

Dear Families,

Thank you to all who attended parent/teacher conferences. We were just under 100% participation, which is a great success. When parents are involved, it shows! Thank you as well to those who provided lunch for our teachers during Thursday's parent/teacher conferences. The food was delicious – all the teachers enjoyed it immensely.

This week brings a full, regular week of school; however, we have the National Evangelization Team (NET) - college-aged missionaries - visiting us this week for the fourth consecutive year. The NET Retreat is for our middle school students who in previous years have enjoyed this fun and inspiring presentation of the Catholic faith. These missionaries will be our guests for lunch as well on Thursday. Please keep our guests and students in your prayers on Thursday during this faith-filled retreat.

Snow is in the air, and now on the ground. ☺ Friendly reminder: we go outside to play unless temperatures or wind chill drops below zero. Please be sure your children are coming to school with proper outdoor gear: hats, gloves/mittens, snow pants, warm jackets, and boots. We all need the fresh air to keep us healthy in mind, body, and spirit.

Seek Ye First is holding a holiday food drive that begins today! Having students bring in donations is a great way for them to learn stewardship and one of the Catholic Social Teaching, Option for the Poor and Vulnerable. Please see the enclosed flyer for further details regarding this food drive.

Cooking class is this Friday for our 5th-8th graders. Thank you to Emily Weber for spearheading the cooking classes and all folks who have volunteered their time or donated items to help make this an option for our students.

Debate Club begins this next week for 6th, 7th, 8th graders. Please see enclosed flyer for more information. Thank you, Mrs. Shackleton, for once again offering this club.

Thank you to all veterans, active and retired, for your service to our country!

Hope all of you have a great week.

God bless,

Hedy A. Gianni
Principal

Lieutenant Commander Doug Salik, on behalf of the U.S. Coast Guard receives lifesavers from Jordan Doghmi, a member of our student service group, Seek Ye First. The tag on the lifesavers read: "You are a true lifesaver! Thank you for your service. Happy Veterans' Day".



November 12, 2018

St. Mary's School
Education For Life...Faith For Living

School Office Hours:
Monday-Friday
7:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

**NET Retreat: November 15th,
8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; 6th, 7th, &
8th grade retreat, Holy Name
of Mary Parish**

**Thanksgiving Break: Early
dismissal Wednesday, Nov.
21st; 11:00 a.m.; No school
Thursday, November 22nd,
Happy Thanksgiving, and
Friday, November 23rd**

**Giving Tuesday: November
27th, one day of giving online
to our teacher salary
endowment at givegab.com**

**School Christmas Store:
Week of November 26th,
Clubroom**

**Color day, Popcorn Friday,
Virtue Education Program:
Friday, November 30th**

**School Council Meeting:
Thursday, December 6th,
5:30pm Holy Name of Mary
Rectory**

**Feast of the Immaculate
Conception: Saturday,
December 8th**