



St. Mary School

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Grow in Knowledge

The best way to model life-long learning for our students is to have faculty attend professional development. Staff at St. Mary School are thankful for last year's Mardi Gras special auction that was held to raise funds for professional development. The monies raised have sent faculty to Responsive Classroom workshops and conferences, the Wisconsin Adolescent Mental Health Conference, math instruction and behavioral conferences through the Bureau of Education and Research, a conference on MAP standardized

testing through the Northwest Evaluation Association, and funded two book studies.

Teachers are expanding their strategies and techniques in regards to creating a growth mindset culture within the building and using standardized testing results to create individualized plans for each student in the building. Team building activities and opportunities for prayer have also been added to professional development to help build a culture of community with the staff.



6th grade students completing a rock identification lab in science class.



Teachers participating in a team-building exercise during a professional learning day.

Upcoming Events:

- March 20
End of Third Quarter
- March 23 - 27
Spring Break
- March 31
Chrism Mass @ Superior
- April 7
Family Safety Night
- April 19 & 20
First Holy Communion
- May 1st
Spring Program
- May 16 - 21
Middle School Trip to South Dakota
- May 29
Prayer Partner Tea
- May 3
8th Grade Graduation
- June 4
Last Day of School

Faith ~ Family ~ Foundations



Alumni: Cassie Cook

Cassie is a 2005 graduate of St. Mary School. Cassie became a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (CTRS) in 2013 and works for Presbyterian Homes & Services - Woodland Hill as the Life Enrichment & Volunteer Director. She has been in this role for 6 years where her duties are to assess, plan, implement, and evaluate activities and programs for Older Adults in Assisted Living and Memory Care, along with coordinating volunteers to help with events and programs.

Cassie is an Advocate for the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Wisconsin and also Committee Leader for the Western Wisconsin Walk to End Alzheimer's event. She has been doing this work for 3 years and will be headed to Washington D.C. for the 2nd time to represent District 7 of Wisconsin for the Alzheimer's Forum in March.

Cassie sites this as an honor to represent our state and to combat the effects of this terrible disease. She thanks her late Grandparents, Bill and Mary Ann Derrick, for pushing her to work hard towards an end to Alzheimer's.

"My faith has carried me through many scenarios in my life so far and that all started at St. Mary's. I am thankful that my parents and grandparents helped provide this great foundation of faith and learning for me. St. Mary's taught me to get involved in my community and I still remember going to volunteer at Senior Living communities when attending St. Mary School. I feel that volunteering led me to the career I am in today. It is important to volunteer and help others in the community you live in. It makes a difference for both yourself and the people you are helping. I thank God every day for blessing me with such a great life so far. My faith will carry me through all the good and bad moments of my life. Thank you St. Mary School for helping shape me into who I am today". ~Cassie Cook



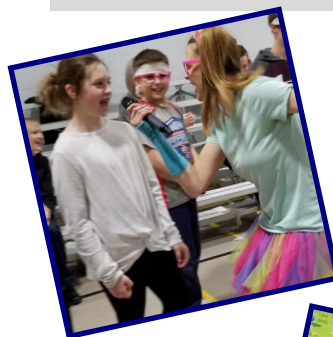
Cassie Cook

St. Mary School 2005

**New Richmond High School
2009**

UW La Crosse 2013

Catholic Schools Week



The Week kicked off with Sunday morning Mass and then a fun concert by the Dweebs.

Students had a blast dressing up as their favorite staff member.



Bowling was one of many fun activities scheduled for the week.



The St. Croix County Bishop's Mass is a long standing tradition during Catholic Schools Week. The four Catholic Schools in St. Croix County: St. Anne, St. Bridget, St. Mary, & St. Patrick all come together to share Mass. It is a wonderful experience for staff and students!



During this year's Catholic Schools Week St. Mary School Students donated 459 pounds to Five Loaves Food Shelf. Just another example of students living the school mission: Grow in Knowledge, Follow in Faith, Serve in Harmony!

Mardi Gras: Roaring 20's Style

This was a night to remember; our gala committee once again hit it out of the park! It was an evening of good music, great food, and lots of laughs. An evening that had something for everyone: cake auction, dancing, 50/50 raffle, head/tails game, blackjack, silent auction items, and dinner.

The school is thankful for all of the wonderful event sponsors and attendees that generously gave in support of St. Mary School. This year's special auction item was for the development of a central school library. Monies raised will be used to remodel the technology lab into a library.

Items that will be purchased for the new library are: bookshelves, electronic catalogue system, two computers, a subscription to a library guild, books, and tables and chairs. The students and staff are excitedly looking forward to



having access to a central library in the school.

Mrs. Halonen was named Mardi Gras Queen for the night. She made a number of proclamations which included a p.j. day for students, a jean day for teachers, and that May 4th will be Star Wars Day for all.



High School Alumni

volunteering to run the coat check



The very talented Mardi Gras

Committee that makes the night happen!



Fun night with great people who were having a "roaring" good time!



If you couldn't make it this year, please join us in 2021!

Basketball is BACK!

St. Mary School is proud to announce the return of basketball this year. It has been a few years since the delightful sound of bouncing basketball balls had been heard in the gym after school. Eight girls from grades 4th through 6th worked hard and played well during their season. It was great hearing "Go Saints" being cheered again!

Thank you to our parent volunteer and alumni high school student who volunteered to coach. The girls did not have the most successful season, but they showed great sportsmanship. They improved with each game, stayed positive, and cheered each other on. They made our school PROUD!





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St. Mary School

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A Note From the Principal

Dear Graduates, Parents, Supporters, and Friends,

I am happy to announce that registration for the 2020-2021 school year is now open. Many of our classes are reaching full capacity which means our little school is growing. We are anticipating the projected enrollment will be close to 200 students for the upcoming school year. Nothing is better than hearing classrooms and hallways filled with students!

I am always looking for new and exciting experiences for the students. One such experience was bringing Twin Cities based author Erin Soderberg Downing in to present to students about what it takes to be a published author and where she gets her inspiration for stories and books. Students were captivated by her presentation and learned how much fun it can be to write!

If you would like to follow along with all the great things that are happening on a daily basis, you can follow and like us on Facebook and Instagram (#GrowFollowServe).

Blessings,

Mrs. J.

