St. Mary School Elyria
Our Lady of the Assumption
Excellence since 1859
Making a Difference Everyday

Cougar News ~ September 5, 2018

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Rejoice and Be Glad!

Despite the heat we are off to a great start! Today we welcomed our preschoolers and kindergartners. On Friday, September 7, Kindergarten through Grade 8 will celebrate our opening of school Mass together at 8:30 a.m. We welcome all families to join us for this celebration!

All forms especially emergency medical and lunch orders should be turned in immediately.

Breakfast - Monday, September 17, we are excited to begin serving breakfast each morning from 7:15 a.m. - 7:35 a.m. This will work just like lunch. A menu is included in today's folder for you to complete if you are interested in having your child participate. Keep in mind, breakfast will only be served until 7:35 a.m.

Physical Education Classes - Students may wear their PE uniforms all day. Only PE shoes need to be brought to school to keep them clean. No need to bring school uniforms to change back into unless the student wants to. Your child's PE day is either Monday or Wednesday.

Many important dates . . .

- ★ **September 7** - 8:30 a.m. - Opening of School Mass
- ★ **September 10** - Measure of Academic Progress assessments begin for Grades K-8
  - The MAP assessments are given 3 times during the school year. Results will be discussed at the October Parent & Teacher Conferences
- ★ **September 11** - Patriot Day observance - Prayer around the flagpole at 8:00 a.m.
  - 6:30 p.m. - PTU meeting - Computer Lab - Childcare is available
- ★ **September 14** - 8:30 a.m. - All School Mass
- ★ **September 16** - 9:30 a.m. - Mass - Catechetical Sunday - Celebrate with our teachers - reception to follow in the Weigand Room
- ★ **September 17** - Breakfast begins
  - LifeWorks - Choose Life! program begins for Grades 6-8
- ★ **September 19** - 7:00 p.m. - Confirmation meeting for parents and students - Weigand Room
- ★ **September 21** - 8:30 a.m. - All School Mass with Grandfriends followed by an activity until 11:00 a.m.
  - **Early Dismissal** - 1 p.m.
- ★ **September 21 - 23** - Apple Festival - Look for the St. Mary School booth - Volunteers are needed
- ★ **September 24** - 6:30 p.m. - Grade 6 Bible Service - Upper Church
- ★ **September 28** - 8:30 a.m. - Mass - Grades 1 - 8
  - Inservice day for kindergarten and preschool teachers - no school for preschoolers and kindergartners

Many blessings for a successful school year! ~ *Ms. Uriq*

September 5, 2018

Dear Parents:

St. Mary School provides a new communication folder for all students each school year. The weekly folders have proven to be the best way to keep parents informed of upcoming information and activities.

We realize that evenings can be very hectic and paperwork can be overlooked. However, we are requesting all parents' cooperation in signing and returning their child(ren)'s folder(s) no later than Friday of each week. If the folder is not returned, you will be charged $1.75 to replace it.

Sincerely,

Sharon Urig
Principal

Mary Poling
Secretary

In an effort to be more cost effective St. Mary School would like to be as "paperless-as-possible" for the Wednesday Communication folders. Please indicate your preference below:

The blue Wednesday folders will continue to be sent home on a weekly basis. Signing the Parent Signature cover sheet will indicate that you have read the Wednesday Folder contents either online or the paper copies.

_____ I require paper copies of the SMS Wednesday Folder.

_____ I **DO NOT** wish to receive paper copies of the SMS Wednesday Folder. In lieu of paper copies, I will log into the SMS website each Wednesday for current information (http://www.stmarycatholicschoolelyria.com). The information will be located under the "Parent " tab.

I am also aware that there will be times when paper copies are unavoidable and will be inserted in my child(ren)'s folders.

Please print: _____
Family Name

Parent Signature: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS SIGNED FORM NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2018.

St. Mary School Library
2018 – 2019

Mrs. Kelly Copa, Library Media Specialist

Hello!

Welcome to the St. Mary School Library. Our library has over 8,000 books on a wide variety of topics and at all elementary-appropriate age levels.

There are several things you need to know about the library. **Please read over these guidelines with your student(s). If you have any questions about this handout, please send a note to school.**

Library Expectations:

All students are expected to abide by the school expectations in the library. Students are expected to use all library resources properly. Any misuse of resources may result in verbal reprimand, written reprimand, dismissal from the library, and/or revocation of library privileges.

Care of Books:

Students are expected to return books on time, and to take good care of the books. There should not be **any** food or liquid near the books. Also, please watch out for very small children who do not yet understand that books are not to be torn or drawn in. Please remember that pets, especially dogs, like to chew on books. The best thing to do is to pick one certain spot in the house to store the library books or to always keep them in your backpack when not in use. Keeping library books on a shelf with the child's other books **is not a good idea**. The books tend to get mixed up and lost. If keeping the books in a backpack or desk, please take precautions to ensure that the books do not become bent, pages torn, or marked by stray pencils/pens. **Please do not keep a water bottle in a backpack with a library book.**

Book Checkout:

Kindergarteners are permitted to check out (1) book at a time, beginning sometime after Thanksgiving or if they can demonstrate to me that they can take care of library books.. 1st – 5th grade students will be permitted to check out (2) books at a time, beginning after library orientation. 6th – 8th grade may check out (3) books at a time.

Students may keep their books for (1) week. The books may be returned at any time before they are due. All returned books may be returned directly to the library and placed in the return box or in their classroom crate on the morning of library.

Students may renew (recheck) the same book for an additional week if necessary.

Overdue Policy:

Periodically overdue lists will be sent to the classroom teachers. The students will often find the books in their desks or on the shelves in their homeroom. If the book is not there, the teacher will ask students to write a reminder in their planner to look for the books at home.

We do not charge late fees, however, **if the books are unable to be found, the replacement cost will need to be paid.**

Chronic overdues or loss of books may result in limitation and/or revocation of library checkout privileges.

Students who do not return books or pay the replacement cost by the end of the year will not be permitted to check out books the following school year until the books are returned or the replacement fee is paid.

Replacement of Books:

When a student checks out a book, they are taking on the responsibility that the book will be kept and returned in good condition. **If a book becomes lost or damaged beyond repair, the replacement cost of the book will need to be paid.** A notice will be sent home in the Wednesday Folder stating the title, the due date and the replacement value. **If for some reason a book does become torn, soiled, or damaged, please do not attempt to clean or repair it yourself.** Library staff will clean or repair the book, if possible, using special equipment and supplies specifically made for this purpose.

Volunteers:

We are always looking for people to become a SMS Library Volunteer! We would love to have you! There are several ways you can help out, including reshelving books, helping at the yearly Scholastic Book Fair, helping with inventory at the end of the year and volunteering to read to certain grade levels. **If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mrs. Copa at the school.**

I am looking forward to a GREAT year!

Mrs. Copa

ELYRIA CATHOLIC PANTHERS

Youth NIGHTS

Elyria Catholic invites all

Youth Athletes

including Cheerleaders & Coaches

to wear their

sport jersey or cheer top for:

FREE ADMISSION

to all Youth Nights.

We look forward to seeing you at Elyria Catholic as you help us cheer on the PANTHERS!

CELEBRATING 70 YEARS
ELYRIA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
1948-2018

725 Gulf Road, Elyria, OH 44035 | 440.365.1821 | elyriacatholic.com

Youth Football Night

Friday, September 7 | 7:00 p.m.
Elyria Catholic VS. Cleveland Central Catholic

Youth Soccer Night

Saturday, September 15
ELYRIA CUP
Boys Soccer | 5:00 p.m.
Girls Soccer | 7:00 p.m.

Youth Volleyball Night

Thursday, October 4
Freshmen 4:30 p.m. | JV 5:30 p.m.
Varsity 7:00 p.m.
Elyria Catholic VS. Valley Forge

Junior High Band Night

Friday, October 5| 7:00 p.m.
Rehearsal with EC Marching Band | 4:00 p.m.
Please contact John Royski, Band Director,
royski@elyriacatholic.com
Elyria Catholic VS. Holy Name

Watch for the upcoming Winter Youth Nights coming soon!

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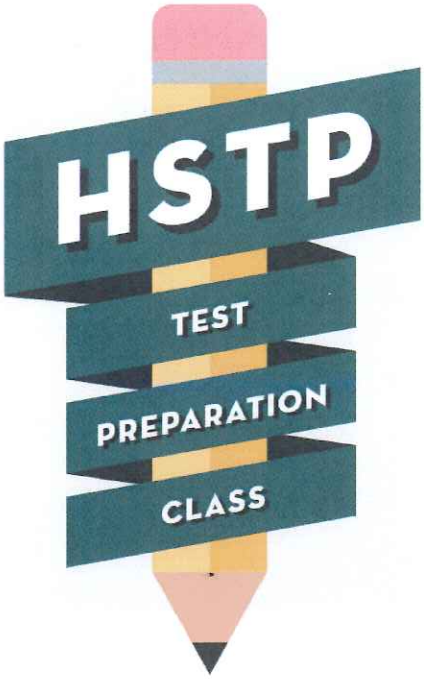

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
ELYRIA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
9:00-12:00 Noon
$50 (Pay at the door)

Register at: elyriacatholic.com
Registration Deadline: Wednesday, September 12

ELYRIA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

would like to bring to your attention an exciting opportunity for your 8th grade student. ***Rose-Marie Janesz, President of Test Preparation and Tutoring Services***, will be offering a high school placement test preparatory class: "Learn Standardized Test Techniques & Strategies for the Catholic High School Placement Test (HSPT)."

This may be your student's first experience with standardized testing that has consequences to his/her performance. Students will learn important guessing and time management strategies as well as content review and how to manage common test anxiety. Additionally, students will receive a 600-page HSPT test taking manual, HSPT practice test and helpful study guides.

TERRY ZIEGELMEYER
Elyria Catholic - Director of Admissions
440.230.8606

ROSE-MARIE JANESZ
Test Preparation + Tutoring Services - President
216.375.6951

Please feel free to contact Terry or Rose-Marie with any questions or concerns.

GREAT FUTURES START HERE.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF LORAIN COUNTY

August 3, 2018

Parents,

I'd like to welcome all of your kids to participate in the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lorain County's 21st Century Community Learning Center after school program operating in certain Lorain City Schools throughout the 2018-19 school year.

The 21st Century after school program provides intensive literacy and math instruction aimed at increasing students' reading and math proficiency. Participants also engage in enriching games and activities geared toward improving math and reading skills. In addition, the program aims to increase social and emotional positive behavior of participants through Boys & Girls Clubs of America's SMART Moves risk prevention program, which addresses drug and alcohol awareness, making smart choices, bullying prevention, conflict resolution, diversity awareness and other topics that improve the character and wellness of children in an age-appropriate manner.

We also provide a daily hot, well-balanced meal, and offer core programming in the arts, career and education, technology, character and leadership and health and wellness. Daily recreation including sports, aerobic activities, and Triple Play fitness challenges.

But mostly the Club's after school program is a safe place for kids to socialize after school and HAVE FUN!

We are anticipating a start date of September 4th at the following locations. All programming starts immediately after school and lasts for 3 and a half hours, 5 days a week. When school is closed, Club is closed. Transportation is not provided.

- Frank Jacinto Elementary
- Larkmoor Elementary
- Garfield Elementary
- Washington Elementary
- General Johnnie Wilson Middle
- Lorain High

If you would like your child to participate in 21st Century programming during the 2018-19 school year, please contact me by phone or email using below-listed contact information.

Sincerely,

Chad Heileman, M.Ed.
21st Century Program Director
Boys and Girls Clubs of Lorain County
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