



St. Mary School

NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 21

Prof. Learning
Day—NO
SCHOOL

Sept. 23

MASS 1:30 PM

Sept. 28

Spirit Day

Sept. 30

MASS 1:30 PM

Oct. 2

Adoration 1:30 PM
Pet Blessing
2:10 PM

Oct. 6

Picture Day

Oct. 7

MASS 1:30 PM

Oct. 10

Marathon It



Dear St. Mary Parents & Students,

The school building was all abuzz this week with students campaigning for student council. I am happy to congratulate the following student representatives:

3rd—Owen Eccles

4th—Madisyn Brantner

5th—Piper Scanlan

6th—Megan Gross

7th—Luke Effertz

8th Vice President—Jack Charbonneau

8th President— Emma Humphrey

MAP testing is going well. The 4th-8th graders are done, 3rd will finish up on Tuesday, and 2nd and 1st will begin taking their assessments next week. Please remember to have your child get a good night's sleep and eat a hearty breakfast, both will help fuel their brains.

As we complete the third week of the 2020-21 school year we have had zero positive COVID-19 cases. As we continue to navigate the school year I will continue to meet and work closely with the Diocese of Superior, the School District of New Richmond, and St. Croix County Public Health. Please see the following updates and reminders:

Important Mask and Face Covering Update:

- The governor's "Emergency Order #1", which establishes state-wide rules and various exceptions regarding the wearing of face coverings in indoor locations is due to expire on September 28, 2020.
- In working with the School District of New Richmond, St. Mary School will continue its face covering requirement if the order does expire. All students, staff, and visitors will be required to wear a mask and use in the following situations:
 - * In close contact with others which is less than six feet
 - * While an individual is giving an educational, artistic, cultural, musical or theatrical presentation for an audience, the single speaker may remove the face covering when actively speaking.
 - * While the face covering is removed, the speaker must remain at least 6 feet away from a all other individuals at all times
 - * Mask will be worn before entering and also while riding the bus
 - * Face shields cannot replace a mask
 - * Students and staff will wear masks when in the service lines at mealtimes. Masks can then be taken off when at the designated eating space
 - * If warranted, we could possibly lesson the use of masks if/when COVID-19 risks decline

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* Please note the following change: Masks with exhalation valves or vents are **NOT** allowed per St. Croix County Public Health

If a positive COVID-19 case is identified in St. Mary School, the following communication will occur:

- A letter will go out to the entire building and will identify the grade of the positive case
- If two or more cases happen within 14 days only the grade will be notified
- A second letter will be sent to the entire building after 14 days if new cases arise at any grade
- The School will work directly with the St. Croix County Public Health in tracking close contacts
- Return to School: this is based on many factors but it may seem disparate between students based on the following
 - * Last contact date between student and positive COVID-19 person
 - * If positive case is in the household and how that is being managed
 - * The start date of symptoms if any
 - * Direction from St. Croix County Health Public Health

Please see the flyer in the family folder titled: “When does my sick child and other family members need to stay home?” This flyer is a great source for answering questions as to when to keep a child and/or their sibling(s) home.

The students and staff are settled into the school year with routines being established and glitches in the schedules for the most part have been taken care of. It is so wonderful seeing the kids helping each other out and sharing their smiles and laughter. I continue to pray that all of us stay healthy and are able to continue the school year moving forward.

Blessings,

Mrs. J.

JOIN US FOR MARATHON IT ON SATURDAY, OCT. 10TH



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 December 31st (or federal funding is depleted).

Details:

- * All students receive free meals starting 9/1/20
- * All students will receive free meals through Dec. 31st 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.

PICTURE DAY

Just a friendly reminder that Picture day is Tuesday, Oct. 6th. Picture order forms were sent home last week—order online at Lifetouch or bring order form in on picture day.



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.

