



Our News is the Buzz!

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St. Mary Catholic School

The Swarm News

Catholic School Week Invades School

By Mallory Huggins/8th Grade

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4th Grade's Grandparent Day skit



Tiger Carpenter & Jo'Nire Pete present the Souper Bowl of Caring money to Mrs. and Mr. Lucia of the St Mary Soup Kitchen.

We celebrated Catholic School Week the week of January 30- February 3. On Monday, January 30th we celebrated 100th day by collecting 100 items for a certain charity group. Items collected this year were: PreK-3- blankets for Texas Children's Hospital, PreK-4- Hot Wheels, Play-doh and coloring books for Children's Hospital, Kindergarten- paper goods for Orange Christian Services, 1st grade- dog

food for the Animal Shelter, 2nd grade- baby items for the Rainbow Room, 3rd grade- collected paper goods, shampoo, and household goods for the Angela House, 4th grade- cat food for All God's Creatures, 5th grade- collected

paper goods, shampoo, and household goods for the Angela House, 6th grade- diapers for the Rainbow Room, 7th grade- collected money for the Be the Match Foundation, 8th grade- money for the soup kitchen and the Library- 100 books to AAVW. After we counted, 2 students from each class went up on the stage and shared with everyone what they had collected and how many there was. We also collected money for the Souper Bowl of Caring which was later presented to the St. Mary Soup Kitchen and had an Open House for the entire community that evening. Then, on Tuesday we celebrated our students and parents by having the teachers

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New Snack Program at SMS By Derian Jones/7th Grade

St. Mary now has an afternoon snack program. Be a Champion Inc., which partners with the Texas Department of Agriculture, supports school programs by providing free nutritious snacks daily starting at 2:30 p.m. Our cafeteria manager, Mrs. Allison, distributes our school's snacks every day. One of the major policies of this program is that the



2nd grade enjoys their snack.

snack can only be eaten on the school campus. Students do not have to take the snack if they do not wish to. Snacks cannot be taken

home. However if students must leave the campus before their dismissal time, they may finish their snack before leaving the school. Dr. Jackson stated, "Teacher and students have commented that the snack comes "just in time" because students are hungry by the end of the school day. Our students athletes commented that they have something nutritious before a game."

Events

- March 1st
 - Ash Wednesday
 - StuCo Committee meeting
 - Wacky Wednesday- Wear wacky socks
- March 2nd
 - Softball @ home vs All Saints
 - StuCo Executive meeting
 - Green Eggs, and Ham- special lunch & Cat in Hat Parfaits
- March 3rd
 - Wocket In My Pocket-Bring small animal for your pocket
- March 6th-10th
 - Testing Week
- March 7th
 - Softball @ home vs St. Anthony
- March 9th
 - Softball @ home vs Community
- March 13th-17th
 - Spring Break
- March 16
 - St Mary Day at Domino's

- March 21st
 - St. Joseph's Altar
- March 22nd
 - StuCo committee meeting
- March 23rd
 - StuCo Executive meeting
 - Softball @ All Saints
- March 24th
 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- March 30th
 - Kinder &, 1st @ Shangri La
 - 1st, 2nd & 3rd @ Stark Art Museum
 - Softball @ St. Anthony
 - School Art Show 6-8 pm

Mrs. Bonneaux—New Religion Teacher



Mrs. Bonneaux, as most of you know, is our new religion teacher. She attended St. Mary in Middle School. She then went to West Orange High School. She went to college for her business degree

and then got married. Her husband is currently in the Deaconate program and will be ordained as a Deacon on August 12th this year. She loves working here but she wishes there were nuns here. She also wishes that there were more children going to our school. She first started substituting in 1992 and has

By Emilie Mayfield & Jagger McCollum/8th Grade

taught here ever since. She told us that she was not strong academically but always found ways to learn. She loves talking about The Rosary. Mrs. Bonneaux has been teaching us about the Rosary, and we have even made our own. We love Mrs. Bonneaux and cannot wait to make new memories with her.

Former Student—Mr. Benoit

By Grace Gothreaux/8th Grade

We interviewed Mr. Mike Benoit who graduated from St. Mary when it was still a high school. While at St. Mary, he was part of a library club and his favorite subject was history. To this day, he is still friends with his classmates such

as Ms. Mary Anderson who used to coach the PE class here. After graduation, Mr. Benoit got a job and formed a family. He has two kids, three grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. His children and grandchildren all attended

St. Mary at some point in their lives. He said that he would definitely recommend St. Mary to others looking for school because of the loving environment, family like atmosphere, and small class sizes.

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serve breakfast. It was called "Muffins for Mom" and "Donuts for Dad".

After that, on Wednesday we took all of the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders to St. Anthony's Basilica for Rainbow Mass with the other Catholic schools. Our PreK through 3rd grade had a Rainbow

Prayer service in our Chapel, here at our school. PreK celebrated "P" day by wearing Pjs and eating pancakes.

On Thursday, some of the priests and deacons from local churches, came and ate lunch with us.

Then on Friday we celebrated our grandparents for the "Grands Around the World" program where all of the classes prepared a dance, song, or poem to show off what they can do. Also each class decorated a table and had a sampling of their country's food.

Thank you to Our Volunteers

By Jo'Nire Pete/8th Grade

St. Mary Catholic School would like to thank the following people for giving their time, talent and treasure to our school. Mrs. Do donated the proceeds from the Valentine Pop Up Flower Shop to our school. Mr. Erhman and Mr. Murphy have made it brighter in our school by working on the lights. Logan Russell has been renovating the Coach's office as his Eagle project. Stephan Kusek

made "The Tree Benches" on our playground as his Eagle project. St. Mary Volunteer Lawn Maintenance Team, Mr. Grant Craft, Mr. Kyle Broussard and Mr. Phillip Tran, has repaired the Dixie Chopper and maintains our school's landscape. Mr. Walker, our safety manager, puts the cones out every day at dismissal. Also we would like to send our appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Pollock for

their donation to SMS in memory of Mr. Ben C. Thompson. Thank you to everyone who keeps our school running by their dedication and generosity.



Mr. Walker, our safety manager

Last Supper Celebrated by Kindergarten

By Jo'Nire Pete/8th Grade

The kindergarten class has been learning about Jesus and the Last Supper in their religion class. Mrs. Braquet, their

religion teacher, provided them with their own Last Supper. They really enjoyed sharing bread and drink together.

The Kindergarten class enjoys their Last Supper.

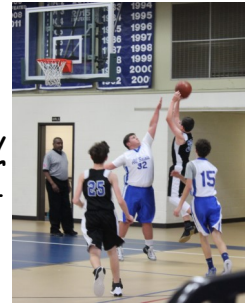


Basketball Season Ends By Dayne Seay/8th Grade

Boys' basketball has now ended. The boys have enjoyed playing, and have improved with every game. Five of our players will not be returning...our eighth graders. Caleb Granger, Tiger Carpenter, Zack Keszeg, Jagger McCollum, and

Dayne Seay will all be going to high school next year. The boys played their last basketball game, and they went out with a bang, winning by one. The boys were happy that the last game of the season was a win.

Dayne Seay shoots for two.



Softball Starts 2017 Season By Olivia Grant/8th Grade

Our softball season is underway. Their first game was February 28 against St. Anne. The girls have been practicing very hard and feel like they can win

their games. We cannot wait to watch our Lady Hornets play ball. GOOD LUCK!

Olivia Grant releases the pitch.



St. Mary Ambassadors Talk at Local Parishes By Jacob Anderson/8th Grade



On January 28th and January 29th, many of our student ambassadors spoke at their

Laura Corrao speaks at St. Francis

parish about the benefits of going to St. Mary Catholic School. Our ambassadors, Lauren Corrao and Jacob Anderson, spoke at St. Francis while a slide show created by the Publications class was shown. Abby Broussard, Bella Tran and Jacob Gonzalez spoke at St. Mary Church. Our speakers at St. Therese

were Reagan Pitre, William Pitre and Hannah Allison. Olivia Grant spoke at St. Helen while Aidan and Alyson McAllister spoke at St. Henry in Bridge City. We are so proud of our St. Mary Ambassadors. They did a wonderful job.

Valentines Express Delivers the Goods By Peyton McKee/7th Grade

Every year St. Mary's Student Council sponsors Valentine Express on February 14th. Prior to Valentine's Day, Student Council takes orders for special valentine gift packs. The officers, representatives, and committee chairs dressed in Valentine shirts went to each class to pass out the candy, stamp on



Photographer-Jagger McCollum

kisses and sing "Love Me Tender." The money from Valentines Express is used to fund Student Council's future events.

Sarah Kusek stamps kisses on to the face of Mr. Joe, our custodian.

3rd Grade Reads to Kindergarten By Ethan Smith/7th Grade



Amaya Meadows reads to Sean Neito, Luke Laughlin, Ben Harris and Justin Khatt.

The 3rd graders joined Mrs. Thompson's Kindergarteners during their Library time on February 15th. Mrs. Ehrensberger's third grade class read to the Kindergarteners. The third graders

chose some of their favorite books and shared them with the Kindergarten class.

Shop at Kroger—Earn Money for St. Mary By Emilie Mayfield/8th Grade

St. Mary Catholic School in participating in the Kroger's Share Program. The Program provides our School with a 1 ½% cash rebate on all purchases at Krogers. To be in this program, you have to follow these steps:

1. You must have a Kroger Plus Card. This can be obtained from the store if you don't have one.
2. Link your Kroger Plus Card to our school by going to the Kroger website and going under the Community tab or call Kroger at 1-800-576-

4377 for options; choose #3. If you need assistance in this matter the Parish or School Office will assist you in setting this up.

3. Click Kroger Community Reward. You can sign in or create an account if you don't have one to link your Kroger Plus card to our school.
4. Then choose **St. Mary Catholic Church** instead of school and click enroll. (Note: There are other St. Mary Schools, but choose **St. Mary Catholic Church** because that is the

one that lists our address.)

5. Each time you shop at Kroger, just use your Kroger Plus Card and proceeds will go to our school.

Thank you for supporting your school.



Parent Awareness Symposium

Parents, teachers and staff are invited to the Parent Awareness March 8 at 6 to 7:15 p.m. in the MKCHS Information Center (the library). This symposium will be especially interesting to Middle School parents and teachers.

There will be two speakers. Mr. Marcelo Molfino, Assistant Chief Criminal Inves-

tigator and Jefferson County Criminal District Attorney, will speak on Drug and Alcohol Abuse/Addiction with our Youth and Young Adults. Mr. Matthew Sciba, graduate student in Clinical Mental Health Counseling at Lamar University, will talk about Behavior and the Brain: Pornography, Video Games, Eating/Diet. There will be a question and answer session after their talks.

If you have any questions, you may contact:

- Kari Hillin, Guidance Director, khillin@mkchs.com (409) 866-2351 x111
- Brandi Wulf, Counselor, bwulf@mkchs.com (409) 866-2351 x112
- April Vernon, Assistant Principal, avernon@mkchs.com (409) 861-3525 x105

Hilarious Hornets By Mallory Huggins/8th Grade



Box Tops for Education

So far we have earned **\$702.60**. Our next round of box tops was just submitted. Keep sending them in!



We earned **\$462.66** in February. Our next day is March 16. Go to either Domino's location to support our SMS.

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The Mission of St. Mary Catholic School is to ensure learning for all students within the framework of Catholic Christian values by maintaining accreditation through the Texas Conference Education Department. The students, PreK 3 through 8th grade, are challenged to grow in a manner consistent with their needs, interest and abilities, preparing them to live in an ever-changing world as self-directed, caring, responsible citizens.

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Birthdays By Laney Vigil /8th Grade

March 6th
Mrs. Ehrensberger
Mrs. Thompson

March 7th
Victoria Cole
Mallory Huggins

March 8th
Natalie Martin

March 12th
Braylon Stokey

March 14th
Audrey Broussard

March 17th
Neiko Thomas

March 22nd
Sarah Kusek
Thomasina Nguyen
Laney Vigil

March 26th
Peyton McKee

March 29th
Dalton Hogan

March 31st
Thomas Abshire
Elizabeth Khatt
Bella Tran