

# SAINT MARY'S BUZZ

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## **MAY'S VIRTUE: A HEART FOR MISSIONS**

*Lord, please help our children to develop a desire to see Your glory declared among the nations, Your marvelous deeds among all peoples.*

*Ps. 96:3*

## **OUR MAY SERVICE PROJECT:**

*T-Shirts for Nicaragua!*

## **PROGRESS REPORTS TODAY**

Progress reports are coming home today for students in grades 3-8. Progress reports are an important mid-term update on your child's work and successes in the current trimester. Please be sure that you review your child's progress report, and be sure to contact us if there are questions or concerns. Thank you!

## **SPEAKING OF PROGRESS: PREPARING FOR THE YEAR AHEAD!**

Our faculty is currently reviewing new programs in both Religion and Literacy for the upcoming 2017 -2018 school year and we're making great progress in our planning!

Specifically in Religion, we have been given an updated set of standards from the Diocese and we are moving into a more "spiral" approach which meets the standards and emphasizes recurring topics that expand in scope as your student progresses through the years. Review and selections will be made between May and June.

This is the year for updates in our Literacy and ELA textbook and program cycle, and our 2017-2018 school year focus will be upon Literacy and ELA. We are looking at some outstanding programs that have now incorporated State learning standards, and we will be bringing the best on board to progress from the common core modules, leveled readers and reading groups into a fully balanced and differentiated literacy program. Two of our teachers, Mrs. Ogiba and Mrs. Bushorr, have been instrumental in identifying excellent programs through their participation in the Diocesan literacy and ELA review panel throughout this year. At this point the recommended programs are being reviewed by our faculty and program decisions will be completed in June. Then summer training begins! We're already excited about the year ahead!

### **OUR MAY SERVICE PROJECT**

This is that wonderful month when we go a little bit crazy collecting gently used T-shirts for Nicaragua, in support of Anne-Marie Zon's mission! Let the collection begin!!

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS!**

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade students are receiving their First Holy Communion throughout the months of April and May, and we'd like to shower them with prayers and blessings as they begin a lifelong participation in the Eucharist! Please remember them in your prayers!

### **WELCOMING MRS. GENOVESE!**

As you've already been advised, our wonderful Art teacher, Ms. Julia Kester, has accepted a full-time position teaching art at the Stanley Falk School, effective immediately. We are blessed, however, to welcome back our equally wonderful Mrs. Karen Genovese, who will resume her outstanding work with the children! We all felt God's hand in the ease with which this change transpired and we wish great happiness and blessings for Ms. Kester and Mrs. Genovese!

### **KEVIN McCARTHY VISITS SMS**

Thanks to the winning *Fitness for Kids* efforts of Miss Young and our PE classes, Mr. Kevin McCarthy will be presenting a special program on "Dreams and Goals" this coming Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. Kevin first discusses that we are never too young or too old to have dreams and work toward our goals. He has real life stories of young people who decided to follow their dreams and become very successful in grade school and shows students how they can begin working on and achieve their goals now – not "someday". Drawing on personal experience, Kevin reveals the many secrets of his successes and how he worked toward achieving his goals and dreams starting at a young age. He inspires students to understand how to believe in themselves, be consistent in their action, and move a step closer everyday toward reaching their goals. Kevin excites audiences with fun, familiar, and upbeat songs and actively engages the students for an enjoyable and memorable learning experiences. We are thrilled to welcome him!

### **JEANS DAY FOR LOTTERY TICKETS ON TUESDAY**

We'll be having a jeans day on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> in support of the *Spring for Success Auction*. The jeans donation will be a lottery ticket to add to our lottery tree! Thank you for your support!

### **MASS OF HOPE**

Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> is our Mass of Hope for the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students, It's a time of remembrance and reflection on the past year, and hope for the future. Please join us, if you are able! Sister Sheila Anne Burke, and her mother, Ruth, will be remembered at this Mass.

### **MONTESSORI AND KINDERGARTEN MOTHER'S DAY TEA**

Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> is also the Mother's Day Tea for our Montessori and Kindergarten moms. The celebration begins right after Mass!

### **SPRING BAND AND CHORAL CONCERT**

Our Spring Band and Choral Concert is scheduled on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. This is an all-school event, and your child(ren) will be presenting selections of musical works that they've mastered throughout the year!

## **JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT!**

Advance tickets are now on sale through the office. Forms have been sent home and can be accessed on the school website starting tomorrow. We anticipate that this will be a “sold out” event on **Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** and also on **Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.**, so do consider purchasing tickets in advance! The kiddoes are doing a fantastic job and this promises to be our best production yet!

## **CELL PHONES/ELECTRONICS/PERSONAL ITEMS: A REMINDER**

Toys, games and other personal belongings such as money (in excess of \$5) do not belong at school. It is understood that cell phones are an important communication link between children and their families, especially in times of emergency. Students’ cell phones **must** be turned off during the school day, and stowed in the student’s back pack. They are not to be used without permission from the office or a teacher. Failure to comply will result in confiscation and a call home. iPods and other electronic games should be left at home, unless specifically approved by the classroom teacher. If unauthorized devices are found in use during the school day, they will be confiscated. St. Mary’s will not assume responsibility for any lost or stolen electronic devices.

## **LUNCH REMINDER**

Please remember to send in lunch money with your children. Many notices were sent out this month! Thank you!

Also, don’t forget to.....



**Tickets are on sale at the rectory! Get yours today!!**

## **Spring for Success Updates Please Read**

The Auction is in need of **volunteers** for set up and event night. Please take a look at how you can help to make the event a success by donating some time if you are not able to attend. **We will provide lunch for the Friday volunteers and dinner for the Saturday volunteers.** Positions and time slots are on Sign up Genius

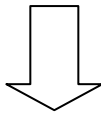
**Gift Cards are needed.** If you would still like to donate to the auction a gift card with a minimum \$25.00 value would be greatly appreciated. Please drop off at Parish Office or send to school Attention Amy Jensen. The Parish office has donor forms; they are also on the parish website.

**Wine donations** are being accepted before the masses this weekend. The wine will be used for the wine ring toss game.

**UP AND COMING AT SMS ☺:**

- **Progress Reports** ..... **Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**
- **Catholic Schools Night @ Coca Cola Field**..... **Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**
- **TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK!!!**..... **Mon. May 8<sup>th</sup> – Fri. May 12<sup>th</sup>**
- **Mass of Hope**..... **Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00**
- **Kindergarten and Montessori Mother’s Day Tea**.....**Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, after Mass.**
- ***Spring for Success Auction***..... **Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**
- ***Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat***.....**Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and  
Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.**
- **Spring Band and Choral Concert** ..... **Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Communion Mass**..... **Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m.**
- **Memorial Day Break**..... **Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> and Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**
- **Select Choir Performs at Darien Lake**..... **Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**
- **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat**..... **Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

***HSA NEWS BELOW***



## HSA NEWS

### IT'S AUCTION TIME!

The 2017 Spring for Success Gala and Dinner is approaching next weekend! **TICKET DEADLINE IS MAY 5TH!!**

"This is the single biggest fundraiser for the school and will make up more than half of our fundraising dollars for the year.

With expenses continuing to rise, the school needs every bit it can get to continue to thrive. I promise you will not be disappointed if you attend.

There are things for everyone to bid on, and you might get to meet some new people. Tickets are \$100 each and only 50 left!!! We need your support."

~ Scott Zgoda, school parent and Auction Sponsorship Committee volunteer

**If you prefer to lend your support in helping work the event, it's greatly needed SATURDAY, MAY 13th!!**

Available shifts to work that evening are as follows:

**1. Monitor Silent Auction bid tables (4)-5:30-8:30 pm**

-Includes monitoring items, close bids and take items to depot

**2. Input Silent Auction winning bid numbers (2) 7:00-9:00 pm**

-One person reads number, while one inputs to computer after items close.

**3. Spot bidders for Live Auction (3)- 8:30-9:30 pm**

Scan room as bidders raise numbers for auctioneer.

Please follow this link to sign up today: <http://www.stmaryschoolswormville.org/signups/>

**Complimentary meal included for all volunteers the night of the event!**

Here are a few more fantastic gifts created by the children to be bid on!!



#### Grade 5 - Adirondack chair

Relax this summer in the grade 5 Adirondack chair. It is the last summer before becoming middle schoolers!



#### Grade 6 - Dream, Hope, Wish vase

Capture the dreams, hopes and wishes for the future from our grade 6 kiddos! Our 6<sup>th</sup> graders have captured their thoughts of the years to come on a scroll enclosed

in a vase holding a graceful orchid, symbolizing love, luxury, beauty and strength; all that we wish for our children's future.



### **Grade 7 - Reflections of our future**

This mirror holds the promises of a beautiful tomorrow. Reflect on our young adults' goals and dreams each time you glance in this custom designed mirror by 7th graders.

**NATIONAL TEACHER DAY** is just around the corner on Tuesday, May 9th

Help make next week extra special and check SUG to help bring in some treats each day as we celebrate our teachers!

Visit <http://www.stmaryschoolswormville.org/signups/> to donate!

#### **SAVE THE DATES:**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 3rd: 11:30-3pm: Mother/Son Picnic**

All mothers and their sons, ages 4+, are invited to a great day at the Meadow Lakes Clarence Town Park for a fun filled day!!

**SATURDAY, JUNE 3rd: HSA Volunteer Thank You Night**

E-vite to follow with details on this night out for showing our thanks for your time and dedication to our school.

**MONDAY, JUNE 5th: 7:00pm HSA Meeting** in the Cafeteria

**FRIDAY, JUNE 22nd: School Picnic**

Visit <http://www.stmaryschoolswormville.org/signups/> to help work this awesome day! **Lunch included for volunteers.**

**HSA COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS coming home soon!**

Open Positions are as follows:

**Secretary: 2 year term** part of the Executive Committee

**Spiritual Chair: 1 year term**

**Volunteer Chair: 1 year term**

**Communications Chair: 1 year term**

(Job descriptions with nomination form)

## *St. Mary's 2017 Mother Son Event!*

*Share an afternoon celebrating all things boys!*

*All Moms and Sons are invited, RSVP on SignUp Genius by 5/24/17.*

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HOW is it possible  
that out of ALL  
the little boys  
in the WHOLE  
world... we got the  
best ones!  
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*Games, Food and Fun!*

*Saturday, June 3, 2017*

*11:30am – 3:00pm*

*Meadowlakes Pavilion #1*

*Clarence Town Park*

*8550 Clarence Center Road*



*Games start at noon, lunch arrives at 12:30 with games to follow!*