



March 12, 2021

Dear St. Mary's Families,

It's been a busy week at St. Mary's and we are all getting excited about Spring Break! The next week is a shortened week due to Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thursday afternoon and Spring Break starting on Friday. Even though it is short week, it's going to be a busy one! Wednesday is St. Patrick's Day and all students and faculty/staff are invited to **wear green to celebrate St. Patrick's Feast Day**. St. Mary's hallways are filled with all types of St. Patrick's Day writings and activities to celebrate this important and festive day. **Thursday is Free Dress Day AND a noon dismissal due to Parent-Teacher Conferences being held from 12:30-6:00 p.m.** If you are not able to attend your child's scheduled conference, please contact his or her teacher and she will do her best to find an alternate time that is more convenient for you.



Mrs. Black would like to thank all St. Mary's families for helping their child take the online heart healthy pledge, raise donations for the Kids' Heart Challenge, or for doing both! If your child has not had a chance to help raise funds for the American Heart Association, there is still time to register online at <http://www2.heart.org/goto/stmaryselementaryjoplin>. So far, St. Mary's has had 65 students register online, and we have raised \$5,321.90! This is AMAZING

and we are so thankful and proud of our students for reaching this point! If your child hasn't already turned in his or her donation envelope, Mrs. Black would like to all envelopes turned in by Monday, March 15th.

If St. Mary's has 75 students participate in the Challenge, 1 lucky student will win a fitness tracker!

If St. Mary's has 100 students participate in the Challenge, 2 lucky students will win a fitness tracker!

Simply register online using the above link or collect donations to participate and qualify! Thank you for helping St. Mary's support the amazing mission of the American Heart Association!

Save the date for Saturday, April 24th as we celebrate a fun JACS event, the Annual Auction! It's time to a tailgate at St. Mary's! Here is a brief summary of the event:

2021 Joplin Area Catholic School Tailgate Annual Auction

When: Saturday, April 24, 2021

Where: Join Virtually or Tailgate in the St. Mary's Parking Lot

Raffle Tickets available: Raffle Tickets are \$5 each or \$20 for 5 tickets-Prizes are **\$1885** (the year Catholic education started in Joplin), **\$135** (how many years since the school was founded), and a **\$50 dinner gift certificate**.

The Auction committee is currently looking for donations:

Would you be able to donate or know someone who has?

- Timeshare or Vacation Homes
- Hunting or Fishing Excursion/Trip
 - Airline Miles
 - Gift Certificates
 - Coolers
- Lawn Care Services/Landscaping services

Have a business that would be willing to donate to the Auction?

Contact Stephanie Bradshaw, Auction Chair (316) 259-6593

Lindsey Bourne-Green Auction Co-Chair (417) 483-9155

More details on <https://www.jacss.org/development/auction/>

St. Mary's parent Jennifer Williams is sponsoring a special fundraiser for the 5th grade class. She has designed and is selling two special Freshies with a JACS theme. Freshies are air fresheners made with premium fragrance oils and aroma beads. There are 2 sizes and 5 amazing scents available to order. 50% of the proceeds will be donated to 5th Grade's fundraising efforts for their annual Spring Trip. An order form with a photo of the fresheners and more information is attached to this newsletter, and a sample is in the office if you would like to see (and smell) the wonderful items.

I hope that your family has a comfy rainy weekend and a wonderful Spring Break! April and May will be busy months at St. Mary's and there are many important and fun activities for these months, including Spring Programs and our annual St. Mary's Project Fair. More information, including dates, will be included in newsletters after Spring Break. Thank you for all that you do for your child, including sending him or her to St. Mary's.

God bless and take care,
Joanne Lown
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Important Dates to Remember:

Sunday, March 14 th Forward" clocks	Daylight Saving Time Begins- "Spring
Wednesday, March 17 th to school!	St. Patrick's Day! Wear your green clothes
Thursday, March 18 th	Noon Dismissal Free Dress Day! Parent-Teacher Conferences, 12:30 – 6:00 p.m.
March 19 th – March 28 th	Spring Break!
Sunday, March 28 th	Palm Sunday

Monday, March 29th

Classes Resume

Thursday, April 1st

Noon Dismissal- Holy Thursday

Friday, April 2nd – Monday April 5th

No School- Easter Holiday

Tuesday, April 6th

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