

March 30, 2017

Good afternoon!

While Ms. Trish is out manning our booth at the Shell Houston Open, I am sending out a poor replacement for her wonderful Lion's Roar. This is just the basics and not nearly as pretty as she can make it!

- Speaking of the Shell Houston Open, you still have time to help us out Saturday and/or Sunday afternoon. Any family members or friends who are at least 18 years of age can help and you will receive the Family Involvement Commitment hours from them also!!! Use our handy Sign Up Genius (thank you very much Mr. Holden) to register: <http://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/43072DC03A3CAECCE8-smmcsopportunities> You can park for free at EcoPark on JFK Boulevard and the comfortable buses will deliver you to the front entrance of the SHO. If you need a bus pass, please let me know how many you will need and I will send them home with your student.
- We have Noon dismissals today and tomorrow. If you did not make arrangements with Cathy Brown, our Director of the Before and After School Program, please have your student picked up at noon. Geomar will not serve lunch on either day.
- Please make plans to join the Knights of Columbus for their delicious Fish Fry tomorrow evening. They serve from 5 - 7 P.M. The prices are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 10. To go packaging is available. After you finish the wonderful meal, you can attend Stations of the Cross in the Church.
- Saturday, the Church is celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation at a 5 P.M. Mass with Bishop George Sheltz as the celebrant. Because of this Mass, we will not have a 5:30 P.M. English or 7 P.M. Spanish Mass on April 1.
- Attention all MCs and Mass Servers: There is MC/Mass Server training this Saturday, April 8th. The training is **REQUIRED** for all **NEW** and **EXISTING** MCs/servers. Existing servers who do not attend training will be taken off my list and no longer scheduled. **MCs are asked to arrive at 9 A.M.** in order to do additional training for the Holy Week services. Part of the MC duties includes participating in special Masses, i.e. Confirmation and Tridium (Holy Week) services. To participate in the Tridium Masses, you must attend the training. If you are not able to attend the training, you will not be able to participate in the Holy Week services. All MCs are needed during Holy Week. **Mass Servers' training will begin at 10 A.M.** Any student who wants to become a server is welcome to attend. If for any reason a student cannot attend due to travel, sports, etc., they need to contact Vickie VanGordon to make alternate arrangements.

Please keep in mind that altar serving at school Mass is not a school activity but a parish activity and it is run outside of the school. If a student wants to attend training they have to:

1. Be a baptized Catholic
 2. Have made their 1st Communion and be at least in the 3rd grade
 3. Students from other Catholic churches are welcome to attend training; however, they must commit to serving one Sunday a month at SMMCC in addition to the school Masses (since, once again, this is a parish activity)
- There is still time to pre-register for the ultrasound screening from Elite Medical Imaging that is being offered on March 31st and April 1st in St. Joseph's Hall. Each screening is \$49 or you can receive all 8 for \$150. Call [1-855-303-0667](tel:1-855-303-0667) to pre-register for your appointment.
 - Next week, Isaacks Rd will be closed from Wilson Rd to Houston Ave (westbound traffic). It will still be open from Houston Ave to Wilson Rd (eastbound traffic). If you usually get to school from Wilson Rd, you will need to use Houston Ave to reach Ferguson St.
 - We have a VIRTUS refresher course, Keeping the Promise Alive, scheduled in St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday, April 21st, from 6:00 - 7:30 P.M. If you took the initial VIRTUS class, Protecting God's Children, before April 21, 2012, you will need to take the refresher class to keep your VIRTUS certification current. If you don't remember exactly when you took it or you can't remember your login or password, email me and I can send the information to you.
 - We will be continuing the Iowa Basic and CogAT testing through next week. Please help your student be successful by making sure they get a good night's sleep. Send them off with a hearty breakfast and some healthy snacks!
 - Be sure to add the upcoming dates to your calendar:
 - March 30 ~ Noon dismissal
 - March 31 ~ Noon dismissal, After School in St. Mary's Hall
 - March 31 ~ Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, FLC, 5 - 7 P.M.
 - April 3 - 6 ~ 8th Grade trip to Washington DC
 - April 8 ~ 2nd Track Meet at Barnett Stadium
 - April 8 ~ PTO Family Fun Night

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