and meets on Monday evening for beginners and on Wednesday nights for advanced classes. Please check the website for more information. Classes begin on January 9th and January 11th.



Servants Heart Pantry

Thanks to all who have sent in items for the Servants Heart pantry. This month the following items will be collected:



- PreK & K—brownie mix
- 1—canned spaghetti and meatballs
- 2—instant hot cereal
- 3—tuna fish
- 4—canned chili
- 5—canned fruit
- 6—Ramen noodles
- 7 & 8—juice

Thank you for your continued support. Feel free to call me or stop by if you have any questions or concerns.

May the New Year make us more gentle and open to God's unconditional love.

For future planning, there will be NO school on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 thru Friday, April 13, 2012 due to the NCEA Convention which is being held in Boston this year. All teachers will be attending this conference for professional development. Our vacation club program will be available during these days as well as February and April vacations.