



St. Mary School

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UPCOMING EVENTS

NOV. 10
MASS 1:30 PM

NOV. 15
Prof. Learning
Day-NO
SCHOOL

NOV. 17
MASS 1:30 PM

NOV. 18
Picture Retakes

NOV. 19
Spirit Day

NOV. 24-26
Thanksgiving
Recess-NO
SCHOOL

DEC. 1
MASS 1:30 PM

DEC. 2
Hometown
Holiday Parade

DEC. 3
Adoration
1:30 PM



Dear St. Mary School Parents & Students,

The month of November is always a month of anticipation and excitement for me. I know that Thanksgiving and Christmas are right around the corner, and I can't wait to start decorating. This week I have been thinking about all the things I am grateful for as a principal: the smiling students who walk in the door each day, the hugs and high fives, the wonderful staff that are friends and support each other, the parents over the years that I have made friends with, but most of all seeing the students learning and living with Christ in all that they do.

This year as a school we have chosen a bible verse to concentrate on. *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me ~ Philippians 4:13* I feel this verse is very fitting for all the obstacles that have been placed in our way the last two years. We are hoping to help students grow and learn that by placing Christ in all that they do obstacles will be easier, relationships with friends will be kinder, and hopefully give each student the knowledge that they are capable of great things. Students will be receiving a bookmark with the bible quote as a reminder to believe in themselves and to put Christ in all that they do.

MAP Student Growth Reports went home in family folders today. Please remember that this is a snapshot on one particular day. There are many factors that can affect a student's score such as sleep, if they did or didn't eat breakfast, how fast they completed the test, and whether the test was taken in the morning or afternoon. Often times scores will be lower in the fall due to loss over the summer. MAP testing will be done again in January and April to have a full year snapshot of student progress. If you are having trouble reading the report please feel free to contact your child's teacher or myself.

In continuing to partner with the New Richmond School District, attached to this newsletter is information about COVID vaccinations for those age 5-11 and information about an upcoming testing site here in New Richmond. (Vaccination will not be required to attend St. Mary School.) I am providing the information for those who wish to seek out either vaccination or testing. As I stated earlier this week in an email, cases are still very high in St. Croix County, especially among school age children. Please feel free to call or email me if you have any questions about the attached information.

I hope all will be able to enjoy the beautiful weather that is forecasted this weekend. It might be our last warm days for quite some time.

Blessings,

Mrs. J.



HALLOWEEN FUN



We are excited to announce that we have chosen a month to partner with Faith Community Church at Ruby's Pantry. This is a great opportunity to personally live the St. Mary School Mission to Serve in Harmony.

Ruby's Pantry distributes food at Pop-Up Pantry locations across MN & WI. There is no income or residency requirement and for a \$22 bundle donation you will receive an abundance of groceries. Link below if you wish to know more information about Ruby's <https://www.rubyspantry.org>

- Ages 4th grade and up are welcome to help serve. **We ask that all children are supervised by an adult at all times.**
 - Thursday, November 18th @ New Richmond National Guard Armory
 - VOLUNTEERS-Please check in at 4pm. The distribution is from 5:00-7:00pm or until we run out.
 - Approx 20 volunteer slots are available on the sign up genius attached, please sign up the adult/parent volunteer and include your child, if participating, in the comment section.
- We ask every adult who is volunteering to fill out a Ruby's Pantry Volunteer Application with his or her own email. This application involves a background check. Please Fill out at <https://www.rubyspantry.org/become-volunteer> (When filling out application **Group Name:** St. Mary School **Contact Person:** Amber Ortner)
- [NOVEMBER 2021 - Volunteer Sign-Up](#) You will receive updates and notifications from Jamie Kidder via sign up genius as the event draws closer.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

My name is Vicki Derrick and this is my 15th year of teaching 4K at St. Mary School. I am from Roscoe, Illinois and I moved to Menomonie, WI to go to UW-Stout for early childhood. This is where I met my husband Chad and we moved to New Richmond. We have two children that both attend St. Mary School. Ethan is in 5th grade and Emma Jo is in 2nd grade. It is truly a blessing to be a part of my children's lives as much as I am, although I'm sure my 5th grader wouldn't always agree. I just love all the children, families, and staff that I get to work with on a daily basis. Who knew that I would have a job where I look forward to Mondays! My favorite thing about teaching 4K is that it is super easy to entertain them. I can sing and be silly as much as I want and they are my best audience. Plus the fact that they LOVE school at this age! We really do get to have FUN all day! Teaching this grade makes me feel like I never have to grow up!

1. If you were in the Olympics, what sport would you compete in? **If I could be an Olympian for any sport I would say Powerlifting. I picked up the sport a few years ago and I have really enjoyed being able to crush my goals. Although wearing a singlet is definitely not my favorite part! Softball would be my second choice.**
2. If you weren't a teacher, what would your dream job be? **If I wasn't a teacher I would want to be a life coach or personal trainer. I really enjoy helping others become better versions of themselves.**
3. What is one fun fact no one would know about you? **The one fun fact that not everybody knows is that I grew up with Danica Patrick. Her and I lived next door to each other and were friends until Freshman year when she moved away to pursue her career in race car driving.**



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