



UPCOMING EVENTS.

- FEB 5
Kindergarten
Open House
5:30PM
- FEB 6
Mass 1:45 P.M.
- FEB 13
Mass 1:45 PM
- FEB 14
Early Dismissal
P/T Conf 1-3 PM
- FEB 18
Teacher In Service
No School
- FEB 20
Mass 1:45 PM
- FEB 21
Early Dismissal
P/T Conf 1:15-8
- FEB 25
Spirit Day
- FEB 27
Mass 1:45 PM
- FEB 28
All School
Open House
5:30-7:00 PM



Dear Parents & Students,

It is so good to hear the hallways filled with students voices again, and I loved seeing all the smiling faces this morning. The weather sure put a damper on our Catholic Schools Week celebrations but most things have been rescheduled, and we will make the most of it.

Please spread the word that our **Kindergarten Open House has been rescheduled for Tuesday, February 5th at 5:30 P.M.**

Registration for 2019-2020 begins today. It is that time of year again! Registration forms for the 2019-2020 school year are in your family folders this week. Registration forms are due on March 1st to avoid a late fee. Early registration allows us to plan for the upcoming school year and to set the budget. Please tell friends and family that tours of the school are available and that there are tuition scholarships and volunteer assistance for those families that qualify. Please have them contact me via phone or email for more information.

Did you know? Over the last 20 years the debate of rote memorization of math facts has become a heated issue in education. Many school districts across the nation have thrown math fact memorization out the window. Here at St. Mary School we stress the importance of math fact memorization. There have been many studies that show math fact memorization helps students in a multitude of ways. The following are just a few:

- Knowing math facts creates the building blocks for higher level math concepts
- A student knowing math facts has shown to have a keener number sense and understanding of the relationship between numbers.
- Rapid recall of math facts enhances the ability to solve more difficult math problems
- Knowing math facts increases ability to complete assignments and tests faster allowing more time to check work over
- The ability to do mental computation decreases the need for electronic help

The school has a number of sets of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division flashcards that are available for families to check out to brush up on math fact skills. Please contact your child's teacher to check a set out.

Enjoy the heat wave this weekend!

Blessings,

Mrs. J

Registration for 2019-2020

Registration/Enrollment Contracts for 2019-2020 were sent home in the Friday Family Folders today. Fill yours out and return with the \$100 Family Registration Fee to secure your child's spot by March 1, 2019.

CANNED FOOD DRIVE FOR 5 LOAVES

Due to the Polar Vortex cancelling school this past week, students can bring in canned goods to donate to the 5 Loaves Food Shelf through next **Friday, Feb. 6th**. If the students collect 750 lbs, they will earn a non-uniform day AND Mrs. Jarchow will wear the school uniform on that day. If 1,000 lbs. is collected, the students will earn 2 non-uniform days and Mrs. Jarchow AND Mr. Measner will both wear school uniforms. Collections can be brought in by students and put in their classroom.

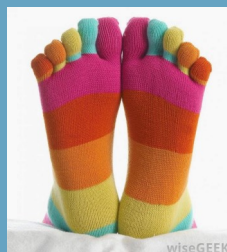
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Due to No School this past week, we will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week next Monday and Tuesday.

Monday: PJ and crazy hair day, All School Relay Races 8:15 AM, 7th & 8th CPR, Talent Show 12:30 PM, Faith Friends

Tuesday: Crazy Socks/Hat Day, Grades 4-8 Bowling, K-3 GEM Theater

Snake Discovery has been rescheduled for Feb. 21st.



MARDI GRAS CLASSROOM BASKETS

Mardi Gras preparations are well under way and we need your help. Every class donates a basket to be auctioned off during the silent auction. Listed below are the themes for each classroom. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. We hope to see you at this adult-only event on Saturday, Feb. 23rd at 5:00 P.M. Invitations will be sent home in the family folder. Every contribution helps to create a beautiful basket.

Thank you -
Kate Harrold
Mardi Gras Co-Chair
651-210-0713

1. Requesting a \$5-\$15 themed item
2. Items can be dropped off in your child's classroom
3. A cash donation (with child/family's name on outside of envelope) can be given instead and then MG members will purchase an item to add to the basket.
4. Basket items due by Friday, Jan. 26th
5. Any new holiday re-gifting items or new products can be donated in addition to themed items and the MG members will create additional themed baskets
6. Items containing alcohol or knives (even plastic knives) must be turned into Mrs. Moore in the front office.

The class themes are listed below:

K-3: Wisconsin Badger, Packers, Minnesota Wild, Vikings items

4: Chocolate, Coffee Basket

5: Family Movie Night

6-8: Bottles of wine for the wine grab

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.