NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS SCHOOL

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March 31, 2016 Important Dates for your Calendar:

Friday, April 1 - Registration Forms due
Uniform shorts may be worn
Monday, April 4 - Preschool Meeting at 7 pm in the church

Happy Easter! Alleluia, the Lord is Risen! I was so blessed to be a part of the Easter Vigil service. At this service, four school families were honored to be involved in one way or another in coming into the church and several others served as sponsors for these fine people. What a gift. I was fortunate to sing in the choir loft where a preschooler sat next to me and told me they were so excited to see their classmate be baptized and be at the Easter service where Jesus was going to "open the gates of Heaven". Thank you Mary McMichen for teaching these little children. Such formative years and she teaches them to love Jesus and Mary like no one I've seen. As I sat there with this little preschooler during the Easter Proclamation, I helped him follow along in the book as Fr. Wehrs beautifully chanted. If you've never read the Exsultet, it's worth a read. What a HUGE dose of amazing poetry. What was so exciting to me with that preschooler was getting a renewed sense of the wonder of Easter. We now have the gates of Heaven open to us. I wish we could all receive that like a preschooler, with joy and enthusiasm. If we really did, we may be one step closer to getting to Heaven. Let us remember the Easter Joy that is upon us and pray for one another.

God Bless you, Sr. Janelle

North American Martyrs **MAYFAIR** will be held on **Friday, May 13**. Donations are needed for the Mayfair Raffle! Gift Certificates, Scrip gift cards, books, toys, or sports items make nice prizes. Donations can be sent to the school office marked "Mayfair Raffle". Any and all types of donations from NAM families and businesses are welcome. Any questions contact Sara or Travis Morris at 402-890-3731 or sara.morris@bryanhealth.org.

A **Father/Son Program** for **10-14 year** old boys and fathers is **Sunday, April 17** from **2-4 pm** at the John XXIII Center. **Cost is \$10 per family** and the reservation deadline is Wednesday, April 13. The purpose of the program is to provide an atmosphere of love and learning to discuss the important topic of growing up and to establish a foundation for continued communication between parent and child.

The **Lost & Found** is filling up again! Please check it for any missing items. We will begin making weekly donations to Catholic Social Services of any unclaimed items left behind.

Campin' With the Marians 2016 will be held in late June/early July. We hope young girls finishing grades 5-8 will consider attending the camp. Cost is \$150 per camper and is held at Camp Kateri. Registration forms will be sent by email and are in the office.

Mark these dates on your calendar!!

- Sunday, April 10 First Communion at 2 pm
- Tuesday, April 12 Walk with Jesus Packets due
- Tuesday, April 12 Music Concert grades K-3 at 7 pm
- Monday, April 18 Confirmation at 7 pm
- Tuesday, April 26 Music Concert for grades 4-8 at 7 pm
- ♦ Thursday, May 12 Walk with Jesus
- ♦ Friday, May 13 Mayfair 6-8:30 pm
- Wednesday, May 25 Last Day of School 10 am Dismissal

Thank you to everyone who purchased or donated books at the recent **J-Club Book Fair**. We were able to add more than **\$200** worth of Catholic books and dvds to our library and keep a small profit for future purchases. We do have a boy's first communion prayer book and first communion set for sale. Contact the office if you are interested.