



UPCOMING EVENTS.

- JANUARY 11
Mass 10:00 a.m.
- JANUARY 13
End 2nd Quarter
Potluck/Movie
night; Home,
School & Church
- JANUARY 16
NO SCHOOL
- JANUARY 17
Begin In-House
Roller Skating
- JANUARY 18
Mass 10:00 am
Early Out 12:40
- JANUARY 20
Report Cards
- JANUARY 25
Mass 10:00 am
- JAN.29-FEB 3
Catholic Schools'
Week
- JANUARY 29
Fellowship Sunday
- FEBRUARY 1
St. Croix County
Catholic School's
Mass 10:00 am in
Somerset
- FEBRUARY 2
Kindergarten
Round-up 5:30 pm
- FEBRUARY 3
Alumni Tea 10:00
Adoration 1:30

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents & Students,

I hope that everyone enjoyed the Christmas break and was able to spend time with family and friends. I was so proud of the students at the Christmas program on the 20th. They all had worked very hard and the result of that hard work was apparent. They sounded AMAZING!!!

We have a ton of things happening this month!! Today we are going to start out with our first all-school dance party in the gym followed by Adoration. Next week there is MAP testing for grades third, fourth, and fifth, second quarter closes and the Student Council is holding their annual canned food drive for 5 Loaves Food Shelf.

Please note the week of the 16th there is no school on Monday in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. We will start that week on Tuesday with the auditions for the spring musical. (Please see the section about auditions on the next page of the newsletter.) Also that week, the school and church will be installing a new phone system! This will make it much easier for you to contact your child(s) teacher. Once it is installed I will send out directions to parents. On Wednesday, January 18th Father will be gone so instead of Mass the school will be holding a prayer service that day. Friends and family are welcome to join us for the prayer service.

The month of January will close out with the kick off to Catholic Schools' Week on Sunday, January 29th. Students will be singing at both Immaculate Conception and St. Patrick's Parishes that Sunday. Student Council and Faculty have a great week planned for the kids! Please see schedule of events in the newsletter. Plans are still being made for additional activities so please check your child's classroom newsletters for continued updates and permission slips.

I am happy to announce that the Ann Marie Foundation has gifted the school with an educational grant to buy two additional iPads for our Daily 5 literacy program. The new devices should arrive at the school by the end of the month.

Starting February 1st to help the school better manage the budget, any families that have outstanding balances over 60 days for After School Care will have said balance added to their FACTS account. Please bring any outstanding balances up to date prior to February 1st.

At the start of each New Year the practice for many of us is to pick something to better about yourself and then set a “resolution” to achieve it. I have been sharing some of the Middle Schoolers’ resolutions on our school Facebook page. I am inspired by the things they are choosing.....be kinder, work harder, eat healthier, keep my locker clean, no assignments turned in late. Each day the students of St. Mary School amaze me with their hard work, kindness, and their love of faith, family, and friends. One of my resolutions is to make sure I tell the students daily how proud I am of them and to compliment positive behavior. They are all super kids and they need to hear it more often!

Blessings,

Mrs. J.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK EVENTS

(subject to change)

Sunday, January 29	Students are song leaders for Mass at IC & St. Pat’s Fellowship following 9:00 am Mass
Monday, January 30	P.J. and Crazy Hair Day Pep Fest with Nun Dance - 8:00 am Guest speaker 6th - 8th Grade - 12:30 pm
Tuesday, January 31	Sport Team/Twin Day 4-8 Grades bowling at Gibby Lanes 1-2 pm
Wednesday, February 1	Hat Day & Crazy Socks Day St. Croix County Catholic Schools Mass at Somerset - 10:00 am Talent Show - 1:00 pm
Thursday, February 2	Celebrity/Character Day
Friday, February 3	Jeans and Class Color Day (Preschool-black, K-red, 1-orange, 2-yellow, 3-green, 4-blue, 5-purple, 6-pink, 7-white, 8-plaid) All-School Nations Festival - 8:30 am Alumni Tea - 10:30 am All-School dance party - 12:30 pm Adoration - 1:30 pm

Spring Musical Auditions ~ January 17th

Auditions for the spring musical “Room OZ” will be held immediately after school on Tuesday, January 17th upstairs in Mrs. Halonen’s classroom. Students will be given audition materials in music classes on Wednesday, January 11th. Each grade has one to three speaking parts that students may try-out for. Lead roles will be chosen from students in grades six through eight. Those students auditioning for lead roles need to keep in mind there will be some 7:00 A.M. practice times in March & April.

The night of the auditions will start with Kindergarten at 2:50 and will progress up by grade with lead roles being auditioned for last. Roles will be posted no later than Friday, Jan. 20th.

5 Loaves Food Shelf Drive

The St. Mary Student Council is hosting the Second Annual Food Drive. Students, parents, faculty, and parishioners are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items into the school from Monday, January 9th through Friday, February 2nd. The Student Council has set the following rewards:

250 lbs. collected ~ All School extra recess
400 lbs. collected ~ All School treat at lunch
500 lbs. collected ~ All School non-uniform day
600 lbs. collected ~ All School popcorn & movie party

Join us in helping fight hunger right in our own community!

SAVE THE DATE!

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

11:00—1:00

Please let Ms. Rosauer know if you plan to attend

Kindergartens are Living the Advent Season!

All through the month of December, the kindergarteners spent time discussing ways they could give back, creating a plan to give back, and collecting donations for a local animal shelter that they decided to give to. At the end of December, all the collected items were donated to the local animal shelter and the kindergarteners were able to experience the importance of giving back and truly living the Advent season.

We will continue this advent lesson into January, the kindergarteners will continue their faith journey by learning about acceptance. They have created a handprint cross art piece that represents how each one of their handprints is different from the other and that God loves each one of us and accepts us as one of his children.

*“Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.”
Romans 15:7*



BITS-N-PIECES Mrs. Mitchell

We received a check from General Mills Boxtop For Education for \$473.10.

Knights of Columbus Christmas Poster Contest

Congratulations to the winners:

Grade K-2, 1st Hannah Humphrey, 2nd Anna Engelhart, 3rd Megan Gross;
Grade 3-5, 1st Emma Humphrey, 2nd Charlie Borgstrom, 3rd Catherine Bjerklien;
Grade 6-8, 1st Stephani Brown, 2nd Ellie Barlow-Sager, 3rd Ashley Effertz