

ST. MARY SCHOOL



The Saints Go Marching On!

**UPCOMING
EVENTS.**

- SEPT 25
SPIRIT DAY
Maps Testing begins
B.A.S.E. 6:30 P.M.
- SEPT 27
Mass 10:00 A.M.
- SEPT 29
K-2 Grades to
Afton Apple Orchard
- OCT 2
B.A.S.E. 6:30 P.M.
- OCT 3
Picture Day
- OCT 4
Walk to School
Mass 10:00 A.M.
Pet Blessing 2:00 P.M.
- OCT 5
Early Dismissal
12:40 P.M.
Parent/Teacher
Conferences
- OCT 6
Swim Day
Adoration 1:30 P.M.
- OCT 7
Marathon It
Sing at Mass 5:00 P.M.
- OCT 10
Fire Prevention
Week
- OCT 11
Mass 10:00 A.M.
- OCT 12
Early Dismissal
12:40 P.M.

Dear Parents & Students,

What a GREAT start to the school year! I love all the smiles, high fives, and hugs each morning. The best quote of the week was on Wednesday when a 4K student hugged a 6th grader and said, "See you on the bus tomorrow!" I love the relationships our students build with each other.

There are two flyers attached to the email this week. Both are opportunities for your students to participate in events outside of the school day. The first is a Youth Rally being held at Immaculate Conception Church on Wednesday, October 11th. The event is a youth ministry event geared for students in grades 6 -12. Please see the flyer for info on this great opportunity. The second flyer is from the High School Varsity Cheerleading Squad for their annual cheer clinic. Currently two St. Mary Alumni are on the squad, Jaida Benish and Jennifer Graham. The clinic is open to students in grades K-5.

The St. Mary Ministry of Education is looking for volunteers for their committee. The Ministry of Education meets once a month with the principal on a consultive basis regarding school issues and policies. The meetings are held on Tuesday nights at 5:00 P.M. and generally last one hour. If you are interested or have questions please contact me or any of the current members: Arlene Tenner, Mary Medini, Jodi Lenz, Steve Graham, Carolyn Anderson, or Lisa Naser. No experience is required for this committee!

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On Monday, we will begin the fall testing sessions for MAPS. Students in grade 1-8 will be tested from Sept. 25 through October 13th. Check individual classroom newsletters for your child's testing dates. Please make sure your child is getting a good night's rest and a hearty breakfast on test day. It is hard to do well when the brain is tired and hungry.

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Parent teacher conferences are on Thursday, October 5th & 12th, if you have not returned your sheet to Mrs. Mitchell to schedule a time please return it in the family folder. This is a great opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to see how the start of the year has been and areas that can be worked on together from home and school.

Blessings,
Mrs. J.

Standardized Tests..... YUCK!
Ms. Valentine

As a parent, we want to protect our children from everything harmful and/or yucky. When standardized tests come along we often wish we could take the test for our child; because it's no fun, it's difficult and it's really boring. Unfortunately, we cannot take the test for our child, but there are things we can do to help them be as successful as possible.

1. Make sure they get a good night's sleep.
This means different things to different people, but to the teacher it means getting 8 or more hours of sleep every night.
2. Make sure that they eat a good balanced breakfast.
This means that they don't just have sugars for breakfast, but also some protein, as that will stay with your child longer, fueling their brain.
3. Have a set study routine for your child.
This means having a consistent time, place and plan for studying beginning at a young age so that when standardized tests come around your child has skills and knowledge that they can apply; even to questions that they don't know.
4. Stress the importance of doing well.
This means talking with your child before and after testing to let them know how important it is to try their best and not to give up just because it is difficult. This is really getting at perseverance and helping kids understand that things are going to be tough, but we keep trying.

As a teacher I want to thank you in advance for all that you do at home to help your child be successful while at school. At school we will continue to provide a safe, caring, and fun learning environment in which your child can thrive.

Bits-n-Pieces
Mrs. Mitchell

Reminder: Marathon-It Pledge sheets (minimum \$35) are due next Friday, Sept.. 29th to receive a t-shirt.

Conference times will come home in next week's folder. Conferences are on Thursdays. Sorry about the wrong dates.

Please return the Diocese annual income eligibility parent survey if you have not. Our funding is based on the percentage we get back. Let's do 100%



Adore



Luke Spehar

Luke is a full time musician and is currently on tour promoting his second album, *No Other Way*. He spent this past summer leading worship at Catholic Heart Work Camps around the country. Prior to beginning his career as a musician, Luke spent time discerning the priesthood in seminary with several of our diocese's young priests. A native of a rural community in Minnesota, Luke and his wife Elizabeth and their daughter now reside in St. Paul.

October 11

From 6-9 pm

Grades 6-12

At Immaculate
Conception in
New Richmond



Fr. Andrew Ricci

A Catholic priest since 1997, Fr. Andrew Ricci is the rector of the Cathedral of Christ the King in Superior, Wisconsin, and the pastor of four other parishes. A lifelong learner, Fr. Andrew enjoys all things Italian as well as cooking, wine making, reading, travel, astronomy, and music. For more information about Fr. Ricci and for access to his weekly homily podcasts, please visit his website at studyprayserve.com.

Requested fee to
participate is \$10.

Please turn in to the school
office prior to the event .

Canned or dry food items
will be collected for the
Food Pantry.

Contact Kendra Mitchell
with questions: 715-246-4652
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Checks can be written out to IC.

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