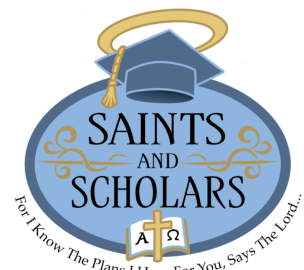


St. Mary's Catholic School

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WELCOME BACK!

We hope you had an amazing Christmas break and a wonderful time with family and friends to celebrate the Birth of Our Lord and welcome a New Year. We are excited for the second half of the school year and pray for God's rich blessings on our whole school community.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL . . .

Epiphany (also known as Three Kings Day - celebrated last Sunday) marks the days at the end of the Christmas season which lasts until January 11 this year. Epiphany means "appearing," "manifestation," "insight." The kings or magi from Matthew chapter 2 were something like priest/scientist/philosophers from the east that were seeking to find and adore the Lord as God's greatest "manifestation" to the world in Jesus - the Light of the World. As we sing in the hymn, "We Three Kings," they offered to Him: gold for a King (Jesus is the King of all kings); frankincense for God (Jesus is God the Son); and myrrh (a burial spice) which anticipated His saving sacrifice.

The Solemnity of Epiphany reminds us that God has revealed Himself and His love for all the world in the appearing of Jesus Christ; that the more deeply we seek the light of wisdom and truth, the closer we will come to Him; and that He is worthy of all our gifts, including the surrender of ourselves to His merciful care.

SAINT OF THE WEEK



Meet St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

- My Feast Day: January 4
- I am the patron saint of Catholic schools, teachers, widows, orphans, and people persecuted for their faith.
- I was the first American-born citizen to be canonized a saint!
- I was from New York City, but discovered Catholicism while in Italy after my husband died from tuberculosis in 1803.
- I moved back to the USA as a widow with five children, converted to Catholicism.
- I founded the one of the first religious communities for women in the US, the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, as well as the first small Catholic schools for boys and girls in Maryland.
- I was canonized in 1975.

SECOND QUARTER GRADES IN THE STUDENT FOLDER

Be sure to check out second quarter grades which come home today. Please reach out to teachers for any questions.

TUTORING RESUMES NEXT MONDAY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9th - 2:50 P. M. DISMISSAL - BUS IS NOT AVAILABLE

CHESTER REC LEAGUE SPORTS - SEE THE FLYER FOR MORE INFO

MONDAY, JANUARY 19th - NO SCHOOL - MLK JR. DAY

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK IS COMING AT THE END OF JANUARY (25th - 31st)

MONTHLY QUILT RAFFLE - \$20

The St. Mary's CCW is selling raffle tickets for a quilt drawing/or \$100 that benefits SMS. Please contact the school office to get your tickets!