

ST. MARY SCHOOL



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January 5, 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS.

- JAN. 10
Mass 10:00 A.M.
- JAN. 15
NO SCHOOL
- JAN. 16
MAPS Testing
Begins
- JAN 17
Mass 10:00 A.M.
- JAN 19
2nd Quarter Ends
Movie/potluck 6:00
- JAN 24
Mass 10:00 A.M.
- JAN 25
2018-19 Pre-K
Information Night
- JAN 26
Report Cards
- JAN 28-FEB 3
Catholic School's
Week
- JAN 28
Children sing at
Masses.
Fellowship follow-
ing the 9:00 and
11:00 Masses
- JAN 29
Spirit Day, Crazy
Hair Day (no color)
and Mismatched
Socks Day
- JAN 30
Sports Day—
non-uniform

Dear Parents & Students,

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and was able to share time with family and friends. The cold start to 2018 has been trying but hopefully the temperature will warm up soon!

Our new year is off to a busy start with many things happening. Next week the Catholic Formation is bringing in speaker Nick Davidson for students in grades 6th -12th. You will find all the information about the evening in your family folder. Mr. Davidson is known for being a dynamic speaker that connects with kids. On Monday, January 15th there is no school as the teachers are having an in-service that day. MAP testing will begin on Tuesday, January 16th for first through eighth grade. Eighth grade will be attending the Tim Scott Holocaust presentation on the 19th, and we will close the month with the kick off to Catholic Schools Week on Sunday the 28th. Please watch future newsletters and emails for updates to the events scheduled for Catholic Schools Week.

Each January I challenge the students of St. Mary School to a canned food drive. This year I am challenging the students to collect 500 pounds of canned nonperishable food items for the 5 Loaves Food Shelf. If the students reach their goal they will receive a non-uniform day and on that day I will be required to wear the school uniform. That is right, a plaid skirt and blue polo shirt with the school logo on it! The food drive will begin on Monday, January 8th and end on Friday, February 2nd (the last day of Catholic Schools Week).

The end of the 2nd quarter is Friday, January 19th. Please check your child's grades on Option C for any missing assignments. If you are having trouble logging on or have lost your password please see Mrs. Mitchell, and she can get you up set up with a new password.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, February 10th is our Mardi Gras Gala at Ready Randy's. Grab your penny loafers, poodle skirts, and your leather jackets, it is back to the 50's for our largest fundraiser of the year! Please invite your extended family and friends to this fun night! The committee is working hard and it's looking to be a night of good food, fellowship, and always a laugh or two.

I was having a conversation with a friend over Christmas, and she was saying how blessed she was. She kept repeating the statement but never really elaborated on exactly what she was blessed with. It got me thinking about my own personal experience and so many things from St. Mary School was on my list of blessings. I would like to share a few with you.....the friendships I have made with parents, the hugs from students, hearing the students' laughter in the hallway, seeing the teachers spending time together outside of school as friends, having two parishes that support the school, having former students come back

and share their experiences with me, seeing kids skip into school, taking kids to South Dakota, the wonderful memories and friends my own children have from attending St. Mary School, and having a job I love. Thank you to everyone for all of these blessings! I hope that the New Year brings everyone health, happiness, and love.

God bless,
Mrs. J.

“Choices Matter”

How one man's story with alcohol affected many lives!

Monday, March 5, 2018 7pm

New Richmond High School Auditorium

Free and Open to the public!

“Chris' mission is to motivate people to accomplish goals, overcome adversity, persevere, and give a genuine reality check that people of all ages need to hear.”



Chris Sandy is a motivational speaker, life coach, author, and mentor. Chris specializes in alcohol awareness. He has traveled to over 40 different states and has spoken to over a million students, parents, educators, and military service members nationwide.

Chris is the author of the book "Enduring Regret: Two Different Stories of Drunk Driving, Two Very Different Prisons". He has been featured in the Double EMMY Award Winning Television Documentary "Enduring Regret: Chris Sandy Living Life After Causing Death". Chris' story has been featured in a number of articles and is used all over the world to help people make good choices, especially youth.

Chris has won numerous awards for his efforts to save lives. He uses his story and life journey to bring awareness to teens and young adults. He has a unique approach to captivate his audience and is considered one of the best messengers in the country.

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Alumni and Friends Tea Feb. 2, 2018

One of the events of Catholic Schools Week is the Alumni and Friends Tea. Students in 4th and 5th grade will be working very hard these next few weeks preparing for the tea. They will be writing invitations, baking, reviewing manners and learning how to greet and serve people.

Alumni are invited to attend. If you know someone who attended St. Mary School and would like to attend the tea please send their name and address to grade5@st-marysschool.com. I will make sure they receive an invitation.

Friends of St. Mary School are also welcome to attend the tea. A Friend of St. Mary School is a person who supports our school and its mission. Parents and grandparents of students are Friends of SMS.

There will be presentations by the 4th-8th grade students prior to the tea from 8:30 A.M.- 10:00 A.M.. The tea will be from 10:00 A.M.- 11:20 A.M.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FREE THROW

CHAMPIONSHIP

Boys and Girls Ages 9-14

When: February 4, 2018 1:00 P.M.

Where: St. Mary School Gym

Sponsored by New Richmond Knights of Columbus Council 2845

For entry form and registration information:

Contact: John Zipperer 715-781-7308

K of C Christmas Poster Contest Place Winners



Congratulations to our first, second and third Place winners in each grade:

Kindergarten: Loretta Henzler, Avery Bolder, Clio Gregerson

First Grade: Alice Watters, Gwen Elmhorst, Lindsey Gross

Second Grade: Lafe Knutson, Lilly Eccles, Emma Bocock

Third Grade: Allie Harrold, Megan Gross, Hannah Humphrey

Fourth Grade: Natalie Graham, Emma Anderson, Luke Effertz

Fifth Grade: Vanessa Kizer, Jillian Boumeester, Jonathan Medini

Sixth Grade: Charles Borgstrom, CJ Burmeister, Brodie Boumeester

The first place poster in grades 1, 2, 3, & 4 will move on to the next level of competition.

BITS-N-PIECES MRS. MITCHELL

Happy New Year! Thank you, Thank you, Thank you for all the Christmas wishes and gifts. I am truly blessed to be working at St. Mary School. I will miss all of you when I retire.

The Catholic Schools Week activities are being planned. Here is what we have so far:

Sunday: Students sing at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses, Fellowship following Masses

Monday: Spirit Day - Crazy Hair (no color) and mismatched socks. Pep assembly in gym

Tuesday: Sports Day - non-uniform

Wednesday: Uniform - St. Croix County Catholic Schools Mass in NR; talent show

Thursday: Book Character Day - dress like your favorite and bring the book your character is in

Friday: Class Color Day, Alumni Tea, Grades 4-8 will be doing Black History Presentations

Colors: PS - black; K - red; 1st - orange; 2nd - yellow; 3rd - green; 4th - blue; 5th - purple; 6th - pink; 7th - white; 8th - plaid/tye-dye