



The Saints Go Marching On!

**UPCOMING
EVENTS.**

- OCTOBER 8
Marathon it 9:30
Fall Festivities
after 5:00 Mass
- OCTOBER 11
Fire Prevention
with NR Fire De-
partment
- OCTOBER 12
Mass 10:00
- OCTOBER 13
Early dismissal
12:40 p.m.
Parent-Teacher
Conferences
- OCTOBER 14
NO SCHOOL
- OCTOBER 19
Mass 10:00 a.m.
Early dismissal
12:40 p.m.
- OCTOBER 21
Potluck/movie
night, Home,
School & Church
- OCTOBER 26
Mass 10:00 a.m.
Picture Retakes
- OCTOBER 28
NO SCHOOL
- OCTOBER 31
Grades 4-8 to Feed
My Starving Chil-
dren

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents & Students,

WOW!!!! I can't believe how fast the time is flying. We are already in our second month of school! Students have been busy with visits to the apple orchard, MAPS testing, visits from the K9 unit, electing student council representatives, swimming at the Center, and learning.

Please spread the word that the school is still looking to fill the position of janitor. The hours and pay are negotiable. Please have anyone interested contact me at the school.

MAPS testing will be completed this week. The students and I are all grateful that that big job is completed. Results for grades 1-8 will be sent home in the family folders in a few weeks. The MAPS assessment is a standardized test that shows your child's progress compared to other schools in the diocese and nationally. A huge thank you to Ms. Halonen for her work during the testing process.

Marathon-It and the Fall Festival Dinner is this Saturday, Oct. 8th. Students will begin the Marathon-It fund raiser in the morning with registration beginning at 9:30 A.M. Students will be singing at 5:00 P.M. Mass with a wonderful pork dinner and produce sale following Mass. All are welcome to join in these fun events.

During the month of October I will be visiting each classroom multiple times to begin talking about how teachers and students should respond if we ever have an intruder in the building. This is not a topic I am looking forward to discussing with the children, but one that I must. I will talk and instruct each class at an age appropriate level. Your children may come home with questions, and I encourage you to talk to your child about what they should do if they are in a public place such as a shopping mall or movie theater. I pray every day that we will never need the training!

Just a quick look to the month ahead, I will be in River Falls on October 11th for a Diocese Principal meeting. At the end of the month I am chairing the accreditation team for St. Joseph's Catholic school and will be in Rice Lake October 24-26th. On Friday, October 28th there will be no school as teachers are required to attend the Diocese Conference that day.

May your fall be filled with an abundance of blessings,

Mrs. J.

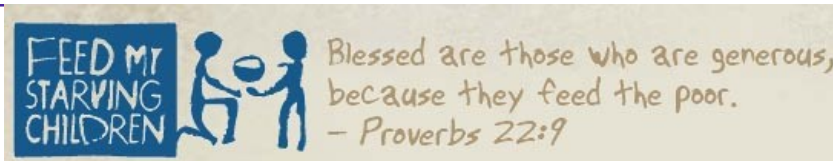
Prayer Partners



Our Prayer Partner Program started a few years ago. It matches a student with a parent, grandparent, staff member, or a parishioner from St. Patrick Church or Immaculate Conception. The goals of the program are:

- to encourage frequent prayer, everyone could use more prayers
- to pray for someone outside your family,
- to provide adults an opportunity to pass on the faith to younger generations,
- to learn how to write letters and correspond with someone
- to practice communication skills

This year students from K-8th grade will be participating in the program. If I could get a few more adults the Preschoolers would also be able to participate. The teachers will guide students in the letter writing process. It would be wonderful if parents could encourage their child to include their Prayer Partner in their nightly prayers.



Feed My Starving Children March 11, 2017 from 11:30-1:30

At the September Home School and Church meeting I brought up the idea of packing food at Feed My Starving Children as a school family and as a way to thank God for what He has given us. You can find out more information about this organization at www.fmsc.org

I have made reservations for 100 people on MARCH 11, 2017 at the Eagan location from 11:30- 1:30, weather permitting. I would like this to be an opportunity for families to come together and get to know each other better so at least 1 adult needs to participate with the children. The age requirements are:

- Kindergarten-Grade 2- 1 adult to 1 child
- Grades 3-6- 1 adult to 3 children
- Grades 7-9- 1 adult to 4 children
- Grades 10-12- 1 adult to 5 children

Please email grade5@st-marysschool.com if you would like to attend.

ALUMINUM CANS

St. Mary's aluminum cans trailer is full! Soon we will crush them and send them to the recycler. We only do this twice a year. Would you like to see the process? Join in the fun? (This is for adults only)

Please contact DonBrown, donaldbrown@hotmail.com. We will do this on the date that we can get enough to help with the process. October 15, 22 or 29 from 8-10 a.m.

ROCK-N-ROLL to the 50s & 60s with



November 5, 2016
St. Mary School
7:30 p.m.

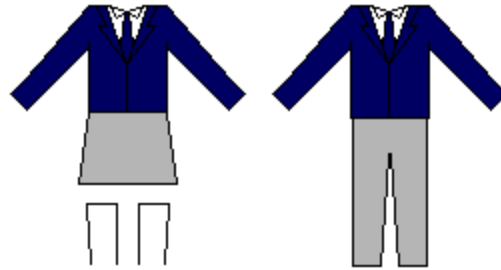
Advance ticket \$15.00
At the Door \$20.00
Dinner 6:30 p.m. Free Will Offering

Advance ticket sales at school
& After weekend Masses

LET YOUR PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS KNOW

UNIFORM CLOSET

The uniform closet is full!! Something for just about everyone. We now have boy's pants in all sizes. Come "shop" (for free) and get some extra clothes. Bring back what doesn't fit.



BITS-N-PIECES

Mrs. Mitchell

I am still in need of dance ticket sellers for the 5:00 and 9:00 masses next weekend, October 15 & 16. Please let me know if you are able to help out. I will be looking for helpers for the event also. More info in the following weeks. Thank you!