

# St. Mary School NEWSLETTER

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

JAN. 25 Spirit Day

**JAN. 27** MASS 1:30 PM

JAN. 29 Report Cards Home

FEB. 3 Virtual St. Croix County Bishops Mass

FEB 5 Adoration 1:30 PM

FEB 6 PS/4K Open House 9-12

FEB 10 MASS 1:30 PM

FEB 15 Spirit Day



Dear St. Mary Families,

Today finds us on the last day of 2nd Quarter. We are officially half way through the 202-2021 school year with our doors open and students in the building! We are lucky and blessed.

Watch your family folders next week for the calendar of events for Catholic Schools Week that begins on Sunday, January 31st. Our activities will look different from previous years but there is still a lot of fun planned for the week. Student Council is starting their All School Food Drive on Monday, January 25th, and it will conclude on Friday, February 5th. If the students collect more than 500 pounds of food they will receive a non-uniform day and on that day I will wear the school uniform. Yes, plaid skirt and polo! Each class will compete to see who brings in the most pounds of food. All food will be donated to Five Loaves Food Shelf. This is a great way for our faculty and students to live the school mission.

The St. Mary School Kindergarten Virtual Open House will take place on Thursday, January 28th @5:30 P.M. If you know of someone interested in attending please have them call the school office for the link or invite them to our Facebook page where the link is also posted. We have a limited number of seats in our Kindergarten and space will fill up fast.

Registration for the 2021-2022 School Year will begin on February 1st. Registration forms will be sent home next week in the family folders. Registration for returning families will be due on March 1st. The School has already started the budgeting and planning process for next year and turning in registrations quickly helps in those processes.

Stay warm and have a wonderful weekend!

Blessings,

Mrs. J.

### **STAFF SPOTLIGHT**

This is a new feature of the newsletter in celebration of the NEW YEAR! Each newsletter we will put the "spotlight" on a staff member—hopefully we will learn some new things about everyone!

This week's Staff Spotlight is on Ms. Marsha Alexander, 2nd Grade Teacher. Ms. Alexander says she loves the interactions with her students and all the things they teach her. They are so enthusiastic about learning! She loves helping the kids understand the content of the subjects being taught and seeing their excitement when the skills are mastered and they see the connection between what they are learning and their lives. She enjoys helping the kids prepare to receive the sacraments.

- If you could learn how to do anything, what would you pick? How to snowshoe.
- If you hadn't become a teacher, what would you be doing? I would have a career working with animals.
- What is your favorite activity outside of school? I love hiking and bird watching.





Kindergarten Virtual Open House Thursday, Jan. 28th @ 5:30 PM.

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### \*\*UPDATED\*\*FREE LUNCH BENEFIT

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the US Dept. of Agriculture announced that all students will be eligible for free meals regardless of family income through **the end of the 2020-21 school year** (or federal funding is depleted).

**Details:** 

- All students receive free meals starting 9/1/20
- All students will receive free meals through the 2020-21 school year or until funding is depleted
- Students will still pay for anything outside of a meal purchase
- \* Students will still use their meal accounts when receiving meals. This process is needed for proper counting and claiming of meals.
  - It is very important families still complete free/reduced price meal benefit applications if needed.

## 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* 

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\*Recycle printer cartridges. Drop off at school.

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

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