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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
St. Mary's Parish School
Week of February 21, 2021



St. Mary's Spelling Bee was Friday, February 19. Out top speller going to the next level is Eighth Grader, Wyatt Thornycroft! ***Congratulations Wyatt***—we are proud of you!

Coming in second and third were: Matt Ristine and Eli Visger. *Congratulations* to you both too for a job well done!

This past week we began the **celebration of Lent**. Celebration? Really? Yes, Lent IS a time to search for the deeper meaning of life....it is a time that each of us is called to conversion... conversion of both mind and heart. It is a time remember that true spirituality is rooted in everyday affairs. Towards this understanding, the following reflection may be of assistance:

FASTING and FEASTING

- ❖ Let us fast from judging others and feast on the Christ that dwells in them.
- ❖ Let us fast from anger and feast on patience.
- ❖ Let us fast from discouragement and feast on hope.
- ❖ Let us fast from lies and feast on God's truth.
- ❖ Let us fast from wasting time and feast on the holiness of work.
- ❖ Let us fast from gossip and feast on holy silence.
- ❖ Let us fast from shame and feast on the mercy of God.
- ❖ Let us fast from prejudice and feast on our kinship in Christ.
- ❖ Let us fast from selfishness and feast on generosity.
- ❖ Let us fast from worry and feast on the story of God's care.
- ❖ Let us fast from gloom and feast on the beauty that surrounds us.
- ❖ Let us fast from busyness and feast on cherishing every moment.

Perhaps a way of living Fasting and Feasting during this time of lent is let the sentence that speaks to you in the morning feed you during the day. And in the evening, ask yourself: *how was I fed today?*



We are soliciting **nominations** (*form is attached*) for our **St. Mary's Parish School Board** for this coming year. The term is for 3 years.

This very important committee is doing a great job for our school. Several members' terms are finished this year and we need persons who want to move the school forward in the most positive way possible with Fr. Joe and the new administration. The *attached form* gives the responsibilities and the process of

“election”. For any questions, please contact a member of the school board: *John Bieker, Steve Farley, Deanna Gilmore, Natalie Johnson, Kevin Kirchner, Erin Linskey, Don Panko, Julia Polito, Karen Richel, Stacey Thornycroft or Father Joe McDonald, as pastor/local superintendent. All nomination forms are due on/by Friday March 5th.*

Dates to note for this coming week along with Hot Lunch



- Monday, February 22:** **Chicken nuggets + tater tots + green beans**
Foundation Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the school.
- Tuesday, February 23:** **Crème Brulee + bacon slices + veggie tray**
Happy Birthday to Lori Johnson, (*Childcare Coordinator substitute and aide*)
- Wednesday, February 24:** **Pasta + little hot dogs + Cole Slaw salad**
- Thursday, February 25:** **Baked Hasselback Potatoes with toppings/cheese + Salad**
Happy Birthday to Taylor Bieker, (*upper grade teacher*)
- Friday, February 26:** **Mass with Grade 3 as prayer leaders**
Mac n Cheese (meatless) + broccoli

I would like to take this opportunity to thank, Mrs. Kirsten Meyer, who is assisting me in preparing and cooking hot lunch daily, which allows me to be in the office.

Sunday, February 28: Second First Communion class via ZOOM 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Please put on your calendars: MARCH 5th. This is a Friday and the school is responsible for Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m. in St. Mary’s Church. ALL are welcome ---one does not have to be Catholic to participate. Please call the school or email Sister Margaret (sisterm@stmarysmoscow.com) or text her (208-301-0293) to let her know you’ll be there and would like to help. Thank you!

- ❖ **Another source for growing in family’s faith life is at <http://stmarysparishmoscow.org/> and click on “Family Faith Formation Program” under the heading of Growing in Faith. Many wonderful activities for the entire family. Also, go to “links” and click on *The Chosen* to view a very good film.**



#1 Please make a difference and assist the school financially when you shop online. HOW to do this at Amazon? Sign into Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.com) and type in the charity: **St. Mary’s School Foundation of Moscow Idaho.** A percentage of what you buy is given to the school’s Foundation.

#2 Box tops: PLEASE dig into your purses or look through their junk drawer for *physical box tops*. Next submission is March so our volunteer (**thank you Joy Newlan for doing these**) need to cut and organize them. Don't forget too that you can download the *box top app* and submit receipts via the app or submit receipts to the school office. Thank you so much!



Penny Wars is now over and the winner this year is definitely St. Vincent de Paul Society—thanks to the wonderful “competition” the classes had with each other.

The school collected a **TOTAL of \$1,082.15** which is so wonderful...this beats our old record of \$900.... congratulations to each grade! The winning classes with the most positive pennies AND the most money taken in per student were:

Seventh and Eighth Grades with most positive pennies which equaled 64% of their total income as well as the class with the **most money** which was **Second Grade with \$263.42 total which came out to \$23.95 per student!!** Grades 7/8 and 2 will receive a Pizza Party!

Totals per grade for

	<u>Money in</u>	<u>pennies</u>	<u>%</u>
7/8	\$160.10	\$102.85	64%
5/6	\$142.85	\$ 41.85	29%
4	\$166.78	\$ 60.58	36%
3	\$135.00	\$ 22.10	16%
2	\$263.42	\$ 81.92	31%
1	\$ 48.04	\$ 15.19	32%
K	\$ 67.28	\$ 23.88	35%
PK	\$ 24.36	\$ 4.66	19%
PS	\$ 21.25	\$.75	4%