



NEW RICHMOND, WISCONSIN

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The Start of the School Year

The start of the school year was greatly anticipated by students and staff. After having been apart for five months everyone was excited to be together again. Although classrooms and routines look a little bit different this year our commitment to offering a Catholic education of excellence has not changed. To prepare for the start of the school year our staff worked hard to set classrooms so that seating is socially distanced, water fountains were converted to bottle fill stations, plexiglass dividers were ordered, and a wall was removed to enlarge the 4th grade classroom. Many new items such as face masks, disinfectant sprayers, hand sanitizer stations, and touchless thermometers were ordered to ensure the safety of staff and students. Schedules were adjusted to accommodate fewer students on the playground, in the

lunchroom, and in the gym. A new system for student drop off and parent pick up was developed to limit traffic within the school and promote social distancing. The students, staff, and parents have all stepped up to make the many transitions as easy as possible.



School Masks with the St. Mary Logo in youth & adult sizes are available for purchase in the school office. \$6.00

With the many changes required to open the school with COVID-19 it has adversely effected the school's 2020-2021 budget. If you are in position, please prayerfully consider making a donation to the school to help with these many added expenditures.

Donations are needed to purchase Personal Protective Equipment, additional Chromebooks and iPads for students, and to hire additional staff for recess and lunchroom supervision. Another area that is in need of donations is the school's Tuition Scholarship Program. With many parents having been laid-off the number of applications for tuition assistance has increased substantially. Please call Mrs. Jarchow with any questions you may have in regards to making a donation.



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Upcoming Events:

- October 10
Marathon It Fundraiser
- October 19
Professional Learning Day - No School
- October 15 & 19
Parent/Teacher Conferences via Zoom
- October 30
Fall Conference - No School
- November 6
End of 1st Quarter
- November 16
Professional Learning Day - No School
- November 25 - 27
Thanksgiving Break
- December 22
Christmas Program
- December 23 - January 1
Christmas Break



Ways You Can Help

St. Mary School relies on the help and generosity of the parishes, school families, the community, and alumni. Easy ways that you can help the school continue to grow and thrive are:

- Tell friends and neighbors about our great school. Word of mouth is the best advertising!
- Prayer: keep the students and staff in your daily prayers.
- Volunteer to be a Prayer Partner to a student.
- Purchase Scrip: it is available for purchase in the school office, church office, and online. This is an easy way to make everyday purchases, and a portion of

every purchase is rebated back to the school.

- Turn in your Family Fresh grocery receipts to the school. For every \$150,000 in receipts turned in, the school is awarded \$1,000.
- Volunteer at or be a sponsor for Marathon It, Mardi Gras, or the Annual Golf Tournament.

These are just a few ways that you can help the school. Please contact the school office at 715-246-2469 or saintmry@st-marysschool.com if you would like to help.



St. Mary School Student Council Representatives were elected by the students on Friday, September 18, 2020

Representatives will plan school events, promote all school service projects, and participate in community service.

Wish List for 2020-2021

- Smart T.V. in multi-purpose room for presentations
- 3 iPads with cases
- 3 Mimeo Board Projectors

These are just a few of the items that are still needed for the 2020-2021 school year. Please contact the school office if you would like to sponsor the purchase of any of these items.

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Alumni:

Maddy Riemenschneider

Maddy is a 2010 Graduate of St. Mary School. After graduating from New Richmond High School she attended St. Thomas University where she achieved a Bachelor of Science in biochemistry in 2018. Maddy is currently in her third year at the UMN College of Pharmacy studying to attain her Doctorate of Pharmacy in 2022. When she is not studying she is working one of three jobs: CVS Pharmacy, MN Health Fairview, and North Memorial Hospital. After graduation Maddy will complete her residency gaining experience in hopes of obtaining her dream job as an Emergency Medicine Pharmacist at a Level I trauma center.

In her free time Maddy can be found riding her horse, hanging out with her two Siberian huskies, or doing anything outdoors.

As determined as I am, I don't think I'd be this close to accomplishing my dreams without my experience at St. Mary School. From a young age, St. Mary School taught the value of hard work, perseverance, and of course, keeping my faith in God, throughout the good and bad. I gained knowledge of my religion and am able to practice the core values in my everyday life. The biggest thing I learned is that with faith in the Lord, anything is possible and He is who I need to thank for bringing me the opportunities I encounter.

~Maddy Riemenschneider



St. Mary Golf Tournament

Like many things in 2020 our annual St. Mary School Golf Tournament that was originally scheduled for June 22nd was postponed due to COVID-19 shutdowns. However with the help of the New Richmond Golf Course and a great committee of volunteers, the tournament was rescheduled for August 17th. A day that God blessed with sunshine and a light breeze. 32 teams took to the course to support our school. The winning foursome was Travis Gibson, Scott Meyer, Brian Campbell, & Tyler Hanson.

The event included treats, games, and prizes at various holes, a number of raffles, a putting contest, silent auction, and a wonderful box



dinner to go. It truly is an event with something for everyone. Parents, grandparents, community members, parishioners, and Alumni came from near and far to support the school.

If you would like to join us for next year's event or become a sponsor of a hole please contact the school office at 715-246-2469 or email at: saintmry@st-marysschool.com.

Thank you to everyone who made this event possible!



Winners: Travis Gibson, Brian Campbell, Scott Meyer, & Tyler Hanson



Golf, Silent Auction, Food, Raffles...something for EVERYONE!



A special thank you to the New Richmond Golf Course for hosting our event.



It was wonderful seeing all of the Alumni at the event!

Heather Jo Bolton

St. Mary School is excited to announce our newest faculty member, Heather Jo Bolton. Heather joins the staff as our Kindergarten - 8th Grade Music teacher. Having been teaching private lessons since 1996, Heather happily maintains a thriving studio of oboe and piano students. Mrs. Bolton has also been the double reed specialist at Shell Lake Arts Center since 1997. She obtained her bachelor degree in preK-12 instrumental and vocal music education from the University of Wisconsin - River Falls in 2004. She went on to instruct as a band director for two years. In 2006 Mrs. Bolton became the owner and full-time operator of Ashland Academy of Music in Mahtomedi, MN. Heather

is also actively involved with the music ministry at St. Patrick's in Erin. She can be heard performing in various venues, seen judging competitions, and helping schools revamp their music programs. Heather also heavily values time with her family. She is blessed with three children and a wonderful husband of fifteen years. If you don't see her in the classroom or playing with her kids, look to find her working on their home, camping, crafting, or water skiing. Please give her a warm welcome!





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St. Mary School

Pastor:

Rev. John C. Anderson

Principal

Laura Jo Jarchow

A Note From the Principal

Dear Graduates, Parents, Supporters, & Friends,

It is absolutely wonderful having the halls and classrooms filled with student voices once again! We are blessed to be back together. Currently the school has had zero cases of COVID-19. I hope and pray that our good fortune will continue with all staff and students remaining healthy.

Although our school year looks different due to COVID-19, we are still able to come together as a faith family for Mass and Adoration. There are many activities that we can't hold such as our assemblies for Veteran's Day and Grandparent's Day, but we are getting creative. The school will still acknowledge both groups by creating virtual celebrations to share through email and social media. Staff and students alike are seeing these changes as opportunities and are working together to create positive solutions.

With the close of the 2019-2020 fiscal year the school is happy to report that it finished the year with a surplus in the budget. The surplus was used to remove a wall to expand the fourth grade classroom, the purchasing of a computer for the front office, and to purchase necessary COVID-19 migration supplies with the remainder of funds being deposited into savings. Being fiscally responsible and saving for the future are top priorities to me as an administrator. We must plan for the future generations of students.

Blessings,

Mrs. J.

