

March Newsletter

2020

Dear Parents,

St. Mary's School, Ticonderoga

As I write this, it seems that March will be coming in like a *Lion*. Hopefully Spring is just around the corner.

Our Lenten Journey is a time when many of us seek spiritual renewal through repentance, prayer and sacrifice, and affirm our belief in the Risen Christ. May these cold days render warm hearts and cause us to reach out to those away from the church and God to bring back a life of faith, hope, and love.

Yearbook orders are due. They are \$15.00 each. Make checks payable to St. Mary's 8th Grade.

- March 1 **1st Sunday of Lent**
1st Penance 2 P.M. at St. Mary's Church, 2nd and 3rd graders.
- March 2 **Dr. Seuss' Birthday.** Special treat at lunch.
Lenten Service 2:15
- March 6 **1st Friday Mass, 9 A.M.**
- March 6 **World's Finest Chocolate Sale** - We are selling a variety pack again this year. Each item in the pack is \$2.00. There are 30 bars in each box. Each family is asked to sell at least 4 boxes if possible. You need to do your share to keep St. Mary's going. We have permission to sell at Wal-Mart (dates below). You do not have to stay the whole day. You can do a couple of hours. Just let us know what the times would be so someone else can sell too. We can also sell at Stewart's. You just need to stop and set up times with them. We have 60 families to sell 300 cases. We can do this by working together and everyone doing his part. Thank you in advance for your hard work. One dress pass is earned for each box of chocolate sold. We want to be finished by April 9th. If we have it all sold, we will have dress as you like the entire month of June, which is a very long month again this year. I know we can do it! If you do not want to sell, send in a check for \$240. We cannot exist without some form of fund raising. Thank you for doing your share! We have days at Walmart that you can sell: **March 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 22, 27, and 29.** Please let us know if you are able to sell on any of these days. We have a sign-up sheet by the school office window. Send in a note and we will add you to the list.
- K of C Fish Fries** are scheduled for every Friday in March. Serving at 5 P.M.
- March 8 **2nd Sunday of Lent.**
Spring Ahead 1 Hour! Daylight savings time begins.
- March 9 **Lenten Service 2:15**
Education Council Meeting 7:00 P.M.
- March 13 **Sister Cindy** to visit to talk about helping children in 3rd World Countries. We just sent 60 chairs and 30 desks to Mission of Hope for Puerto Rico schools destroyed by a hurricane.
- March 15 **3rd Sunday of Lent**

- March 16 **Lenten Service 2:15**
- March 19 **St. Joseph's Day.** Sister Suanne and Sister Sharon's Feast Day. You will be treated to Make Your Own Sundaes. Not a day of Lent.
Mass at 9 A.M. for all students Pre K – 8.
- March 20 **No school at St. Mary's today,** Superintendent's Day. Teachers will be in Plattsburgh.
- March 22 **4th Sunday of Lent**
- March 23 **Lenten Service 2:15** at school.
- March 24-31 **NYS ELA Computer Based Testing**
March 25-27 **NYS ELA Paper Based Testing**
- March 26 **Family Breakfast 7:15-8:00.** Pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice, coffee. Adults \$3, students \$1.
Pre K and Kindergarten Open House and Fall Registration 6:30-7:30 P.M.
- March 29 **5th Sunday of Lent**
- March 30 **Lenten Service 2:15**
- March 31 **Family STEM Night 6:30-7:30.** St. Mary's School will hold a student lead STEM night (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). STEM integrates all four of these areas into the science curriculum. Students will present STEM projects to parents to show them what they are learning in science class. Save the date and time! Parents and students from all grades will attend. Every student in grades Pre K – 8th participates.
- April 5 **Palm Sunday**
April 8 **Presentation of the Way of the Cross 7:30 P.M. in the church.**
April 12 **Easter Sunday**
April 10-19 **Spring Vacation**

Read to Succeed - This year St. Mary's School will be participating in the Read To Succeed Program for students in grades K - 8. Please have your child read six hours, (360 minutes), for fun. Log their time and send the form back to school before April 3, 2020. In May your child will receive a FREE certificate for entrance into The Great Escape Park in Lake George! These tickets are normally priced at \$64.99 each and your child can earn one for free by reading! Once in the park you can upgrade this certificate to a Season Pass at a discounted rate. It's a "win-win" for our kids! **Please return attached reading log to SCHOOL when done.**

Catholic Schools Week – We hope you had a great time during Catholic Schools Week. Let us know the pros and cons of different events. Thank you to all who helped out with the different events. The Penny War total collection was \$259.51. 2nd grade came in first with \$40.15 and 3rd grade was second with \$32.37.

Thank You A big thank you to all who have kept their tuition and supply fee payments up-to-date. Everybody needs to pay something every month toward their tuition (Tuition Assistance does not pay your entire tuition bill). Thank you to those who are paying after Tax returns. Fund raising is a must for everyone. Your sense of justice in paying your bills is admirable. Your volunteering to help out is truly appreciated by all.

Breakfast and lunch should be paid for each day, by the week or by the month beforehand. The cafeteria depends on this money to run smoothly. Bills will be sent out for any lunch/breakfast charges that may have been incurred. Please pay these bills promptly.

*****Reminder – All the doors are locked at St. Mary’s School. You must be buzzed in.**