



# SAINT MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

A Middle States Accredited School Building the Faith One Student at a Time  
Office of the Principal, Kevin Conwell

*"Yours are the hands with which Christ is  
To bless all people now."* Teresa of Avila

Dear St. Mary Families,

## Spiritual

I want to thank everyone for your prayers and support, for me and my family, as we faced the challenge of confronting the sudden death of my brother in law, Dennis Burns, and the death of my father, James Conwell! I know that they are at peace.

My father gave me great gifts throughout his life and was truly an example of the gospel. My faith is a direct result of his example. His lessons will always be a part of my life. They were more impactful than any others I have experienced throughout my life. As I reflect on his life, I am constantly reminded of the importance of parenting. He was always there for me, but he made me own and confront my challenges, but always with his support.

I know that although he is no longer physically present, his spirit will always be present in my heart and the heart of all he touched.

I pray that the peace of our Savior Jesus Christ enters your heart and remains throughout your life. Happy New Year!

## Science Fair

**The Science Fair is next  
Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**Open House to view  
projects begins  
approximately 7PM!**

**After judges have  
completed their work!**

## Mardi Gras Night at the Races and Casino - Feb. 10

Please find a way to support this event, through attendance, helping or financial contribution!  
Though money does not determine the success of our school, it is necessary to keep us operational!

Thank you for your support!

## March for Life

Did you know that almost every year for the past 20 years our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade has been attending the March for Life. There has been a couple times when the weather stopped us! We take our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to Washington to participate in the March for Life, to give them an experience in "witnessing" to their faith and to participate in democratic action. The March for Life is the largest "annual" citizen rally, asking our government to address the injustices our society perpetrates on human life!

*No School  
January 15<sup>th</sup>  
MLK Holiday!*

Please pray for a successful trip on January 19<sup>th</sup> and say a prayer that as a society we will recognize the value and gift of life in all we do.

## Career Day

We are organizing a "Career Day" for our students in 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. We are asking anyone who is interested to come to school on Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup> to share information with students about possible careers they can consider for their future. We want our students to learn about what people do in our society, experience to determine interest, think of how they might begin preparing themselves for a career and certainly help them understand how school is getting them ready for life.

If you would like to participate please send an email to me or Mike Petro @ [mpetro1268@gmail.com](mailto:mpetro1268@gmail.com). Please include a title of your job and a "child friendly" paragraph or less detailing what your job responsibilities are so we can (1) select a variety of careers and (2) provide a description for our students to consider when selecting the programs they would like to attend.

**Please respond by Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>!**

## Family Bingo

Family Bingo Night is Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>

7-10 pm in the Parish Hall

See attached flyer!

Many Thanks to our Home and School Association for putting on these family events!

Our "Santa Shop" was able to break even, which is our goal! Thank you for your participation! Please remember that in order for any of our events to be successful we need people to contribute their time, treasure and talent. Thanks to all who showed up to help out on the day of the shop. Our Santa Shop was successful the past two years in great part due to the contribution of Karina Barzousky, thank you Karina!

**Please remember to plan how you will contribute to the success of our school community when planning your new year's resolutions!**

### *Talent show*

We will be holding our annual Talent Show at the conclusion of Catholic Schools Week.

Look for information coming on participate.

Show will be Friday.  
February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7PM.

**Have a great weekend and a very blessed New Year!**

Yours in the Peace of Christ,

*Kevin Conwell*

Saint Mary School is collecting "**Shoes for a Cause**". Please collect "slightly used" shoes from your family members!



Send them to school!!