



St. Mary School

NEWSLETTER

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New Richmond, Wisconsin

Grow in Knowledge—Follow In Faith—Serve in Harmony

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UPCOMING EVENTS

NOV. 7

Veteran's Day
Assembly
9:30 AM

NOV. 8

Mass 10:00 AM

NOV. 15

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NOV. 16

Picture Retake
Day

NOV. 17

Spirit Day!

NOV. 22-24

Thanksgiving
Recess
NO SCHOOL

NOV. 27

Prof. Learning
Day NO
SCHOOL

NOV. 30

Hometown
Holiday Parade

DEC. 1

Adoration
1:30 PM



Dear St. Mary Families,

WOW, what an exciting month October was! Students had a wonderful time on Halloween with many spooky/fun activities, and the 4th and 5th graders spent their morning serving others at Feed My Starving Children. They were able to make 10,152 meals for families in need living in Guatemala. Way to go 4th and 5th grade!

Last Friday, teachers and staff attended our annual Diocese of Superior Fall Conference in Rice Lake. This year's conference focused on mental health, faith and education.

Grandparents/Special Friends Day was a great success, and students put on a wonderful performance! Grandparents also enjoyed touring their grandchild's classroom and getting an idea of what it's like for a day in the life of a St. Mary School student.

As we are now in the month of November, the weather can turn cold very quickly. Please make sure that you are checking the weather each day and sending the appropriate attire for outside recess. Also, from Oct. 15th-April 15th students should no longer be wearing shorts or crocs.

Recess rules:

1. 60 degrees and under students need long sleeves/sweatshirt
2. 50 degrees and under students need a coat
3. K-5 need snow pants and boots in order to play on the snow

If any parents, grandparents or family friends are Veterans please invite them to join us on Tuesday, November 7th at 9:30 am for our Veteran's Day celebration. The students have a great program planned to honor the brave men and woman of our country.

Our Hearts for Haiti Campaign kicked off on Nov. 1st! For every dollar a student donates, they will receive a heart to hang on the wall in the front entrance of the school. All donations will go to support the American Haitian Foundation that will provide food and education to the children of St. Antoine School. The last day to donate will be Tuesday, November 21st. I know St. Antoine counts on our donations each year so let's fill our hallway with those hearts!

Joyfully Serving,

Mrs. Engelhart



Looking for a few good people!

SMS Gala is our largest school fundraiser, and definitely puts the “fun” in fundraising! If you like to plan fun parties, get to know other parents, and help your child’s school in the process, here’s your chance! We are looking for people to join our Gala Committee. Whether you’re interested in heading the committee or just helping out, we need you! For more information, contact Mrs. Engelhart at jengelhart@st-marysschool.com The Gala is held in February of each year. Planning starts now, so come on board if you’re able—we’d love to have you!

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STAFF SPOTLIGHT

This week's Staff Spotlight is Mrs. Jessica Thomson. Hello, my name is Mrs. Thomson and this is my first year at SMS and as a 1st Grade teacher. My husband Billy and our 4 children (Halle-12, Tate-10, Carlee-8 & Addie-8) along with my amazingly awesome (and large) extended family live in New Richmond. I attended SMS and then NR High School. I graduated from UW La Crosse with a degree in PE and Adapted PE teaching. I have been teaching since 2008. I have taught every grade from pre-k through college level classes. As an army family we moved many times and called Hawaii, Missouri, Wisconsin (Sparta), Kansas (twice) and England home.

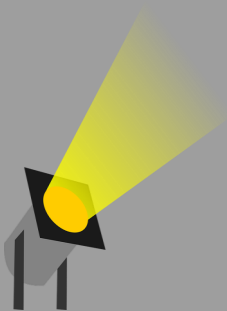
I love teaching at St. Mary School because I can put God at the center of my life because I can openly make Him a part of my classroom. After having many opportunities as "the new family" everywhere we have moved there is something very special about coming back to a community that feels like home to me. I love meeting new people but have also learned to appreciate familiar faces and "remember when's."

I truly believe God gives us the experience we need to step up for the tasks He has planned for us, even the unexpected ones! Every day I look forward to all the hugs I get from my sweet, yet energetic first graders and super supportive co-workers and I feel like I'm right where God wants me to be.

1. If you could only eat one food for the rest of your life, what would you pick and why? Pizza because then I could still have some variety with my toppings!

2. If you were famous, what would you be famous for? Since we moved back my kids think I'm famous in New Richmond because I know/am, related to so many people! :)

3. What is one "fun fact" people would be surprised to know about you? I used to judge dairy cows and even competed in the state Dairy Judging Contest!



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Having a Spooktacular Time



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St. Mary School Students of the Month
October ~ Respect

