

ST. MARY SCHOOL



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UPCOMING EVENTS.

- NOV. 2
End of 1st Quarter
Adoration 1:30PM
- NOV. 6
Veteran's Day
Prog. 9:30 AM
- NOV. 7
Mass 1:45 P.M.
- NOV. 14
Mass 1:45 PM
- NOV. 15
Picture Retakes
- NOV. 19
Spirit Day
- NOV. 21-23
Thanksgiving Re-
cess-No School
- NOV. 26
Teacher Inservice-
No School
- NOV. 28
Mass 1:45 P.M.
- DEC. 5
Mass 1:45 P.M.
- DEC. 7
Adoration 1:30 PM
- DEC. 12
Mass 1:45 PM
- DEC. 17
Spirit Day
- DEC. 19
Mass 1:45 PM

Dear Parents & Students,

As the first quarter of the school year comes to a close we have many exciting things happening in our school. Students are using Chromebooks now on a daily basis, middle school students have competed in two essay contests and two art contests, and students are working hard on getting ready for the Veteran's Day Assembly on Tuesday. If you are a Veteran or know of one, please join us in the multipurpose room on Tuesday, November 6th at 9:30 A.M.

Fall MAP test results are included in your family folder this week. If you are unsure how to read the results, please feel free to contact your child's teacher or myself and we can walk you through it. Items to keep in mind when looking at your child's scores:

- In fall testing scores there is often a dip noticed due to what is commonly referred to as a result of summer slide.
- Testing was done on the Chromebooks for the first time and was different then what students are used to.
- This is a benchmark score that will be used to base growth on in the next two testing sessions.

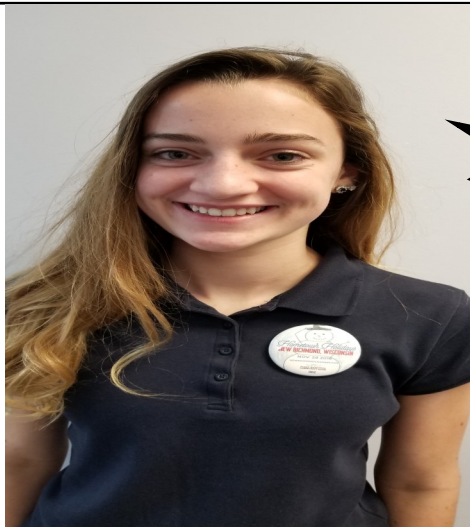
Did you know? In 2013 forty-five states in the U.S. adopted the Common Core Standards which eliminated the teaching of cursive handwriting in most schools. Here at St. Mary School cursive handwriting is taught beginning in third grade with continued instruction in fourth grade. Studies show that cursive handwriting improves brain development, prevents reversal of letters, increases spelling and reading ability and promotes hand-eye coordination. Just another way that we work our mission at St. Mary School: cursive handwriting = Growing In Knowledge.

Can Crushing: Many hands make light work. If you are free for an hour or two to help it would be appreciated. Crushing will begin at 8:00 A.M. Bring hearing protection, water proof gloves, and wear warm gear. Bags will be on the ground maybe covered with frost or moisture. It will take about 2 hours to crush a ton of cans. Please let Don Brown know via email (donaldbrown@hotmail.com) if you are able to help.

Hometown Holiday Parade: Once again St. Mary School and Catholic Formation will be teaming up to have a float in the Hometown Holiday Parade on Thursday, November 29th. We are looking for willing participants to help with our live nativity. We are looking for student volunteers for the Holy Family, the Wise men, and Shepherds. We are also in need of a generator, solar lights for the float, battery operated Christmas lights, and a few straw bales. If you have any of these items please contact the school or C.F. office. Help us to keep Christ in Christmas!

Blessings,

Mrs. J



Congratulations to Eva Dalton who won the Hometown Holiday button contest. Her design was chosen to represent the Hometown Holiday Parade this year.



Students enjoyed celebrating Halloween with some games, face painting, and even a little candy!

These cost you nothing extra and St. Mary School funding is supported by your participation:

- *Shop on AmazonSmile, smile.amazon.com choose *Immaculate Conception Parish*
- *Recycle aluminum cans at our center near Snap Fitness on N. Knowles Ave.
- *Collect Box Tops for Education labels. Drop off at school.
- *Recycle printer cartridges. Drop off at school.
- *Collect Kwik Trip Milk Moola labels. Drop off at school.
- *Save Family Fresh receipts. Drop off at school.

Just a friendly reminder, parents are welcome to come have lunch with their child(ren) anytime, however, due to DPI regulations, no outside food (Subway, McDonalds, etc) or soda is allowed. Thank you!