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NEWSLETTER

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New Richmond, Wisconsin

Grow in Knowledge—Follow In Faith—Serve in Harmony

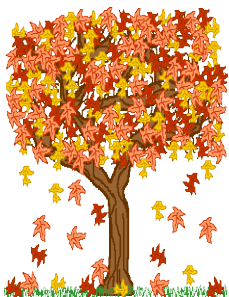
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **OCT 9**
MASS 1:30 PM
- **OCT 12**
Marathon It
- **OCT 15**
GIRLS VB 5:30 PM
- **OCT 16**
MASS 1:30 PM
- **OCT 17**
P/T CONF 3:30-8:00 PM
- **OCT 21**
PROF. LEARNING DAY
NO SCHOOL
- **OCT 23**
GRANDPARENTS DAY
MASS 12:45 PM
- **OCT 24**
P/T CONF 3:30-8:00 PM
- **OCT 25**
FALL CONFERENCE
NO SCHOOL
K-8



Dear Parents & Students,

What a whirlwind week it has been! The halls have been busy with activity and excitement. The week started with our WRISA accreditation site visit. We had principals and teachers from four other schools visiting for three days. They conducted interviews, observed in classrooms, and studied school documents. I am happy to report that the team is recommending St. Mary School to be fully accredited. The co-chairs of the team were Mrs. Rita Lee from St. Mary in Tomahawk and Mr. Dan Bell from St. Patrick in Hudson. Statements they made in the exit summary were:

- St. Mary School does a great job of living its mission. It is evident in many areas that the school is mission driven.
- The Site Visit Team commends the school on the obvious Catholic identity throughout the building.
- The Site Visit Team commends the use of assessment tools to monitor and assess student growth.
- St. Mary School has a strong Catholic identity and is an example of Academic Excellence.
- St. Mary School is a leader in the diocese for Catholic Education.

The process of the self-study the last year has been a grueling one for all involved. The fruition of all that hard work was evident in the report that was presented to staff. I have always known we had a great school and now there is a report to prove it. I am so excited to see where the staff and I will take this school in the future. We are excited to make plans to make it even better.

I am saddened to report that the medical mission trip that Fr. John and I were to take part in on Saturday to Haiti has been temporarily postponed due to civil unrest. The group will be meeting soon to reschedule the trip. All supplies that were graciously donated will be stored until we leave later this year. The trip was postponed for the group's safety and also for the safety of the school that we would have been visiting. Please keep the people of Haiti in your prayers.

Please see the flyer in the family folder for an upcoming social event later this month. A few members of the Ministry of Education are setting up a number of social events to get families together throughout the school year. What a great way to share fellowship and meet other families in the school. Continue to watch future newsletters for dates and times of other event in the year.

In the rush of being principal of St. Mary School, I sometimes don't take the time to acknowledge some of the wonderful things about this school. Tuesday night when I was at dinner with the site visit team, one of the members asked me what I thought were the best things about the school. Of course I said we have great teachers, wonderful kids and top-notch academics but I should have said instead: I love seeing the littlest hug their big kid friends, I love seeing the teachers laughing and joking with each

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other, I love the hugs I get when I am greeting kids in the morning or when I enter a classroom, I love the high fives I get in the hallway, I love seeing kids pray for each other, I love the pictures and cards that students make for me, I love the smiles, I love seeing kids skip into the school, I love watching our volleyball team cheer each other on, I love seeing parents talking and laughing together, but most of all, I love being a part of this wonderful family we call St. Mary School!

Blessings,

Mrs. J.

Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 17th and Thursday, Oct. 24th from 3:30pm to 8:00 pm. Online scheduling on Option C is now open.

You can go online and schedule the day/time that works best for your family.

Log into your Option C account , and there should be a box that says Conferences. Click on that to schedule a time with your child's teacher. Please call Mrs. Moore in the office if you need help logging into your Option C account. Thank you!



Flu Shot Clinic

Thursday, Oct. 17, 2019

4:00-8:00 PM

St. Mary School Gym

Family Fresh Pharmacist, Andy Lindloff, will be providing flu shots for adults and children 9+

Available free with most insurance plans (be sure to bring your insurance card)

\$30 without insurance (check or cash)

Open to the public



Fundraising/Fellowship Opportunity:

St. Mary School Aluminum Can Recycling

Many of you know of the aluminum can collection trailer at the lot just south of Speedway on Knowles Ave. Twice a year we need to crush the cans to haul them to St. Paul. This is meant for parents to help with because of the equipment we use, and we have a few long-time dedicated alumni parents and current parents of the school helping us. Please discern if you can give two hours to the cause. We are looking for help to crush cans:

Ted Casey farm

Saturday, October 26, 7:30am – 9:30am

contact Mrs. Jarchow for more information if interested

Thank you to everyone who continues to support our aluminum can recycling program!

- Don Brown, SMS alumnus and Arlene Tenner, SMS alumnus parent -



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.

***Save Family Fresh receipts.** Drop off at school.

***NEW* Shutterfly.** Log into our storefront at **saintmaryschool.ShutterflyStorefront.com** and we receive 8% of your net order.

