



# Letter from the Principal

Date: 02/01/2023

Dear Parents / Guardians,

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

## After School Latchkey Hours CHANGE

**On Friday, February 3rd**, After School Latchkey will only be available till **4pm**. Please make any necessary arrangements to have your child(ren) picked up by 4pm. If this is a major problem, please contact the School Office so we can make other arrangements.

## Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>

\***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 DAY**

\* **Dime War** - Continue collecting money for St. Vincent De Paul – **DOUBLE NEGATIVE DAY**

\* **Rhodes State College Mobile Science Lab** – Rhodes in Motion offers a unique learning experience with the highest level of technology in agriculture, engineering, and healthcare. Each class will participate in a 40-minute science lab taught by college professors.

## Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>

\* **After School Latchkey – Hours Change – After School Latchkey will only be available until 4pm.**

\* **Dime War** - Last Day collecting money for St. Vincent De Paul

**8:45am** – All School Mass

**After Mass** – Quiz Bowl Championship Game - \* **Donuts for everyone!**

**12:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.** – Students and staff will go to Van Wert Olympic Lanes for bowling and fun.

## Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>

**District Spelling Bee** – Kasen Farris will represent St. Mary's at the Van Wert County Spelling Bee. The Spelling Bee is held at the Marsh Foundation at 3pm.

**Good Luck Kasen! We all believe in you!**

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**Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**

**School Council** - The February School Council meeting will meet in the school library starting at 7:00pm. Anyone is welcome to attend.

**Monday, 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. **All money collected from the Read-A-Thon will go to the purchase of books from the Book Fair for the Classrooms and the School Library.** There will also be prize incentives for students to collect pledges.

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

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

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

**Monthly Tuition Payments are due.**

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

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

**Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

**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.

**Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</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.

**Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Scholastic Book Fair** – We will be hosting a book fair in the gymnasium starting Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. The Book Fair will be open on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> after the 4:00pm Mass and on Sunday, February 26<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 3<sup>rd</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 Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, March 9<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 26<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Right to Read Week** – The week of Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> through Friday, March 3<sup>rd</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 sent home closer to the start.

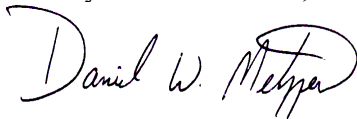
**Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel W. Metzger". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Mr. Daniel Metzger  
Principal-Minister