

St. Mary School NEWSLETTER

Grow in Knowledge—Follow In Faith—Serve in Harmony

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FEB 22 Prof. Learning Day No SCHOOL

P/T Conferences 7:30-9:30 a.m. MASS 1:30 PM

FEB 26 Non-uniform Day

MAR 1 Registrations Due Spirit Day

MAR 3 MASS 1:30 PM

MAR 5 Adoration 1:30 PM

MAR 10 MASS 1:30 PM

MAR 12 Reconcilation 1:15 PM



Dear St. Mary Families,

Thank goodness the cold has lifted, and we are back to warmer temperatures with the kiddos being able to go outside for recess again!

The Student Council President, Vice President and I were finally able to deliver all of the donated food to 5 Loaves Food Shelf this morning. The kids brought in over 1700 items weighing 1,980 pounds. The All-School Non-uniform day will be Friday, February 26th when I will be proudly wearing the school uniform—plaid shirt and all! Since the kids did such an amazing job, I would also like to award the school an extra spirit day on Monday, March 1st (students may wear their spirit gear with uniform bottoms).

Registration for the 2021-2022 school for returning students is due on Monday, March 1st to avoid a late fee. Having registration completed helps the school to finalize the budget and begin planning for the start of the upcoming school year. Registration will open to new families on March 2nd. Many classes will be full and will have waiting lists. Our St. Mary School Family is GROWING!

We have been in school with face-to-face instruction for over 100 days! COVID-19 cases continue to trend downward for St. Croix County and with decrease in numbers it is important that we continue to be vigilant in our mitigation strategies. Please remind your child at home how important it is for them to continue to wear the masks properly, wash their hands frequently, and to continue to social distance. I am hoping that COVID-19 cases are behind us and that we can finish the school year strong with all students present in the building.

Enjoy the warm weather this weekend and remember there is no school for Students on Monday, February 22nd due to a professional learning day for the staff.

Blessings,

Mrs. J.

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STAFF SPOTLIGHT

This week's Staff Spotlight is on Alycia Broten, our fabulous Preschool Teacher. Mrs. Broten has been teaching Preschool at St. Mary School for 7 years. She says her favorite thing about teaching 3 year olds is that you come in every morning and get to use your own imagination! She gets to be a kid every day when working with this age group. She also loves teaching the children about God. At this age they get excited to learn who God is, and what he does to make us feel loved.

- If you could have one superpower, what would you want? My superpower would be to be everywhere at once. I am a social person so I love talking to people but would love to be in more places at once.
- What is your favorite zoo animal? I have a couple of animals in mind. Depending on where I go, I love being able to walk up to the deer at FawndeRosa and feed them. But when I go to Como Zoo I love seeing the Giraffes. I've always loved watching them since I was a kid. I'm not sure why, but they are very interesting animals.
- What is one thing no one would know about you? I love to cook! Learning new recipes is the best! Not much of a baker but I really, really enjoy cooking.

REGISTRATIONS DUE MARCH IST ALL REGISTRATIONS FOR RETURNING FAMILIES ARE DUE IN THE OFFICE BY MARCH IST TO AVOID A LATE FEE! SIGN UP NOW

UPDATEDFREE 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
- *Recycle aluminum cans at our center near Snap Fitness on N. Knowles Ave.
- *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.

Scrip shopping/gift cards are available at the school and church offices and after masses.