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A Ministry of St. Mary's Parish

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Saint Mary's Academy Mission Statement

Saint Mary's Academy promotes academic excellence within a Christ-centered Catholic community. Students from Pre-K through Grade 8 learn acceptance and appreciation of others and develop to their full potential within a nurturing family environment.

Week of 04/27/17 - 05/03/17

We pray that we may live a life worthy of the Lord and please Him in every way: Showing fruit in every good work and learning more about God. Colossians 1:10



Gospel Reflection



Gospel for this weekend:

That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?"

Reflection:

In Luke's account of the journey to Emmaus, the Risen Jesus joins the disciples as they walk along the road. The disciples only recognize him in the breaking of the bread. This story has more than one theme. We hear of the disciples' hospitality as they invite Jesus to dine with them. Jesus blesses the bread, breaks it, and gives it to the disciples. With this, their eyes were opened and they recognized him.



Principal's Notes

- Our school has teamed up with Original Works to offer a very special program. The children have created their own special artwork for this project. Parents in grades PK - 5 will have the opportunity to order a variety of useful items, all professionally made and **featuring your child's very own artwork!** All proceeds go toward funding Saint Mary's Academy enrichment programs that are held throughout the year. **Orders are completed on line and are due by May 1st. Purchases will be sent directly to the school and sent home with your child.** For questions please contact Amy Wiatrowski 413-374-0283 or Andrea Cataldo 413-374-9265.
- Those students in Kindergarten through grade 5 who are interested in signing up for the St. Mary's Parish Summer Camp need to register and pay online. Please go to the Parish website, stmarylong.org and open the Faith Formation tab. Registration will be there.
- Order forms will be going out today for the school yearbook. The cost is \$20. per yearbook. All yearbook orders need to be in by May 12th.
- Next Friday, May 5th, we will have a presentation from Circus of the Kids. Students will learn about juggling or balancing skills. This workshop is a fun way to reinforce hand-eye coordination, gross motor skills and concentration skills.
- Just a reminder to get your tickets for the Drama Club performance of Cheaper by the Dozen to be held Thursday, May 11th and Friday May 12th. Stop in the office to purchase your tickets.



Important Dates

- There are a few other important dates coming up this month.
- May 9th – Battle of the Books (Grades 3-5)
- May 13th – Our Second grade students will make their First Holy Communion
- May 15th – Our School Mass (Grade 2)
- May 22nd – Book Fair begins ~ Ends May 25th (This is a buy one get one free book fair)
- May 22nd – Mary Day 10:00 a.m. Everyone is invited
- May 23th – Our fifth annual Art Show. This will be held in our Parish Center from 5:30 until 7:00 p.m. More information to follow.
- May 25th – Ascension Thursday - Mass
- June 6th – Field Day
- Here are the dates for birthday dress down for those students who will be celebrating a birthday this summer:
 - May 25th – All birthdays in June that will be celebrated after June 16th
 - June 1st – All July birthdays
 - June 5th – All August birthdays



Fair Share Opportunities

- It is important that everyone look at their Fair Share hours as the balance of hours will turn to Fair Share dollars at the end of May. Please make sure to have all of your financial obligations in place before the end of the school year. If you plan on volunteering at Field Day, those hours will be accounted for.
- **Adult Spelling Bee:**
Join the Knights of Columbus as they put on an adult Spelling Bee to benefit the Academy! Watch individuals and teams, (the Academy has three faculty teams participating), compete for the title of "Bee Champion"! Join us for a pasta dinner, dessert and coffee as well. Tickets are available at the school or parish office for \$15. In addition, child care is available in the Parish Center for the evening. All proceeds benefit our school so come out and support!
- **Legacy Brick Deadline:**
Have you thought of purchasing a Legacy Brick but haven't had time to fill out the form? If you are interested in purchasing a brick in this first round, all forms need to be turned in by May 31st. Bricks installed this summer will be placed closest to the front door. Join the 70 other supporters who have purchased bricks to support this campaign. Remember, all money raised will go into a scholarship fund. Bricks are \$125 and tax deductible. There is a form attached along with hard copies that are going home this week.
- **Legacy Brick Speakers at St. Mary's**
As you may have already heard, we are in the final push of our first round of Legacy Bricks. We are looking to promote the bricks during an upcoming weekend at the Parish. We need speakers for all Masses the weekend of May 6th and 7th. Available time slots are Saturday at 4:00 pm. and at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. Students will be asked to deliver a short, pre-written speech highlighting the campaign and then to stand by a table after Mass showing off a few samples of bricks in

addition to handing out order forms. If you can help with this, please contact Jenna at jbanaitis@stmarsylongmeadow.org. Fair share hours will be given along with a dress down day for helping. As always, you do not need to be a member of the Parish to volunteer. Thank you in advance.

ACE Dress Down Days:

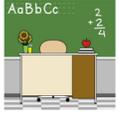
Class dress down days begin next week for all the money raised at ACE! See the chart below to see how many days your class can dress down. Please note: students must follow the school dress code when dressing down. Dressdown days begin on Monday, May 1st.

Class	# of days to dress down
<i>Pre-K</i>	1
K	3
<i>First</i>	4
Second	4
<i>Third</i>	5
Fourth	5
<i>Fifth</i>	2
Sixth	5
<i>Seventh</i>	5
Eighth	5



Angel Acts

- I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who have volunteered for so many activities. Our Fair Share hours are tracking more than last year. We are so pleased with all of the time and commitment to facilitate so many of the activities here at the school.



A Teacher's View