

# Apple Bytes

December 5, 2018

St. Mary School Newsletter



*First Week of Advent*

Dear St. Mary School Families,

I encourage all school families to participate in the Parish Family Advent Evening TONIGHT from 6:30 pm to 8:00 p.m. In the Gym. Today's newsletter includes an attached article about Advent. Please take time to read this excellent reflection on Advent.

REMINDER: This Saturday is the Feast Day (Holy Day of Obligation) of the Immaculate Conception. Mass will be offered at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> or Friday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00.

## **VERMILION EDUCATION FOUNDATION THANK YOU!!!!**

On behalf of the St. Mary School and staff, I want to extend a sincere THANK YOU to all of those who contributed to this year's Vermilion Education Foundation. We are grateful for the kindness and generosity of the following who supported all of the St. Mary School's requests:

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God bless,

*Mrs. Barb Bialko*

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Principal

**INTERIMS** - will be available today online for grades 3 and up and grades K-2 will be sent home.

**STORYTELLING** – Storytelling will meet tonight, **Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>** and preform for the **Christmas Program on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**. (children **MUST** have a note each day stating they will be attending).

**SCHOOL MASS** – will be **Friday, December 7 at 9:00 am Gr. 2/3.**

**SANTA SHOP** – St. Mary's PSO will host their annual **Santa Shop on Friday, December 7, 2018** for **Preschool and Kindergarten through Grades 6.** (set up is **Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> pm at 2:40 until approximately 6:00**), The children have received a letter and a shopping list this week. **Please make sure you send the list and money in Friday morning with your child** in an envelope with their name on it. **Preschool parents may stop in from 8:15 am -2:30 pm with your preschooler to shop. (except 12-12:30 when the elves will be having lunch).** The children can buy up to 10 items each. Items will be between \$1.00 - \$7.00. Pay by cash or checks made out to St. Mary PSO. **We still are in need of volunteers, contact Jean at 440-787-4818. This is a dress down day. Children may wear a Christmas top or green/red top with jeans.**

**KIDZART** – Kidzart will meet on **Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>,** through **Tuesday, February 12, 2019.** (please send in a note stating your child will be staying with the proper date)

**PSO** –Thank you for purchasing from The Stoller Fundraising and T-Shirt/sweatshirt Fundraiser. (more information to follow when these items will be ready for pick up). The next PSO meeting is **Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Library.** Please join us at Quaker Steak and Lube on **Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from noon-10pm** and celebrate the holidays with your St. Mary family and friends. PSO will receive 10% of all food purchases that day! A holiday party for the kids with games, treats and prizes will run from 5-9! Santa will visit from 5-7! Prizes will be awarded for "most festive" holiday party attire! As always, take your chances on one of our amazing raffle baskets. Come support your school and have lots of holiday fun! See attached flyer for more exciting information.

**4 YR. OLD PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** – St. Mary **4 yr. old Preschool** will have their Christmas Program on **Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm in the gym.**

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** – St. Mary K-6 will hold their Christmas Program on **Thursday, December 13 at 1:30 and again at 6:30 pm in the gym. This is a dress up day for the children.**

**MARCO'S PIZZA** –next Marco's night is **Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.** Go online or call at 967-7555. Order under St. Mary School.

**NO SCHOOL – CHRISTMAS BREAK** – starting **Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>** through and including **Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.** School will resume **Wednesday, January 2, 2019.**

**ACADEMIC CHALLENGE** – the next dates for Academic Challenge will be **Thursday, January 17 and 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**LATE START DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDARS** - The next delayed starts are – **February 25, April 22 and May 20<sup>th</sup>.** Vermilion School District will not have buses available until 2 hours later than the normal time that they pick your child up. **NO FIRELANDS MORNING Buses** will run these day for St. Mary Students, but **Fireland's Bus will pick up at 3:15 pm.** 4 yr. old morning Preschool will start at 8:15/8:30 each of these days. Congratulations to the children who won the Vermilion City Christmas Tree Coloring Contest: Parker Dreher, Easton Geary, Joey Roztas, Victoria Smith, Bailee Shepherd, Cara Caffarel, Caroline Riddle, Sylvia Linnell, Addisyn Montgomery, Austin Phillips. Your child will bring a letter with information on where they should be on Saturday, 12/1/18 for their award.

