

**UPCOMING
EVENTS.**

- DEC 15
Movie/potluck 6:00
P.m. Home,
School & Church
7:00 P.M.
- DEC. 18
Spirit Day
- DEC. 20
Mass 10:00 A.M.
- DEC. 21
Christmas Pro-
gram 1:00 P.M.
- DEC. 22 - JAN 1
Christmas Break
- JAN. 2
School Resumes
- JAN. 3
Mass 10:00 A.M.
- JAN 5
Adoration 1:30
P.M.
- JAN. 8
MAPS Testing
Begins
- JAN. 10
Mass 10:00 A.M.
- JAN. 15
NO SCHOOL
- JAN 17
Mass 10:00 A.M.
- JAN 19
2nd Quarter Ends
Movie/potluck 6:00
HS&C 7:00 P.M.

Dear Parents & Students,

I love how the halls are filled with wishes of Christmas and songs of the season. The children are excited for Christmas! With the Christmas program fast approaching it seems the excitement is mounting! Please remind your child that there are still four more days of school next week!

The Christmas Program will be held on Thursday, Dec. 21st in the school gym. Students should wear dress clothes...please no jeans or printed t-shirts. Please refer to the last newsletter for appropriate dress for the day. The children have been working very hard and have prepared a great concert! If you are in need of last minute gifts, scrip will be sold after the Christmas program during the cookie social.

With the start of every New Year there seems to be changes that take place. A noticeable change for the start of 2018 at St. Mary School is that we will be saying goodbye to our 4th grade teacher, Mrs. Vrchota. Mrs. Vrchota has taken a teaching position at another school. We wish her well in her new adventure. With that, we are fortunate to welcome a new teacher to 4th grade, Mrs. Vier. Please stop in to say hi and welcome her to the St. Mary Family.

Thanks to the hard work of a parent volunteer, we are now registered on Amazon Smile! What this means is that you can give to the school with shopping you are already doing. By choosing the school when purchases are made on Amazon Smile a percentage will come back to the school. Here are the steps to get set up to give:

Go to amazonsmile.com and sign in using your username and password for your amazon account.

There is a tab to pick your organization. This will lead you to a search organization page.

Type in: Immaculate Conception Parish (There are a few so make sure you pick New Richmond, WI) and choose this as your recipient.

Start giving – it is an easy way to support the school and it will cost you nothing.

For the school to receive a percentage you must always purchase through amazonsmile.com. If you use the regular amazon.com the giving will not take place.

Please contact me with any questions, or if you need help setting up your amazonsmile.com giving selection. Please share this information with all family and friends who would like to support the school.

In reviewing the School's safety plan an area where we have not been entirely compliant is when parents are visiting in the building. It is very important that moving forward all parents stop in the office and sign in, and then when leav-

stop in the office and sign out. Please do not exit via the playground doors. Every visitor, including parents, must enter and exit the building via the front office. I appreciate everyone helping to make our building as safe as possible.

The school office will be closed on Friday, December 22nd through Monday, January 1st. Scrip will be available for purchase in the church office over the break.

As we bring 2017 to a close, I would like express my gratitude to all my teachers who work day in and day out with all the students, to all the students who bring such joy to my life, and to the families of our school for sharing your wonderful children with me every day. I wish all of you a very merry and blessed Christmas, and may 2018 bring all health, happiness, and joy!

Blessings,
Mrs. J.

Congratulations St. Mary's Students



Congratulations to 6th grader Mary who placed 3rd in this year's Patriot Pen Essay Contest!

Congratulations to Olivia, Athena, Victoria, and Sean who were all chosen as finalists in the St. Croix County Sheriff's Stop Substance Abuse calendar artwork contest. Great job artists!!!



Knights of Columbus

Culture of Life Essay Winners: Why I Am Prolife. 8th grade 1st Place: Carolin, 2nd Place: Grant. 7th grade 1st Place: Eva, 2nd Place: Anna. Way to go kids!

Spreading Christmas Cheer!

Students in 2nd, 3rd, & 4th grades went to the Deerfield Care Center to lead Christmas carols for the residents. Everyone had a fun time sharing in song.

St. Mary 5th & 6th grade student sang carols at the Senior Center as a prelude to lunch. The room was filled with songs of the season from the voices of a choir of angels. Once again students living the school mission!



A fun time was had by all in the New Richmond Hometown Holiday parade! Students from St. Mary School and Catholic Formation joined together to represent our two parishes of Immaculate Conception and St. Patrick's.



The Student Council braved the cold and rang bells for the Salvation Army last Thursday.

The Corporal Work of Mercy that the students focused on during November was Feed the Hungry. The students held a money drive to donate to area organizations. Student Counsel is busy counting the money! They raised \$810.00



St. Nick visited the school...a sweet treat was left in each student's shoe!

What's Happening in 4K



The St. Mary 4K had their Holiday Concert on Tuesday, December 12th in the New Richmond High School Auditorium. All the children did such a great job! They all sang their little hearts out and looked so adorable on stage. Afterwards they enjoyed lots of goodies that the parents provided.



The 4K Students also made sugar cookies for the whole school. They enjoyed making the cookies but their favorite part was eating them! It has been a tradition for several years and I think all the students and the staff look forward to them each holiday season!

BITS-N-PIECES MRS. MITCHELL

Christmas break begins Friday, December 22nd.

