



Thanks to all the families that make St. Mary's a Success

Announcements

KINDERGARTEN RECOGNITION

Monday, May 10th at 7:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Gym, the Kindergarten Class of 2021 will participate in a special prayer service honoring their accomplishments throughout the school year.

SIXTH GRADE RECOGNITION

Monday, May 17th at 7pm. St. Mary's family & friends will recognize the 6th grade class. Congrats to all the 6th graders!!

AWARDS/HONORS

This year, students received awards during normal school hours. The 6th grade will be recognized for their achievements during 6th grade recognition night. We would like to congratulate all students for their hard work and cooperation this year!! Together we made it possible!



UNIFORM SALE

St. Mary's will have a used uniform sale on Saturday, July 17th from 10am-1pm in the All-Purpose Room. If you have uniforms you wish to sell or donate, please drop them off at the school on Friday, July 16th between 8am-noon. Schoolbelles will be here to help with sizing. They will not have inventory on hand at the sale.

SUMMER PAYMENTS

Remember all tuition payments are due by **June 1st** for this past school year. For those families on a 12 month plan for the 2021-2022 school year, payments will begin on July 1st. We appreciate your prompt payments. The school office will be open throughout the summer from 8:00-noon Monday through Friday.



HEALTHY TIP: Keep an eye on the size

Snacks shouldn't replace a meal, so look for ways to help your kids understand how much is enough. Store snack-sized bags in the cupboard and use them to control serving sizes.

School Council Summary

St. Mary's School Council met on April 26 in Meeting Room A.

The Food Service program for the school lunch program received information that the Federal Program that was part of COVID relief package for kids aged 2-18 will continue through June 2022; this means all students will receive meals at no charge. This includes the summer program as well.

SMGS accepted a bid to start the roof project by the end of June. The cost of the roof is \$165,000.

SMGS was awarded EANS Federal grant funding for \$616,104 in products, services, and support. This government program is aimed at compensating for education losses due to COVID. St. Mary's will also be providing a Summer Academy to compensate for learning loss due to COVID as well as other enrichment activities.

Masks will continue for the rest of the school year, but for the summer academy and forward, no decisions have been made. Sixth grade recognition will be open to the parents, as will the end of the school year play day and Kindergarten Graduation.

Completion of the renovation of St. Mary's Church has been pushed back a little further; for now, the rededication of the church is set for the end of August. For the summer, Mass may be held in the gymnasium as attendance is increasing. Home and School is planning a carnival near the beginning of school for the '21-'22 school year.

Extravaganza is scheduled for October, and the online auction will likely be utilized again in conjunction with a small social gathering the night before the auction closes. More information to come!

Race for Education

Race for Education brought in over \$24,000 for our school this Spring!! Thank You St. Mary's students and families!!! Huge thank you to Jodi Feist and Peter & Tara Sauber for all their hard work!! They helped make this event a success once again!!



It's Spring and garden time!

Students have been enjoying outdoor time and prepping the school garden for planting.

St. Mary's would like to THANK Bob and Michelle Dolan for donating a variety of healthy vegetable plants and seeds for the students to plant in our school garden.



Home & School Thank You

Home and School would like to thank the wonderful parent volunteers that have helped and supported Home and School this year. Your support and contributions have allowed us to incorporate several events and fundraisers that have made this school year a success! We have impacted the teachers, staff and students which has strengthened our sense of community at St. Mary's Grade School. We need your help to continue to support our school. Volunteers are essential to our school's success! Thank you again and we look forward to a great 2021-2022 school year!



St. Mary's Extravaganza

SAVE THE DATE

Auction Preview Social Hour

Friday October 8, 2021

***Mark your calendars for a parents' night out!
This will be a great opportunity to preview
auction items prior to the closing of our online
bidding event on October 9th.***

**If you would like to help or donate to this event,
please contact Carly Eilert at 785-829-1191.**

Home & School

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May 2021



St. Mary's School

Nick Compagnone, Principal

SHORT NOTES

Teacher appreciation

This year has been tough for teachers and students alike. Suggest that your youngster end it on a nice note by making a short appreciation video for her teacher. Film your child saying thanks for something specific ("Thank you for teaching us fun word games") and demonstrating something she learned, like how to make a baking soda-and-vinegar "volcano."

Time for poetry

Poetry offers short bursts of reading practice and can help your youngster develop a love of language. Check out a few volumes of children's poetry from the library this summer. Keep the books in the car, on the coffee table, and anywhere else he could pick them up to read a few verses.

Checkup reminder

Now is a good time to schedule your child's back-to-school checkup—especially if she missed this year's exam due to the pandemic. Her doctor will do important vision and hearing screenings and catch her up on any vaccinations she needs to stay healthy.

Worth quoting

"Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success."
Albert Schweitzer

JUST FOR FUN

Q: What do you call a snowman in May?

A: A puddle!



Summer brain workouts

Keeping your youngster's brain active during the summer months helps him remember what he learned in school—and keeps the learning going. That's especially important this year due to the disruptions caused by COVID-19. Make summertime fun and educational with these strategies.



Follow the news

Give your youngster a reason to read and write all summer by having him follow news about a topic that interests him. If he is fascinated by outer space, he might read articles about Mars exploration and space tourism. If he loves animals, he could find news about babies born at the zoo. He can write weekly "news briefs" to summarize major stories and read them aloud to you.

Play car games

Use time spent in the car to play math games. Call out a target number (say, 11), and race to find a sign with numbers that add up to 11. Your child

might choose a sign for Route 317, because $3 + 1 + 7 = 11$. Or work together to find a pattern of odd and even numbers (65 mph on a speed limit sign, \$108 on a hotel billboard). How long can you keep the pattern going?

Learn together

It's easier to keep your child learning if you join him. Aim to learn something new together each week, perhaps how to build model cars, play different versions of solitaire or dominos, make your own candles, or write simple computer programs.♥

Family spirit week

Your child has likely celebrated spirit week at school—why not hold a spirit week at home? It will build her sense of family pride and belonging. Try these ideas.

• **Choose a family mascot.** Is your family busy as a bee? Brave as a lion? Have your youngster draw your mascot and write a motto. ("We are the Busy Bees. We get things done!")

• **Plan special days.** On Baseball Day, each person can wear her favorite team's colors while everyone plays a friendly backyard ball game. On Heritage Day, eat foods from countries your ancestors are from. *Idea:* Ask other relatives to participate. Swap photos or hold video chats to see each other's spirit week adventures.♥



St. Mary's Grade School | 2021-2022 CALENDAR (approved 2/2021)

August 4 – Registration
8a-1p and 4p-6p
Aug 9,10,11 Teacher In-service
Aug 12 New Family Orientation
Aug 17 – Back to School Night
Aug 18,19 - First days of school
Dismiss at 1:20pm
Aug 20 Full day of school

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Feb 9 Evening P/T Conferences
Feb 10 No School
P/T Conferences
Feb 11 No School
Staff Development
Feb 21 No School
Staff Development

Sept 6 No School
Labor Day

SEPTEMBER '21						
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March 11 No School
Staff Development
March 14-18 Spring Break
March 25 No School
Staff Development

Oct 8 End of Quarter
Oct 8 No School
Oct 9 EXTRAVAGANZA
Oct 13 Evening P/T Conferences
Oct 14 No School
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Oct 15 No School
Staff Development

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April 15 No School
Good Friday
April 17 Easter Sunday
April 18 No School
Easter Monday

Nov 2 No School (SM vote sight)
Staff Development
Nov 12 No School
Diocesan In-service
Nov 24 No School
Nov 25 Thanksgiving Day
Nov 26 No School

NOVEMBER '21						
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May 7 Carnival
May 18 Last Day of School
May 19 Teacher Workday
May 30 Memorial Day

Dec 21 Dismiss at 1:20
Dec 22 Teacher Work Day
Dec 22-31 Christmas Break
Dec 25 Christmas

DECEMBER '21						
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June 19 Father's Day

Jan 3 No School
Staff Development
Jan 4 School resumes
Jan 17 No School
Staff Development

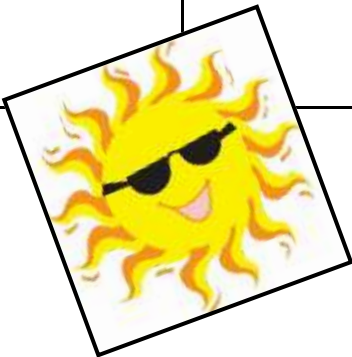
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July 4 Independence Day

May 2021

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9 Mother's Day	10 Kindergarten Graduation @ 7pm	11	12	13	14 Play Day	15
16	17 6th grade recognition @ 7pm	18	19 Last Day of School—Noon Dismissal	20	21	22
23	24 School Council @ 5:30	25	26	27	28	29
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Have a wonderful safe summer.

Heavenly Father,
Bless St. Mary's Grade School and the many people who
advance our mission
May our building be a home for those who seek to grow in faith,
knowledge, and service of others.
May our community always support one another and exhibit
hospitality to newcomers.
Fill our minds with knowledge and wisdom.
May our understanding of the world help us to grow in
appreciation for it.
Fill our hearts with gladness.
May we always turn to you in times of need.
Fill our hands with the tools we need to serve others.
May we show them your unceasing love through our actions.
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, pray for us.
Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us.
St. Mary Queen of the Universe, pray for us.
Through our Master Teacher, Jesus our
Lord.

Amen.



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