

# ST. MARY SCHOOL

## *Weekly Newsletter*



**"ONE WHO HELPS ANOTHER GET UP IS  
ON THE RIGHT PATH TO JESUS  
POPE FRANCIS**

Dear St. Mary Families,

The St. Mary Community is praying for all those impacted by these devastating fires. Today the Student Council held an emergency meeting to create a plan of action for how we can support those affected. The students had many creative ideas that they will be executing in the next few weeks to raise money and collect donations for our brothers and sisters in the North Bay.

Although most agencies are reporting that cash donations and gift cards are the highest need, we will also be collecting:

- Basic necessity items (toiletries, water, non-perishable food, etc.)
- Items for children (toys, books, diapers, etc.)
- Items for animals (leashes, carriers, food, etc.)

All donations will be given directly to evacuation centers and/or Catholic Relief Services.

Furthermore, the Student Council wanted to try and get all students involved in this effort of LOVE. They will be collecting change (to purchase gift cards) in every classroom and will also make "love notes" to let those people impacted by the fire know we are praying and thinking of them.

I know many of you have family and friends who are directly impacted by this fire. Please let me know if you receive information for any further needs that we can help support.

God Bless,  
Mrs. Tracey Schmidt  
Principal

*Mary Our Mother ...Pray for Us!*

**SAFETY NOTE**

Unless the air quality drastically changes, all recess will be indoors for the remainder of the week. In addition, we will continue indoor morning prayer and "rainy day" carpool in the afternoons.

## SAFeway SCRIP FOLLOW-UP

Unfortunately, Safeway still has not resolved their issue with SCRIP cards and the cards are still unavailable. With that said, we are currently NOT taking any orders for Safeway SCRIP. Once the issue is resolved, we will let you know and begin taking Safeway SCRIP orders again. Thank you for your patience!

## SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

### 1. Walnut Creek Community Service Day - Saturday, October 14

There are a variety of projects to choose from all over Walnut Creek. Many students participated last year and enjoyed the experience.

2. **Readers at Mass:** We are looking for readers for the 11:00 children's Mass. The word of God is prepared and presented according to their understanding. This is relevant to the experiences of children and allows them full participation in the liturgy. By reading, they learn to respond to God's word and apply His word to their daily lives.

If you are in third grade or above and would like to be a part of this great ministry, please contact Cathe Cracknell at 925.989.1957 or cracknellcathe@gmail.com.

## BOO FEST

Boo Fest this year will be held on **Friday, October 27 from 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM**. Please find the [flier](#) in the download section for details and to pre-order your tickets. Students may wear orange, black, or Halloween themed top with jeans to school.

**Please Note:** Kids Club will be open, but will not be participating in Boo Fest. Any student wishing to attend Boo Fest must do so with a parent.



## OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

### PARENT EDUCATION NIGHT

Please join us on **October 26th at 6:30 PM** for a presentation by Walnut Creek Police School Resource Officer Drew Olson. He will share knowledge of the current trends and dangers of social media. This presentation is geared for parents with children in grades 5-8. However, it is never too early to begin to learn how to protect our children. Free childcare will be available for children in grades PK - 8. RSVP to follow.

### HALLOWEEN

We will hold our Halloween Parade on **Tuesday, October 31 at 10:00 AM**. This is also an early dismissal day for all students. Afternoon Kids Club will be closed.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

1. Booth sales at Mass for the raffle are available this weekend and next weekend. Please contact Theresa Zapata (tmzapata@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping.

2. We are less than a month away from the SMS Auction. If you are interested in

## OCTOBER IMPORTANT DATES

**October 12th**  
Early Dismissal  
Conferences

**October 13th**  
8:15 Mass Gr. 3-5  
Early Dismissal  
Conferences

**October 16th**  
2:00 Uniform Exchange

**October 17th**  
Hearing Screening  
2:00 Uniform Sale  
3:00 Choir Practice

**October 18th**  
Photo Make-Up Day

**October 19th**  
Fundraiser Hot Lunch  
Paid Free Dress

**October 20th**  
8:15 Mass Gr. PK-2  
8:50 Gr. 3 Field Trip

### **Respect Life Month**

You're invited to stand and peacefully pray with us for an hour in the public right of way at 1537 Oakland Blvd., Walnut Creek...right near school! We will be out there from 7am-7pm every day but Sundays. Please sign up for time! You can sign up at [40daysforlife.com/walnutcreek](http://40daysforlife.com/walnutcreek) or by simply emailing [40days4lifestr@gmail.com](mailto:40days4lifestr@gmail.com).

## DOWNLOADS

[Boo Fest](#)

[Carondelet Open House](#)

[Walnut Creek Police Department Holiday Card Contest](#)

[October Uniform Sale](#)