



# St. Mary School

## NEWSLETTER

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Grow in Knowledge—Follow In Faith—Serve in Harmony

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Dec. 20th**  
**Mass 10:00 AM**

**Dec. 22nd**  
**Christmas**  
**Program**  
**10:00/1:00**

**Dec. 26-Jan. 1st**  
**No School—**  
**Christmas**  
**Break**

**Jan. 2nd**  
**School Resumes**

**Jan. 3rd**  
**Mass 10:00 AM**

**Jan. 10**  
**Mass 10:00 AM**

**Jan. 15th**  
**NO School**

**Jan. 17th**  
**Mass 10:00 AM**

**Jan. 19th**  
**End of 1st**  
**Quarter**

**Jan. 22nd**  
**Prof. Learning**



Dear St. Mary Families,

As we enter the 3rd week of Advent, I am reminded of how this season is one of my favorites. Even as the weather gets colder, we enjoy the warmth, the familiarity and beauty of the age-old traditions of the seasons of Advent and Christmas. There are so many activities happening in the school with Christmas songs being heard from the music room, the hallways filled with decorations, and Christmas treats and parties are around every corner. The big Christmas Program is next Friday, Dec. 22nd. Please note that students need to be at both shows and may leave with their parents after the 1:00 P.M. show. Please make sure that you sign your child out with their teacher before leaving.

Dec. 21st will be ugly sweater/shirt day for students and staff. Students may wear a Christmas sweater/shirt with uniform bottoms. Friday, Dec. 22nd (program day) students should wear dress clothes. Please no jeans, printed t-shirts, or spaghetti strapped dresses. If students want, they may wear their uniforms if they do not want to wear dress clothes.

Here are a few reminders when there are late starts or school closures. As soon as I hear from the School District, I will send out an Option C Alert that will send to your phones, texts and emails. If you did not receive these alerts, please contact Mrs. Moore in the office so that she can investigate why you are not receiving them. If it is a two hour delay, the following will take place:

- There will be no morning 4K class
- Before Care will not open until 9:00 A.M.
- 3K is at the discretion of the parents-you may choose to come or not
- Classes 3K & K-8th will begin at 9:40 A.M.

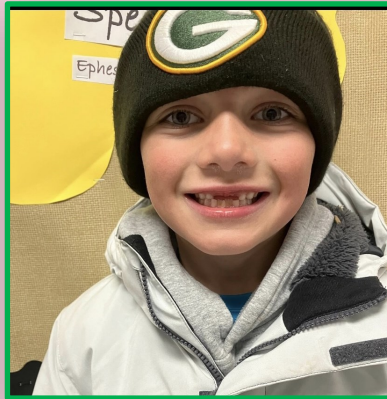
Also, one more reminder that students must be 24 hours symptom free without medicine before returning to school.

Wishing you all of a wonderful Advent season!

Joyfully Serving,

Mrs. Engelhart

*All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth*



Congratulations to our November  
Students of the Month!



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St. Mary School Students of the Month  
November ~ Grateful



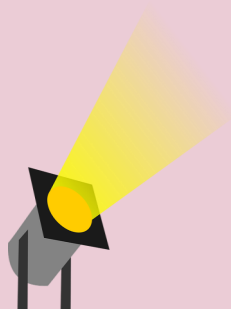
# STAFF SPOTLIGHT

This week's Staff Spotlight is Mr. Andy Bernstrom, our third grade teacher. Hello St. Mary families. My name is Andy Bernstrom, but most adults and students just call me Mr. B. I haven't heard any luck getting "Chieftan Sorcerer" to stick. At any rate, this is my seventh year as the 3rd grade teacher here at St. Mary. Before crossing the mighty St. Croix, I taught 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade at a variety of schools in Minnesota. Before teaching, I worked as a director for a children's/youth theater company. I grew up in Mahtomedi, Minnesota but have called Stillwater my home since 2000. I live just a few miles from downtown with my daughter Amelia, my dog Daisy, and my father Roger. My father lives with me, in my house, not the other way around. This detail is important! In my spare time, I enjoy martial arts, movie watching, and am an aspiring Middle Grade author. My favorite part of working here at St. Mary is being able to teach the "whole child" on an academic, moral and spiritual level.

**1. What is the best Christmas gift you've ever received?** The best Christmas gift I ever received was a *Starcom* action figure set when I was in 4th grade. They had magnetic feet so that was pretty cool.

**2. What would the title of your autobiography be?** If I were to write an autobiography, it would be titled, *I Know You Are....But What Am I?*

**3. You have your own late night talk show. Who would you want as your first guest, and what would you most like to ask them?** If I were a late night talk show host, my first guest would be actress Emma Stone. My first, second, and third question for her would be, "Honestly....what are my chances here?"



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