

**February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Dear Parent(s),

Last week, Vince Sheehan, father of 6 of our students, was admitted to the hospital in Iowa City. After extensive testing, it was determined that he has CNS Lymphoma, a type of brain cancer. CNS Lymphoma is a curable cancer, but the treatment is intense. As you can imagine, this is having quite an impact, both emotionally and financially, on the family. A GoFundMe page has been set up for the family, and can be found here.

<https://www.gofundme.com/vincentfight> In addition to that, Barb Cox has offered to organize a meal train for the family. If you would like to participate in the meal train, please email Barb at [coxcrewof8@mchsi.com](mailto:coxcrewof8@mchsi.com) and let her know. Lastly, please keep Vince and his family in your prayers.

### **Basketball**

Fifth grade boys' basketball will practice on Tuesday, February 28th of next week from 3:00-4:30 pm.

### **Gala**

Last call to reserve your gala tickets at the \$20 advanced price. We have to turn in a food count to the venue Monday afternoon (2/27); the ticket price increases to \$30 if purchased at the door. Remember to get tickets for grandparents and friends! Also, there is a last call form being sent home with students tonight if you have not yet purchased tickets and would like to attend.

Set up for the Gala will be after school on Friday, March 3rd. All are welcome to come and help as there is lots to get done before the event on Saturday.

### **Ash Wednesday**

Ash Wednesday Mass will be at **11:00 AM this Wednesday, March 1st** at St. Mary's School. This Mass is open to the public.

### **Read Across America Day**

Read Across America Day is a nationwide reading celebration that takes place annually on **March 2**—Dr. Seuss's birthday. Across the country, thousands of schools, libraries, and community centers participate by bringing together kids and books. St. Mary School will be participating in this activity. All students will be in the gym from 8:30-9:30 (there is no Mass this day due to Ash Wednesday Mass). Students are allowed to wear their pajamas to school, but they must bring a uniform to change into for the rest of the school day. Students are welcome to bring their favorite books, pillows, and blankets to read comfortably throughout the gym.

**Kindergarten/ Preschool Preview Day**

If you have an incoming preschool or kindergarten student please make plans to attend our annual preview day on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Information will be mailed to all families that baptized their children at St. Mary’s or Menominee. Anyone else may call school for information at 815-747-3010. If you know of anyone looking at schools, please feel free to share this information or invite them along for a visit!

**St. Mary Open House**

Please plan to attend our Open House and Registration Night on Monday April 10th 6:00-7:30. This is the perfect time to invite anyone you know who is thinking about attending St. Mary School next year. Mrs. Jones and the teachers will be present to answer any questions.

**Calendar**

Tuesday 2/28	8:45 AM	3/4 Prayer Service
	3:00-4:30 PM	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Practice
Wednesday 3/1	11:00 AM	Ash Wednesday Mass Gr. 7 <sup>8</sup>
Thursday 3/2	8:30 AM	Read Across America
Friday 3/3	3:30 PM	Set up for Gala at Tast
Saturday 3/4	5:00 PM	St. Mary Annual Alumni Gala

**HOT LUNCH MENU**

***February 27th- March 3rd***

- Monday –Hot Dog on Bun, Tatar Tots, Strawberries, Fresh Vegetables
- Tuesday – Beef Nachos, Fries, Garbanzo Beans, and Apples
- Wednesday – Cheese Pizza, Carrots, Corn and Oranges
- Thursday – Pasta with Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Lettuce and Pineapple
- Friday – Tuna Salad Sandwich, Pears, Peas, and Carrots

**\*Lunch Menu is subject to change\***