

St. Mary's News



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May 2023

Upcoming Events

May Events

May 8th - Kindergarten
Graduation @ 7pm

May 10th - JH Physicals

May 12th - Play Day
Dismiss at 1:30pm

May 14th - SHHS Graduation

May 15th - 6th Grade Graduation
7pm St. Mary's Church

May 17th - Last Day of School
Dismiss at 1:20pm

May 22nd - Summer Lunch
Program begins

May 29th - Memorial Day

June Events

June 5 - June 22
Summer Academy

July Events

July 10 - July 14
Totus Tous
SMGS

From The Principal

*"From Mary, we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone."-
St. John Paul II*

Happy May Everyone! I want to thank all of you for making my first year here at SMGS a wonderful experience. I truly feel that I am in the right place at the right time, and I thank God for being at SMGS.

As I wind down the year, it is challenging to navigate through a dual mindset. On one hand, I am trying to finish strong, and on the other hand I am planning for the upcoming school year. This dual mindset can be very stressful and taxing. We all know this. That is why I lean heavily on the lesson Mary has for us all. **To Trust In Jesus!** I have a sign in my office that says..."*FOCUS ON ME, NOT THE STORM*", with Jesus' arm stretched toward the viewer. This idea is perfect for the month of May.

For those of you that don't know, May is traditionally the month dedicated to Mary. But why do we as Catholics put such an emphasis on Mary? The reason is because Jesus did. You see, if our job is to try and be like Jesus, our ultimate role model, then we must love and respect Mary as Christ did. After all, one of our ten commandments is "Honor thy father and mother." I am certain Jesus didn't break this commandment. :-) Mary was also the prime example of trust, she said yes to God, not knowing fully all of the tribulations that would go along with being the Mother of God. She trusted and knew God had her best interest in mind.

So, as we wind down the year and start our busy summers, remember, when life gets hectic and sometimes feels out of control, let's be like Mary and just trust in God. If you do this, you will find yourself on the other end of the storm and in a lot better place. I promise.

Vivat Jesus!
Mr. Tym Bonilla,
Principal

"...Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Announcements

KINDERGARTEN RECOGNITION

Monday, May 8th at 7:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Gym, the Kindergarten Class of 2023 was recognized in a special prayer service honoring their accomplishments throughout the school year.



SIXTH GRADE RECOGNITION

Monday, May 15th at 7pm, St. Mary's family & friends will recognize the 6th grade class. Congrats to all the 6th graders!!



For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

UNIFORM SALE

St. Mary's will have a used uniform sale on Saturday, July 29th 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 28th 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 2023-2024 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.

Congratulations to the 2nd grade class who received their First Communion on Sunday, April 23rd. We are so proud of you!!



To prepare for this blessed sacrament, students and parents made bread on Friday, April 21st. They also had a celebration after Mass on the following Wednesday. Thank you Home & School for the amazing brunch to celebrate!

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 2023-2024 school year!



St. Mary's Extravaganza

SAVE THE DATE

Auction Preview Social Hour

Friday October 20, 2023

***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 21st.***

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

Around the School



Mr. Swanson was awarded the Big Brother of the Year Award. We are so proud to have him as part of our St. Mary's Family!!



Battle of the Books Competition was held on April 13th. The Purple team, the Bobcats won and advanced to compete with Abilene. Abilene can to St. Mary's on April 25th for a tough match!! In the end, the Bobcats pulled out the victory and St. Mary's will keep the traveling trophy another year!!





Thank You
For Your
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Race for Education

Race for Education brought in over \$21,000 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!!



Refer a Family Program!

*St. Mary's Grade School Families! We are excited to announce our new referral system! With this system, you can earn **FREE** lunch for a year by spreading the word about SMGS.*

How it works: From now until August 1, if you refer a **NEW** family* to St. Mary's Grade School, you will receive **FREE** lunch for a year.

Why now? With current enrollment flourishing at St. Mary's, we are nearing capacity in several of our classrooms. To obtain additional classrooms and the staff for those classrooms, we need students to fill those seats.

What do I do? If you know of a new family that is looking for:

- A high-quality Catholic education with traditional values
- A new type of community for students, parents, and families
- An environment dedicated to forming the whole student – mind, body, and spirit

Please complete the form here! <https://forms.gle/5fKi7Paww2N2BE5b8>

*Enrollment is required for referral to be given.

*New family is defined as a student that has not ever been enrolled in St. Mary's Grade School.

*If a prospective family enrolls, the family that refers will receive 1 free student lunch, no maximum. For details, please contact the school at 785-827-4200.



The School office will be open from
8am-12pm
Monday thru Friday.

Registration Packets will be mailed
middle of July to families who have
committed to SMGS and are current on
all accounts. If you have questions,
please call the school office.

Registration will be on Wednesday,
August 2nd from 9am-1pm & 4pm-6pm.

Thank You!

We are blessed to have the best families!
Thank you to Doug & Donna Stein, Megan
Stein and Ben Stutterheim for their
amazing landscaping skills.

Our grounds needed some attention and
they graciously took their time and cleaned
up the front of the building. We appreciate
you!





ST. MARY'S GRADE SCHOOL | 2023-2024 CALENDAR



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July 4 Independence Day

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Jan 1 - No School - New Year's Day
Jan 2 - No School
Jan 3 - No School - Staff Development
Jan 4 - Classes Resume
Jan 15 - No School - Staff Development - M.L. King Day

AUGUST '23						
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Aug 2 - Registration 9am-1pm and 4pm-6pm
Aug 9, 10 - Teacher In-Service
Aug 10 - New Family Orientation @ 5:30pm
Aug 15 - Back to School Night 5:30pm-6:30pm
Aug 15 - 5th & 6th Grade Parent Meeting - 5:30pm - 6:30pm
Aug 16, 17, 18 - First Days of School - Dismiss @ 1:20pm
Aug 21 - First Full Day of School

FEBRUARY '24						
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Feb 14 - Ash Wednesday - Valentine's Day
Feb 15 - No School - P/T Conferences 8am-1pm and 4pm - 8pm
Feb 16 - No School - Teacher Workday
Feb 19 - Presidents' Day - No School - Diocesan In-Service

SEPTEMBER '23						
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Sept 4 - No School - Labor Day

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Mar 7 - End of Quarter
Mar 8 - No School - Staff Development
Mar 11-15 - Spring Break
Mar 29 - Good Friday - No School
Mar 31 - Easter Sunday

OCTOBER '23						
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Oct 13 - End of Quarter - No School Staff Development
Oct 18 - P/T Conferences - 6p-8p
Oct 19, 20 - No School - P/T Conferences 9am-1pm And 4pm-8pm
Oct 20 - No School - Teacher Workday
Oct 20 - Extravaganza Preview
Oct 31 - Halloween

APRIL '24						
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April 1 - Easter Monday - No School
April 5 - No School - Staff Development
April 6 - Sacred Heart Auction

NOVEMBER '23						
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Nov 7 - No School - Staff Development (SM voting site)
Nov 10 - Veterans Day - No School Diocesan In-Service
Nov 22, 23, 24 - No School - Thanksgiving Break
Nov 23 - Thanksgiving Day

MAY '24						
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May 9 - End of Quarter
May 12 - Mother's Day
May 15 - Last Day of School Dismiss @ 1:20pm
May 16 - Teacher Workday
May 27 - Memorial's Day

DECEMBER '23						
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Dec 20 - Dismiss at 1:20pm
Dec 21 - Teacher Work Day
Dec 21 - 31 - Christmas Break
Dec 25 - Christmas Day

JUNE '24						
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June 16 - Father's Day

May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 Mother's Day Mass	6
7	8 Kindergarten Graduation @ 7pm	9	10	11 H&S Meeting	12 Play Day- Dismiss at 1:30	13
14 Mother's Day	15 6th grade recognition @ 7pm	16	17 Last Day of School—Noon Dismissal	18	19	20
21	22 Summer Lunch Program starts	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day	30	31			



Have a wonderful safe summer.

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