



St. Mary School

NEWSLETTER

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New Richmond, Wisconsin

Grow in Knowledge—Follow In Faith—Serve in Harmony

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 25-27
No School
Thanksgiving
Recess

NOV. 30
Spirit Day

DEC. 2
MASS 1:30 PM

DEC. 4
Adoration
1:30 PM

DEC. 8
MASS 1:30 PM

DEC. 11
Reconciliation
1:15 PM

DEC. 16
MASS 1:30 PM

DEC. 21
Spirit Day

DEC. 23-JAN. 1
Christmas
Break-NO
SCHOOL



Dear St. Mary Parents & Students,

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday please remember to be COVID-19 safe to help keep our school open with students in the classrooms. I know that the holidays are a time of coming together with family and friends but with the rising numbers of positive cases in St. Croix County, I ask that you please take precautions. Also after the holiday if you or anyone in your household is experiencing any symptoms please stay home. For your convenience I have once again attached the symptom flow chart to this newsletter.

With COVID-19 mental health is of great concern especially in the younger generations. In 2013 a social network phenomenon called the Blue Whale Challenge was suspected to be linked to the deaths of many young people. The Blue Whale Challenge incited by online predators starts with 50 days of challenges of self-harm ending with the ultimate challenge of online suicide. Statewide tip lines are reporting a re-emerging of this challenge. Please monitor your child's online presence and social media use.

Advent this year begins on Sunday, November 29th. Advent is the 4 week season where we, as Catholics, prepare for the birth of Jesus. During this season take time to pray around an advent wreath, prepare for the Christmas season by participating in reconciliation, and look inward to examine the gifts you have to offer to those around you. Another activity that can be done as a family is discovering the Advent Saints. The season of Advent is filled with beautiful feast days: St. Francis Xavier on December 3, St. Nicholas on December 6, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on December 8, Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12, St. Lucy on December 13, St. John of the Cross on December 14, and St. Peter Canisius on December 21.

The St. Mary Student Council will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army on December 7th outside of Family Fresh. Stop in and say hi! They will be there from 9:00-11:00 A.M. Just another shining example of students living the school's mission of Grow in Knowledge, Follow in Faith, Serve in Harmony.

As I close I would like to say how thankful I am that the school is strong, the students are in the building learning, that the staff has remained healthy to continue in the classrooms, and that I couldn't ask for a better school to be principal at. I pray that the deer hunters are safe and successful this coming week and that everyone has a Happy & Healthy Thanksgiving!

Blessings,

Mrs. J.

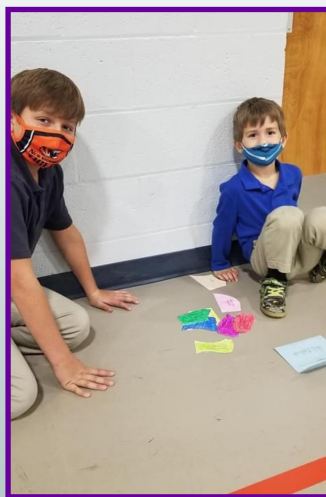
FREE FLU SHOTS for children are being offered by St. Croix County Public Health. Available to children 6 months through age 18 while supplies last. Please see attached flyer for appointment times and more information.



Student Council President Emma Humphrey, and Vice President Jack Charbonneau accept a Technology Grant from Catholic United Financial.

Faith Friends

Fourth Graders made Hail Mary Puzzles for their Kindergarten Faith Friends to help them learn the prayer. Way to go 4th graders!!



****UPDATED**FREE LUNCH BENEFIT**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the US Dept. of Agriculture announced that all students will be eligible for free meals regardless of family income through **the end of the 2020-21 school year** (or federal funding is depleted).

Details:

- * All students receive free meals starting 9/1/20
- * All students will receive free meals **through the 2020-21 school year** or until funding is depleted
- * Students will still pay for anything outside of a meal purchase
- * Students will still use their meal accounts when receiving meals. This process is needed for proper counting and claiming of meals.
- * It is very important families still complete free/reduced price meal benefit applications if needed.

These cost you nothing extra and St. Mary School funding is supported by your participation:

***Shop on AmazonSmile**, *smile.amazon.com* choose *Immaculate Conception Parish*

***Recycle aluminum cans** at our center near Snap Fitness on N. Knowles Ave.

***Recycle printer cartridges.** Drop off at school.

***Save Family Fresh receipts.** Drop off at **school**.

NEW Shutterfly. Log into our storefront at **saintmaryschool.ShutterflyStorefront.com** and we receive 8% of your net order.

Scrip shopping/gift cards are available at the school and church offices and after masses.

