

St. Mary School Board Meeting
January 18, 2024
(held via Zoom due to inclement weather)

In Attendance:

Staff: Joseph Scarpino, Carrie Lohrey

School Board Members: Kayla Martin, Kate Rufa, Lauren Wiley, Kara Cooper

Parents: Kate Markulin

Opening prayer

Welcome

E-learning:

- Preliminary discussion regarding whether to have e-learning days next school year given the diocesan requirements for such days.
- Discussion of the school calendar (both current year and next year) should no school days continue to occur.
- St. Mary has enough instructional hours built into its school year to have up to 5 days without school. Beyond that, adjustments to the calendar will need to be made (convert early dismissal days to full days, make 3/1 a day of school, utilize emergency days at the end of the school year).

Catholic Schools Week:

- Sunday, January 28th – Saturday, February 3rd.
- St. Mary School will host coffee connection at St. Mary Parish in Plano after all masses on Sunday, January 28th. Representatives from the school will be present to talk to prospective families as well as assist with serving coffee and donuts.
- Lauren Wiley is representing St. Mary School at St. John the Baptist on Sunday, January 28th after the 8:00 am mass at their “family day”.
- St. Mary School will host “donut Sunday” after mass at St. Pat’s in March.
- St. Pat’s is featuring St. Mary School in its bi-weekly newsletter.

Fundraising:

- In an effort to reach our annual fundraising goal, St. Mary School is selling raffle tickets for a 77” tv. The tv will be raffled off at Family Bingo night on February 10th.
- Tickets will also be sold at the upcoming boys’ basketball tournament on Thu, Jan 25.
- Dinner, walking tacos and hot dogs, is from 5-6 pm.

- Bingo is from 6-7 pm (admission is a full size candy bar).

Spirit Wear:

- New spirit wear site is active.
- Feedback is welcomed as it is a new provider / online ordering system.
- The desire to personalize spirit wear items has been requested and that will be added to the website.

Next Meeting:

- The next school board meeting is March 21 from 6-7:30 pm at the school.