



**UPCOMING  
EVENTS.**

- SEPT. 11  
Student Council  
Candidate Speeches 1:45 P.M.
- SEPT. 14  
Student Council  
Elections  
Mass 1:45 P.M.
- SEPT. 16  
Catechetical  
Sunday
- SEPT. 17  
Teacher In Service  
No School
- SEPT. 19  
MASS 1:45 P.M.
- SEPT. 24  
Spirit Day
- SEPT. 26  
MASS 1:45 P>M.
- OCT. 2 Picture  
Day Pet Blessing  
2:00 P.M.
- OCT. 3  
MASS 1:45 P.M.
- OCT. 4  
Parent/Teacher  
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Dear Parent & Students,

What a GREAT start to the new school year! It is so nice having everyone back in the building. It was great seeing all the smiles and hearing about everyone's summer adventures.

We have a lot of exciting things going on in the building this year. The Chromebooks are up and ready for student use, the teachers have new laptops, and our network is receiving an overhaul with a new firewall, switches, and 4 commercial strength wireless modems. Along with all the technology changes, we have welcomed two new staff members to the St. Mary family: Mrs. Jerry in the 4K wrap-around program and Mrs. Ramirez as our preschool aid. We are also lucky that Mr. Peterson has rejoined the staff as our Middle School Math teacher.

The first family folder of the year went home with the students today. Please ask them for it as it is filled with a lot of information that is time sensitive. There are multiple forms that need to be filled out and returned to the school.

Marathon-It is our fall fund raiser. The event will be held on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> in the school parking lot. Packets were sent home with students today in the family folders. Marathon-It is a student driven fundraiser where students collect pledges for participation in the event. Students may participate by either walking, running, or biking during the event. Prizes are awarded to the top fund raisers. The student who raises the most gets a great prize plus gets to have a little fun and put a whipped cream pie in my face! If you have any questions, please contact the school office or one of the committee members: Krissy Dalton or Carolyn Anderson.

If you are planning on volunteering at the school or chaperoning field trips you must be Safe Environment Trained (previously called Safe and Sacred training). It is an online program and background check that can be completed in your home at any time. There is no cost to you, but the Diocese of Superior requires this training for all adults who will be interacting with students. Please contact me for information on the training.

Included in your family folder is the Diocesan Advocates Annual Income Eligibility Parent Survey form. It is very important that each family complete this and return to the school. It allows us to receive rebates on our phone, internet, and technology expenses. These need to be returned to the office by September 18<sup>th</sup>.

Spirit Days will be held on the last Monday of every month so our first Spirit Day will be held on September 24<sup>th</sup>. On Spirit Days students may wear any spirit gear or Marathon-It shirt with uniform bottoms. Orders for this year's spirit gear will be taken until September 20<sup>th</sup>. An order form for Spirit Gear

went home in the family folders today. Spirit gear makes great Christmas presents for students, parents, and grandparents!

A gentle reminder: when picking up students at the end of the day please wait outside by the playground doors. If at all possible please do not pick students up in classrooms as it is a distraction for other students and creates congestion in the hallways. I appreciate your help in making dismissal run as smooth as possible.

I am excited to announce that St. Mary School, the New Richmond School District, and the New Richmond Police Department have teamed together in adding a student resource officer. Officer Anderson will be visiting each school in the city multiple times a week to assist administration and teachers and to foster a positive relationship between students and law enforcement. Officer Anderson made his first visit to the school today and was able to introduce himself to some of the classes.

I look forward to the exciting school year ahead. I missed the kids terribly over the summer and love hearing their happy voices again!

Blessings,  
Mrs. J.

**St. Mary School is alive and well on social media! To keep up to date and day to day happening or to have a “look” into our classrooms follow us on the following social media platforms.**

Facebook - St. Mary School, New Richmond, WI

Twitter - #GrowFollowServe

Instagram - schoolst.mary



Facebook profile picture



Instagram profile picture

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**\*Shop on AmazonSmile**, [smile.amazon.com](https://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.

**Scrip shopping/gift cards** are available at the school and church offices and after masses.

## FIRST WEEK FUN & SMILES!

