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Monarch News

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Our Mission:

The mission of Saint Mary Academy is to educate students spiritually, academically, emotionally, and socially through a curriculum rooted in the Roman Catholic faith. Students are educated in a manner that fosters academic excellence, provides a supportive atmosphere and develops students to be morally responsible members of their church and community.

Dear SMA Families,

Over the years, I have learned that middle school students very much want to be included among their peers and definitely don't like to be "called out" or excluded. If we were honest, this is probably a true statement about a lot of us. It is human nature to want to feel connected, valued, included and respected among our peers and within our families.

That being said, if we are to be true disciples of Christ we have to be open to being "called out" and willing to differentiate ourselves from the crowd. In today's world, this can be a challenge because it requires us to have the strength and courage to be different. In order to "stand out", we must treat others differently, work differently, speak to one another differently and love differently. God "calls" us to be humble, patient, kind, inclusive, and sensitive to the needs of others. When we are "called out" and respond in these ways, we contribute to a sense of connection and community.

Romans 12:6-8

In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.

As we prepare to enter into Holy Week, dare to differentiate yourself from the crowd.

Have a great weekend!
Mrs. Kelly



CORE VALUES

Building a foundation
for lifelong learning by:

- Opening hearts to faith
- Opening minds to knowledge
- Opening hands to service
- Opening eyes to the world
- Achieving extraordinary lives

Important Dates

- 4/15 – PS/Pre-K Easter Egg Hunt
- 4/17 – Night of the Arts @ 6:30 pm
- 4/18 – Holy Thursday Prayer Service @ 1:45 pm
- 4/19 – Good Friday/Stations of the Cross @ 10 am
- 4/22 – Easter Monday – No School
- 4/25 – School Liturgy @ 8:15 am
First Communion Rehearsal @ 6 pm
- 4/28 – First Communion @ 2 pm
- 5/2 – School Liturgy @ 8:15 am
- 5/3 – Derby Eve (No School)
- 5/8 – 7th/8th Parent Lunch @ 12:30 pm
- 5/9 – School Liturgy @ 8:15 am
Monarch Awards



First Communion Rehearsal
Thurs., April 25th @ 6 pm in Church

Preschool/Pre-K Easter Egg Hunt
Mon., April 15th @ 10:30 am



Community Shredding Event
Sat., April 27th from 10:00 to 1:00
in the church parking lot at St. Bernadette

This is a fundraiser for the youth of the parish to go on their annual mission trip to Appalachia this summer.

***Suggested donations: \$5.00 per box**
Please contact the church office @ 502-425-2210
if you have any questions.

Saint Mary Academy Presents



Wednesday April 17th

6:00-6:50

*Spring School Wide Art Show Open House
Throughout Entire School
*Middle School Docents Will be Available for Directions
and Questions About the Artwork
*Make and Take Art Stations to Create Art to Bring Home
Listen to Garage Band Original Music Via QR Codes

7:00-8:00

*Live Performances from Choir, Band, and
Dance Students in Gym*

Refreshments and cookies will be served during Art Show

A HOLY SATURDAY tradition continues at St. Bernadette! Families, friends, and neighbors are all invited! Join us on Holy Saturday afternoon, 1:30 - 2pm to participate in an event that intermingles sadness and joy. We will see a bare wooden cross that recalls the passion and death of Jesus; and then we will decorate the cross with a few live flowers **you bring** to rejoice in the *VICTORY* that the cross brings to us! See you at the cross at the entrance sign at St. Bernadette! Remember to bring some flowers!



Auditions will be held on Mon., May 6th at 3 PM in the gym.
1st Rehearsal will be on Mon., May 13th at 3:00 PM in the gym.
Dress Rehearsal will be on Mon., May 20th at 3:00 PM in the gym.
The Talent Show will be on Thurs., May 23rd at 1:15 PM in the gym.

Please click on the following link to sign up for the Talent Show.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfhgJGWeV4uwBtyGeUv9jZkMMfCfQDtdGI8GVjf7cUaOfPd4A/viewform?usp=sf_link



SMA has collaborated with 1st Day School Supplies to help parents and teachers get the exact supplies needed for our next school year. It is convenient, easy, hassle-free and the prices are competitive! You can purchase your child's school supplies from the comfort of your home, and they are delivered straight to our school. When you come in for meet the teacher day, your box of school supplies will be waiting for you.

You can make your purchase right now by clicking the link:

[1st Day School Supplies](#)

ATTENTION CURRENT 6th and 7th GRADE PARENTS!!! SUMMER MATH REQUIREMENT

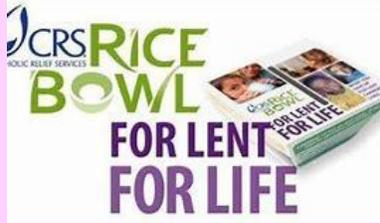
Students entering Grades 7 and 8 for the 2019-2020 school year will be required to complete 3 pages a week of the Summer Solutions workbook and log. **Please order your workbook early!!!** (See purchasing information below). Students will be required to turn in their Summer Solutions on the first day back to school. We will expect students to show their work when solving problems.

www.SummerSolutions.net
School Code: H40059MAR

Incoming 7th will need Summer Solutions Original Mathematics: Intermediate B

Incoming 8th will need Summer Solutions Original Mathematics: Pre-Algebra

***Students entering Grades 3, 4, 5, and 6 do NOT need to purchase a new workbook. Those students will complete 3 pages a week of their current Simple Solutions workbook and log.



Saint Bernadette & Saint Mary Academy Rice Bowl Lenten Charity Giving:

The "Rice Bowl" is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the official relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Through CRS Rice Bowl, faith communities in every diocese throughout the United States put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lenten money donated through CRS Rice Bowl support the work of CRS in roughly 45 different countries each year. 25% of all donations to CRS Rice Bowl stay in the local diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. Since its inception in 1975, CRS Rice Bowl has raised nearly \$300 million.

What is a CRS Rice Bowl?

Your children will be receiving the iconic CRS Rice Bowl before Lent which begins Wed., March 6 (Ash Wednesday). This simple cardboard box for your home is a tool for collecting money and comes with a Lenten calendar that guides families through the 40 days of Lent with activities, reflections and stories.

When and where should the cardboard containers be turned in full of coins & dollars?

Please bring the Rice Bowls to the Holy Thursday liturgy, **April 18**, at 7:00 PM in Church or turn them into your homeroom prior to April 18.