



UPCOMING EVENTS.

- DECEMBER 8
Mass 10:00 a.m.
- DECEMBER 9
Potluck/movie
Night
- DECEMBER 14
Mass 10:00 a.m.
- DECEMBER 20
Christmas Pro-
gram 1:00 p.m.
Social following
program
- DECEMBER 21
Mass 9:00 a.m.
Early dismissal
12:40 p.m.
- DECEMBER 22—
JANUARY 1
NO SCHOOL
Christmas Break
- JANUARY 2
School resumes
- JANUARY 4
Mass 10:00 a.m.
- JANUARY 6
Adoration 1:30 pm
- JANUARY 11
Mass 10:00 a.m.
- JANUARY 13
End 2nd Quarter
Potluck/Movie
night; Home,
School & Church
- JANUARY 16
NO SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents & Students,

Happy Advent! Everyone at St. Mary School is working hard in setting forth the very best version of themselves to prepare for the birth of our Savior. Students and faculty are looking around themselves to see how they can help others through acts of kindness. Each time a kind act is performed, a link will be added to a paper chain, and as a school we will watch it grow in length. Also to prepare for the Advent season students in grades third through eighth will be attending penance services this month.

I am very excited to announce that the New Richmond Knights of Columbus has awarded the school a grant to purchase four new iPads with cases to use in our Daily Five Literacy program. I cannot say enough about how fortunate we are to have the Council's support of the school! These men and their families are truly a blessing to the school and the New Richmond Community.

In October the school was awarded a grant from the Educational Foundation of New Richmond. The school was awarded monies to purchase new globes for classrooms kindergarten through eighth and state capital puzzles for the fifth grade Social Studies program. Once again we are lucky to have such a wonderful opportunity to enrich our students' learning.

St. Mary Student Council will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army on Friday, December 9th from 9:00 – 11:00 A.M. at Family Fresh. Please stop by and give us a "Happy Friday Woot Woot"! The Student Council has been busy the last couple of weeks doing a variety of community service projects. Along with bell ringing, they have packed backpacks for the Happy Kids Backpack Program and have served dinner at the Catholic Formation Suppers. In the weeks ahead they will begin planning activities for Catholic Schools' Week in January. I am proud of the work these students have been doing.

We have been blessed with very pleasant weather during the month of November, but I expect it to turn cold soon. Please make sure that your child has the proper outer wear for recess. It is a lot more fun playing outside if you're dressed for it.

Please remember when dropping your child/children off in the mornings, if you are coming in the building please park in the parking lot. The area along Washington Avenue is for drop offs only.

May the Advent season fill your heart with anticipation of the birth of our Savior!

Mrs. J.



Christmas Program

Dear Parent and Students,



The Christmas Program is on Tuesday, December 20th at 1:00 P.M. in the school gym. Grades K – 8 will be participating in this program which is a large part of their second quarter music grade. The students should wear dress clothes and follow the dress code policy. For boys, this means dress pants, corduroys, dress shirt, polo shirts, or sweaters. For girls, this is dresses without spaghetti straps, skirts, dress pants, and jewelry and make-up that follows the dress code policy. Neither boys nor girls may wear any shirts that have screened prints or any kind of writing. Shoes may be tennis or dress shoes. No jeans or hooded sweatshirts should be worn.

We anticipate another successful Christmas Program and appreciate your assistance. We look forward to this yearly tradition and celebrating the Christmas season with you.

Musically Yours,
Mrs. Jarchow Mrs. Wolf-Halonen

ST. MARY STUDENTS ARE WINNERS!

Congratulations to Mary Harrold, 5th Grade, for winning the 2016 St. Croix County Farm Bureau Essay Contest about making maple syrup. Mary was awarded a framed certificate, book “Sugar Bush” and a container of real Wisconsin maple syrup.



Congratulations to Stephanie Brown and Carolin Fuchs, 7th graders, for winning the 2016 Stop Drugs and Alcohol Abuse Poster Contest sponsored by the St. Croix County Sheriff's Department. Each one will receive a certificate and a \$50.00 VISA gift card.

YOU MAKE US PROUD!

BOOK & STUFFED ANIMAL DRIVE For Grace Place children

Thank you for your contributions to the drive. We collected boxes of books and bags of stuffed animals. The 4th Graders delivered the collection to Grace Place and had a tour of the facility.



PENNY DRIVE For Grace Place and the Five Loaves Food Shelf



Congratulations students for donating \$300.00 to the Penny Drive. The money will be equally split between the food shelf and Grace Place.

The winning class was 4th grade with a grand total of \$94.88 which equals \$8.63 per student. The 2nd place class was Kindergarten with a grand total of \$78.03 which equals \$4.34 per student. Followed by 5th grade with a grand total of \$16.70 which equals \$3.34 per student.

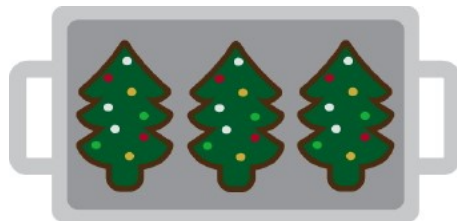
Christmas Cookie Platters

St. Mary School families and friends are baking up cookies for platters again this season.

Bakers: We are still looking for a few more cookie bakers this year. Contact Christine Charbonneau at lccharb@frontiernet.net or text 715-222-4218 if you can bake at least 6 dozen.

Platter Assembly: Tuesday morning, December 20, 8:00am in the multi-purpose room. More help is needed for that. Most work is done by 10:00am. Contact Christine if you can stop by and help, if even for just an hour.

Platter Sales: Due to the shortened Christmas school break and to ensure the freshness of our cookies, platters will only be sold after St. Mary School Christmas program on December 20 or by pre-order. Large platters (3+ dozen) are \$15 and small platters (2 dozen) are \$10. Platters have a variety of cookie/candy types.



Movie and Family Game Night!

You're invited to join us on December 9th for another great movie night.

This month we will be watching *The Secret Life of Pets!*

As always you are welcome to bring board games, cards, or any other games you can think of to make it a family game night as well.

Hope to see you all there!

December 9, 2016

6:00 PM Appetizers and play time for the kids.

7:00 Movie

Bring your blankets, pillows, popcorn and pajamas!

This is a fun family event!

Please join us for a great movie, time for adults to visit, or snuggle up with your kids and watch the movie!