

St. Mary's Catholic School

Friday Notes

Available with additional pictures and attachments in parent's email and online at https://www.aquinas-catholic.com/stmarys/friday-notes/ (Please let us know if you did not receive them in your email.)

February 27, 2020

Lots of STEM Bubbling Up

From Preschoolers bubbling up volcanos to students making slime and growing butterflies, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) projects are going all over St. Mary's. St. Mary's has always had a very strong science curriculum, but it was realigned and strengthened in 2018 when the teachers from St. Mary's and Aquinas met over the summer to work on it. We added some new, hands-on science investigation units last year as well. We added robotics as an optional program last year. Through a grant from ADM for this year, we hope to provide activities for students at all grade levels soon. In class, you will find students studying some exciting topics such as:

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K	Physical	Testing items in water and				
	properties of	building structures for				
	materials (wood,	strength				
	metal, etc.)					
1 st	Weather and	Creating mini-weather				
Grade	seasons	systems and watching them work				
2 nd	Life cycles of	Raising butterflies and				
Grade	plants and	watching all phases				
	animals	-				
3 rd	Physics of	Building vehicles of various				
Grade	motion and	materials and testing their				
	position	properties				
4 th	Makeup of earth	Creating levels of soil and				
Grade	materials and	mixes and testing their				
	gasses	properties				
5 th	Roles of all parts	Building worm habitats and				
Grade	of ecosystems	watching their breakdown of				
		materials				
3 rd -5 th	Robotics	Engineer a robot to				
(Adding	(Optional) -	accomplish a task, program in				
some PK-2nd	about 1/3 of	coding language, research/				
soon)	students	present a scientific solution to				
,	participate	a problem.				
K-5	Computer	Using technology to practice				
	classes/lessons	reading and math; learning				
		keyboarding (3 rd -5 th); and				
		learning coding.				

These are just SOME of the great activities students are doing to grow in their knowledge of STEM content. Look for more to come!

PRAYERS

❖ For our <u>Lenten Prayer Partners</u>—ask your child who they are praying for.

VIRTUE IN PRACTICE for March Mercy: Caring for those who suffer; forgiving when they don't deserve it. St. John Vianney (PK-2), St. Faustina (3-5)

THANK YOU

* Mrs. Nancy Theewen for her hard work leading St. Mary's kitchen for the last several years. She has been a real blessing to us and will be heading off into retirement fun with her husband. Thank you, Mrs. Nancy!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

FACTS is open, can start applying for Good Shepherd Diocesan Scholarships now. EASIER application and expanded to help more families this year! Must apply for 4th+ child free. DUE MAR. 31 (Can use 2018 or 19 taxes)

Fridays, 5-7:30, KC Fish Fry-St. Mary's gym

Wed., Mar. 4, 10 AM Late Start, Teacher Prof. Development

Thu., Mar. 5, 8 AM Baptism Mass, end of 3rd Quarter (list on page 2)

Fri., Mar. 6, No School

Tue., Mar. 10, Bring a SACK LUNCH, milk available for purchase. St. Mary's Soup Supper, 5-7 PM, SM Gym. Lots of fun games, tasty food, and some raffles and prizes. Every family will have an important role—assignments will come home Mon or Tue. Thank you for your help with this big fundraiser!

March Bap	tism Celebr	ants		
Gunner	Marushak	5	Α	1-Mar
Landon	Pohl	5	Α	1-Mar
Skyler	Vandenberg	5	Α	29-Mar
Amir	Rerucha	4	Α	14-Mar
Masen	Jelinek	3	Α	20-Mar
Maddox	Kobza	2	В	24-Mar
Leonard	Schmid	2	Α	11-Mar
Ronda	Schmid	2	Α	11-Mar
Jett	Schommer	1	В	30-Mar
Audrey	Kunasek	1	В	17-Mar
Rylin	Pracheil	K	Α	2-Mar
Hunter	Kobza	K	В	9-Mar
Brooke	Sabata	K	В	9-Mar
Dylan	Fozzard	K	В	13-Mar
Kayla	Kresha	K	В	30-Mar



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Soup Supper, Carnival Games & Silent

Auction



Tuesday, March 10th, 2020 from 5-7:00 pm

Adults \$7 Children \$5

(3 years and under free)

~Carry Out & Drive Thru Available~
St. Mary's Gym at 1026 5th St, David City

**Soup Supper assignment sheets will be sent home Mon or Tue. Thank you for helping with this BIG fundraiser for St. Mary's School!! We couldn't do it without you! Items needed for the Soup Supper raffle items: Are you crafty or have fun items to share? We'd love to add them to our list please let the office or Heidy Svoboda know.

BOXTOPS UPDATE:

We earned \$126

last time, for a total

of \$877.60 so far this year! Keep it

up and download the App if you haven't, yet!

This money funds all Spirit Club events.

From the Spirit Club Spiritual Coordinator:

BABY UPDATE: Your baby is now 30 weeks (fetal age). He is roughly 17 inches long and weighs 4 lbs. Breathing motions are increasingly common even though there is no air in the womb. These motions are essential for normal lung and chest development. Your baby's heart has beat about 42 1/2 million times since it first began.

St. Mary's and Aquinas have partnered with Tommy Hilfiger Uniforms who can provide the same quality uniform items for 20-45% cost savings!

St. Mary's will continue with our transition of navy/blue to black/gold until the end of next school year (May 2021). Beginning in Fall 2021, this will be our uniform.

You may purchase items now if you like from the address and code below.

(I would NOT order sweaters or cover-ups, yet. We will have a free logo sale with them before school starts. Then, you can have them embroidered for free.)

- *Items that *must* be purchased through Tommy Hilfiger:
- **St. Mary's:** plaid skirts, plaid jumpers, sweatshirt cover-ups, and "jacket" cover-ups
- Aquinas: for 4th-5th graders watch the Torch for Aquinas requirements, may want shorts/pants, etc. from Tommy to be able to carry over



