



# St. Mary School

## NEWSLETTER

St. Mary School

New Richmond, Wisconsin

Grow in Knowledge—Follow In Faith—Serve in Harmony

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- SEPT. 11  
Prayer Service 1:30 PM
- SEPT. 13  
Student Council Elections
- SEPT. 18  
Mass 1:30 PM
- SEPT. 23  
Prof. Learning Day  
NO SCHOOL
- SEPT. 25  
Mass 1:30 PM
- SEPT. 27  
4K Friday
- SEPT. 30  
Spirit Day
- SEPT. 30  
WRISA Site Visit
- OCT. 1  
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Picture Day



Dear Parents & Students,

Welcome back to school! It is wonderful having the students back in the building! I love all the smiles and hugs I have received this week! As some of you may have noticed, we have a lot of new faces in the building this year. Our enrollment is up to 185 students for the 2019-2020 school year. If you see someone new please introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.

**Did you know?** This school year the teachers and I are focusing on Growth Mindset phrasing with the students. We want our students to learn how to turn “I can’t” statements into “I can” statements. Another very important aspect of this philosophy is to see that it is okay to not achieve success in a task the first time, but to identify what needs to change to achieve success in future attempts. The biggest difference between a fixed mindset and a growth mindset is positivity. The teachers and I are asking for your help as parents at home. How you pose questions to your child about the day will change how they respond. Below I have listed questions that foster growth mindset thinking. The main thing to remember is to have your child reflect on the positive of the day and the gifts that God presented to them at school.

Growth Mindset questions to ask your child after school:

- What made you smile today?
- Can you tell me an example of kindness you saw/showed?
- What did you do today that made your teacher happy?
- What did you do that was creative?
- Who did you sit with at lunch?
- Tell me something you know today that you didn’t know yesterday.
- Tell me something nice you did for a classmate.
- What kind of person were you today?
- What was the hardest rule for you to follow today?
- What was something nice that a classmate did for you?

**Fundraising:** Each year in the school budget an average of about \$98,000 is budgeted to be fundraised. Our fundraisers help to keep tuition at a reasonable rate. If the school did not have a fundraising line in the budget each family would see an average raise in tuition by \$1,600. Each year we ask that families

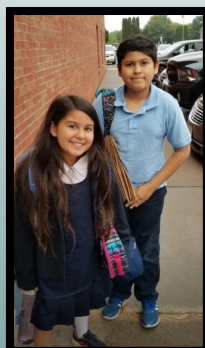
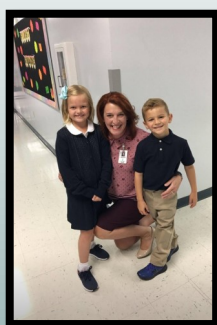
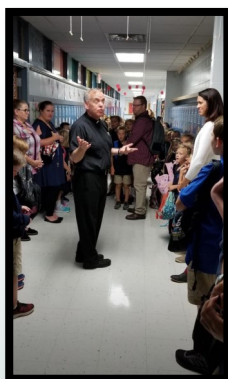
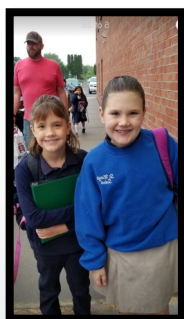
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help with these fundraisers as volunteers. Once again I am asking for families to volunteer their time and talents. In your family folders is a sheet to sign up to help with each of these activities. Please prayerfully consider signing up to help with an event. Once again many hands make light work and in this case lower tuition.

**Mission Trip to Haiti:** From October 5th through the 12th Fr. John and I will be traveling to Haiti on a mission trip. This is a medical mission trip to the Catholic School of St. Anthony near Petite Rivera de Nippes. While there I will be working at the school and would love to bring much needed school supplies. I have been asked if possible to bring such items as crayons, coloring books with big pictures of letters and shapes, and kid sized scissors for students aged 3-6. For older students such items as markers, colored pencils, and science supplies are in great need. Dry erase markers and toothbrushes are also items that are in high demand. There are close to 1,000 students at the school we will be visiting, and we are hoping to give each student a new toothbrush. There will be a box in the school office if you would like to help me in this effort by donating items listed above. If you want to make a cash donation, I will purchase items that are needed. I will need all items donated by October 1st. I am so excited to live the school's mission to serve in harmony.

Blessings,  
Mrs. J.

## Our school year is off to a great start!



## SOUTH DAKOTA TRIP FOR 7-8 GRADERS

JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER THAT DEPOSITS FOR THE TRIP ARE DUE BY SEPT. 13TH.

ALSO, WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR PARENT VOLUNTEERS TO GO ON THE TRIP. IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT MRS. JARCHOW.

**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](http://saintmaryschool.ShutterflyStorefront.com) and we receive 8% of your net order.