



# Letter From The Principal

Date: 01/27/2021

Dear Parents / Guardians,

February looks to be an extremely exciting month for us as we will start with celebrating Catholic Schools week and end the month with Right – to – Read Week and a Scholastic Book Fair.

## **New Bingo Supervisor Needed**

St. Mary's Parish is looking to hire a new Bingo Supervisor. Ed Fox has served in this position for many years and he would like to retire. This position is a vital part in making our Bingo nights a success. For over 40 years, Bingo has been the biggest fundraiser to help support our School.

This part-time position would be paid hourly with those hours being very flexible. Once training in Bingo procedures is complete, this job could be done in 5 hours or less a week. Much of this work could be completed from your home if you so choose. Also, once training is complete, the need to go to the Bingo Hall would be minimal. The main duties of this position would be overseeing the ordering of materials, balancing all deposits, reporting information to State of Ohio, reporting finances to the Finance Committee, and completing the annual renewal of the Bingo License. A qualified applicant would be good with numbers, and proficient in Microsoft programs such as Excel, Word, and Publisher.

If you are looking for a way to help serve our Church and School by giving of your time and talents, this is the right position for you. Interested applicants should contact Angie Renner in the Parish Office at 419-238-3979 to set up an interview.

## **Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**

\***District Spelling Bee** – Jazzlyn Florence will represent St. Mary's at the Van Wert County Spelling Bee. The Spelling Bee is held at Lincolnview High School.

**Good Luck Jazzlyn, We all believe in you!**

## **Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>: Celebrating Our Faculty, Staff, and Volunteers**

\* **Crazy Outfit Day** – “We are CRAZY about OUR SCHOOL” – Students may wear their craziest outfit on this day. This can include hats, boots, gloves, or other accessories.

(Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Students will still need to bring in regular shoes for gym class)

8:30am - Mayor Ken Markward will present a Proclamation recognizing Catholic Schools Week.

8:45am – 9:15am – Quiz Bowl Games 1

\* Staff Posters – We will put up a poster for each staff member in the hall across from the gym for students and parents to write a little thank you to that person for all they do.

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## **Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>: Celebrating Our Community**

**\*Dress Like the 1950's Day** – St. Mary's of the Assumption became a part of the Van Wert Community in 1959. Students and Staff will be allowed to dress like they did back in the 50's. Think the movie, Grease.

\* Students will create a decoration for the residents at the local nursing homes to hang on their doors and brighten their days.

**School Council Meeting** – The February School Council Meeting has been cancelled.

**Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>: Celebrating Our Students**

**\*Spirit Day** – Students and Staff may wear St. Mary's School Spirit Wear (or blue/gold shirt) with jeans, sweatpants, or wind-pants on this day. Please NO skirts, yoga pants, or leggings.

\* No Homework Night

8:45am – 9:15am – Quiz Bowl Games 2

2:00pm – 2:30pm – Science Fun Class: The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students will be doing Science experiments with the younger classes. Younger students will also receive an experiment to take home.

**Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>: Celebrating Our Nation**

**\*Red, White, and Blue Dress-up Day** - Students may dress in a Red, White, Blue, or a Patriotic themed shirt with jeans, sweatpants, or wind-pants on this day. Please NO skirts, yoga pants, or leggings.

\* Students will make "Thank You For Protecting Our Religious Freedoms" cards for veterans.

**Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>: Celebrating Our Vocations**

\* This could also possibly be the **100<sup>th</sup> day of school**.

8:45am – All School Mass – We will try to live stream Mass and students will have a special closing song.

After Mass – Quiz Bowl Championship Game – Will Live Stream this on Google Meet for the younger grades to watch if they so choose.

\* We will have Appreciation Poster Cards for Fr. Chris, Deacon Andy, and Sr. Immaculata.

\* Movie Day in the afternoon in each classroom. Students are permitted to bring in a movie snack for themselves. Teachers will review what is appropriate.

**Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Royals Read-A-Thon Pledge Drive** – Students are to begin gathering Sponsors for our Read-A-Thon. The Read-A-Thon will begin the following week. Sponsorship forms will be sent home with students on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. **All money collected from the Read-A-Thon will go to purchase books from the Book Fair for the Classrooms and the School Library.** There will also be prize incentives for students to collect pledges.

**Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Valentine's Day** – This is more of just a reminder to all the Dads.

**Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**

**NO SCHOOL – Presidents Day – Professional Development Day** – School will not be in session for students on this day.

**Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Monthly Tuition Payments are due.**

**Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Ash Wednesday – All School Mass**

We start the Lenten Season with students receiving ashes at 8:45am Mass. All adults are welcome to attend this Mass and receive their ashes, as well.

We, as a school, will begin preparing ourselves for the Lenten Season. During these 40 days let us devote ourselves to the spiritual and corporal works of mercy that "remind us that faith finds expression in concrete everyday actions meant to help our neighbors in body and spirit." (USCCB) Help us, O Lord, to take inspiration for our Lenten journey through prayer, fasting, and giving alms.

**Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**

**K of C Fish Fries** - Every Friday during Lent, starting February 19<sup>th</sup>, the Van Wert Knights of Columbus will be hosting a fish fry at the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 425 Woodland Ave. Due to COVID, this year it is CARRY-OUT ONLY available from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. The price of a dinner is \$9.00, the menu includes Alaskan Pollock, Potato Chips, Applesauce, and Coleslaw. You may also get a box of Fish only for \$15.

A dollar of every meal served will go to that weeks designated cause.

**Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Royals Read-A-Thon Pledge Drive Ends**

**Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Royals Read-A-Thon Reading Logs Begins** – For one-week students should track the number of minutes they spend reading each day. See Read-A-Thon Log for more details.

**Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**

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**Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Scholastic Book Fair** – We will be hosting a book fair in the gymnasium starting Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. The Book Fair will be open on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> after the 4:00pm Mass and on Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> after the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses. The Book Fair hours during the week are Monday through Thursday 7:30am – 8:15am and 3:05pm – 3:30pm. The Book Fair will close at 12:00pm on Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. We hope that you will take an opportunity to stop by and pick up some books for your children or even yourself. Books are available for readers of all ages. Also, part of the proceeds from our Book Fair comes back to our school and helps us purchase new books for the classrooms and library.

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**Online Book Fair** - If you are unable to make it to the Book Fair, you are still in luck. There is

an online portion of our Book Fair that runs from Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> through Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Any online purchase will be credited to our school and contribute to more Scholastic dollars for our teachers to use to purchase new books for their classrooms. You simply need to go to the following website: [www.scholastic.com/fair](http://www.scholastic.com/fair), enter our zip code (45891), and St. Mary Assumption Catholic Book Fair.

**Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Royals Read-A-Thon Minutes Log Ends** – This is the last day to log minutes for the Read-A-Thon.

**Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup> – Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Right to Read Week** – The week of Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup> through Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> is Right to Read Week. Students will be taking part in many fun activities throughout the week to help encourage them to be more active readers. A detailed agenda of the week's activities will be included with each student's reading log.

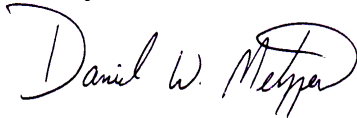
**Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Royals Read-A-Thon Pledge Collection** – Students are to collect all pledges from their sponsors.

**Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Royals Read-A-Thon ends** – Students are to return their Sponsorship Form, all pledge money collected, and their Reading Logs to be eligible for prizes.

Thank you and God bless,



Mr. Daniel Metzger  
Principal-Minister