

ST. MARY'S NEWS



St. Mary's Grade School
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Upcoming Events

September Events

September 5 - No School

September 7 & 8 - Picture Day

September 17 - Carnival

September 18 - Color Run

September 19 - Grandparent's
Day

****Early Dismissal at 1:20pm**

October Events

October 19 - Evening Parent/
Teacher Conferences

October 20 - No School
Morning P/T Conferences

October 21 - No School
Staff Development

October 22 - Online
Extravaganza Event!!

From the Principal

“As for what was sown on good soil, this is he who hears the word and understands it; he indeed bears fruit, and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in **another thirty.**”

Matthew 13:18-23

As your new leader, I want to begin by saying that I am excited for the beginning of the 2022-23 school year! I am grateful and feel truly blessed to be part of this school and this community. Please know that I am committed to bringing the Catholic Faith to our students and families, as well as continuing our commitment to excellence in education that our school is known for. As I reflect on our vision and mission as a school, I am keenly aware of the parable of the sower and its message to us as Catholic educators. It is our job to help plant seeds and fertilize the soil for strong roots to grow, within our students. It is these roots that will anchor them into adulthood and prepare them for the challenges of a secular world. I firmly believe that Christ, as expressed through our Catholic faith, is **what will nourish that soil and be the “miracle grow” for the** creation of those roots within our students. I am committed to this and hope to continue this as your new leader.

Vivat Jesus!

Mr. Tym Bonilla, Principal

What an amazing turn out! Staff, students and parents came to help move the playground mulch at the school. Once again, we are so very blessed! Thank you!

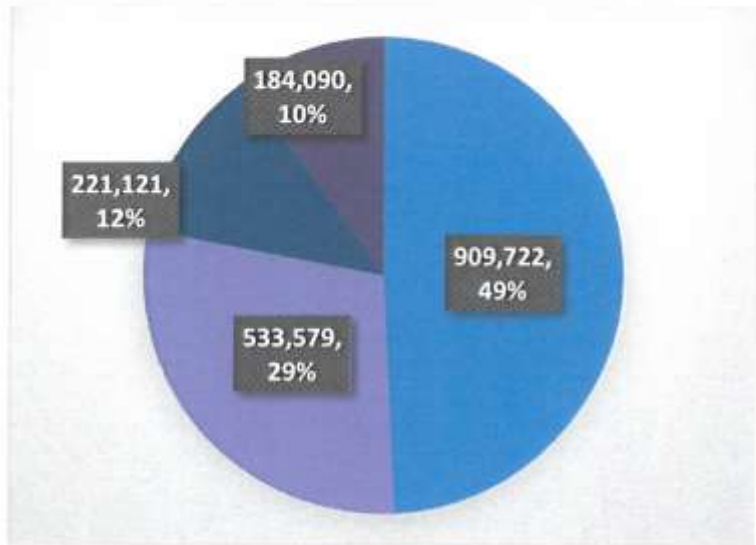


Fiscal Summary 2021-2022

July 1 thru
June 30 2022

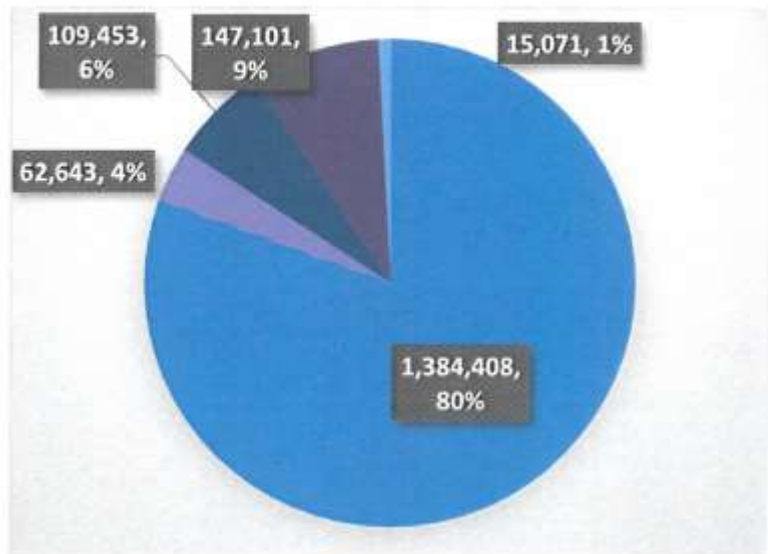
Income

Tuition & Fees	909,722
4100	
Subsidy Income	533,579
4200	
Development/Fundrais	221,121
4300	
Other Income	184,090
4400, 4500, 4600	
4700	
Total Income	1,848,512



Expenses

Salaries & Benefits	1,384,408
5100, 5300, 5400	
Instructional	62,643
5600	
Utilities	109,453
5800	
Operational	147,101
5700, 5500, 6200	
Misc.	15,071
6100, 6300	
Total Expenses	1,718,676



Last school year, St. Mary's Grade School's income was a total of \$1,848,512. As the graph above shows, tuition and church subsidy represent about 75% of the income collected. Development, including Endowment income, comprise about 12% of the school's income.

On the expense side, total expenses for the fiscal year were \$1,718,676. About 85% of **expenses were for instructional & classrooms (teachers' salaries)**, the rest of expenses were for operational costs.

The cost per student for the 2021-2022 school year was about \$6500. This report includes all operations including PreK-6, Love N Learn and Extended Care activities.

Announcements

SCHOOL PICTURES

School Pictures are on Wednesday, September 7 & Thursday, Sept. 8. All students will have their picture taken on one of these days. Please watch for the letter and picture packet coming home with your child.

Picture retake day will be on Tuesday, November 1. Picture packets must be returned to the school if you wish to have retakes.

Security Procedures

During the regular school day, all doors will be locked, including the main front doors of St. Mary's Grade School and the Love 'n Learn Center. To gain access to the building, you must use the doorbell at the main entrance. With a monitor inside, the door will be opened for you to enter.

The security parking lot attendees have been instructed to route adults to the main entrance to enter the building. The security team will secure the west All Purpose Room door at 7:50 a.m. when the bell rings. Students that arrive after the bell will need to use the main entrance and report to the office.

This is also true for the Preschool and Kindergarten entrances. After the bell rings, the door will be locked, and parents need to bring their children around to the front.

Uniform Reminders

Thanks to all students and families for complying with the uniform policy. Please look over the policy carefully in the parent handbook. Many times detailed items such as the color of belts or socks, no light-up shoes, hair accessories or make-up can be accidentally overlooked. Thank you for reviewing it. We will have another uniform sale in January. Date and time will be posted.

Fitness Tip - Get Fit as a Family

Create some fun dance moves. Put up a net and shoot some hoops. You can also visit a zoo, play miniature golf or enjoy other activities where a lot of ground is covered.

Counselor Corner

ABOUT ME

Hello!

This is my 9th year at St. Mary's Grade School. This is my first year as our school counselor. My role is to provide support to students, families, and teachers while ensuring student success by promoting positive changes in behavior, perceptions, and learning.

My Favorites:

1. My Family
2. Coffee
3. Mexican Food
4. Hiking
5. Traveling
6. Target
7. Reading
8. Camping

MY SCHEDULE

- Monday:** Pre-k, 4th grade, 5th grade classes
Tuesday: Pre-k, Kindergarten, 6th grade classes
Wednesday: 5th/6th Student Council and Team Meetings
Thursday: Pre-k, 3rd, 1st, 6th grade classes
Friday: 2nd grade classes

CONTACT ME

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LIST OF SERVICES

- Counseling classes once a week
- Small group services
- Individual Services
- Afterschool SEL classes
- Career class for 6th grade
- Student support & advocacy
- School wide initiatives
- Collaboration with teachers/parents

Important Information

SCHOOL TARDY/ATTENDANCE POLICY ATTENDANCE

Compulsory attendance is a statutory requirement in Kansas for all children who are seven or more years of age, but less than sixteen years of age. Each school through its designated reporting officer shall report any child who is enrolled but not attending school including all cases of unusual and/or habitual absence to the appropriate local authorities.

Before any report is made that a child is not attending school as required by the law, the Executive Director shall serve written notice thereof, by registered mail, upon the parent or guardian of the child. This notice shall inform the custodial parent or custodial guardian that continued failure of the child to attend school without a valid excuse will result in a report being made to the appropriate law enforcement official.

Truancy Response:

If excessive absences or tardies continue in the 9 week period after a letter is sent home, a report may need to be filed with DCF.

Attendance Policy

Procedure: Parents should contact the school before 8:00 a.m. if their child will be absent. Messages can be left on the school's answering machine during non-school hours. Due to reporting regulations, we must have a reason for any absences. For the safety of the child, an attempt will be made to contact the parent if the school has not received notice.

Tardies: **All classes begin at 7:50 when the bell rings.** It is very important to have students here at 7:50. Tardies are recorded and monitored. If you know your child will be late, please call the school. Children who arrive after 8:00 a.m. or 10 minutes after the p.m. classes begin will be marked tardy. Children who arrive late must report to the office. If the parent does not call, children who arrive late will be considered as an unexcused tardy. After 60 minutes, the child's tardy will be recorded as an absence.

Absences: All absences will be recorded and monitored each 9 week period.

Ready, Set, Go!!!

Marathon started on Monday, August 29th!!

Students will complete 26.2 miles now thru October 6th!!

Students complete one mile Monday-Thursday over at KWU track.



HEALTH PROGRAM

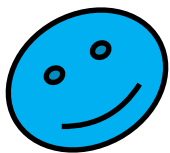
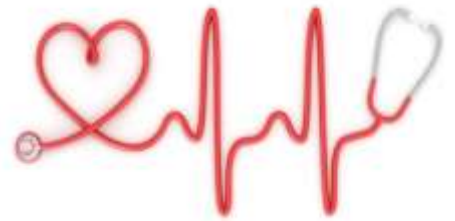
A Registered Nurse supervises the Health Program at St. Mary's School. Any medication is under the direction of the school nurse. There must be written directions provided from a physician for any prescription medication. Vision and hearing screenings will be done according to the KDHE regulations. Parents will be notified of ABNORMAL findings. All communicable diseases must be reported to the office for reporting to the Health Department. Students with such diseases may return to school with a note from their doctor. As communicable diseases are reported, notices are sent home to parents for the grade levels it affects.

NOTE: If a child has a fever of 100.4 or greater, he/she may return ONLY after being fever free for 48 hours WITHOUT FEVER-REDUCING MEDICATION. If a child has been ill, they must be vomit, and diarrhea free for 24 hours WITHOUT MEDICATION before returning to school. If students are absent due to illness, they are not allowed to attend a school function that evening.

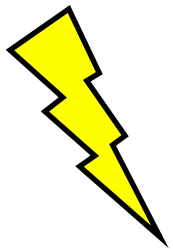
Persons confirmed to have influenza should stay home for five days following onset of symptoms or until fever free for 24 hours (without use of fever-reducing medications), whichever is longer, per Kansas requirement. According to CDC, persons with influenza are considered infectious for 5-7 days after becoming sick.

<https://www.kdheks.gov/flu/>

If a child gets sick at school (vomits or diarrhea), they will be required to stay home for 24 hours before returning to school as long as they have not vomited or had diarrhea since leaving school. A child must be vomit and diarrhea free for a total of 24 hours before returning to School. (Please note, it is 24 hours from the time they leave school).



Book Fair Time



Monday, September 19th
11am - 2pm
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
3pm - 5:30pm

Located in the school
Library



Come Shop the
Fair!!
SMGS Library

SCHOOL SAFETY PARKING LOT REMINDER

Thank you, parents for cooperating so nicely with the morning drop off of students. The traffic flow is much smoother and above all, our students are safe. Cars are now pulling up on the west side of the building and several students are exiting the vehicles at the same time. We hope to see this continue in all kinds of weather. It is only a few steps down the sidewalk. Please do not wait until your vehicle is next to the entrance door to have your child exit. We are especially happy to see that students are not being dropped off in the middle of the parking lot. Thank you again for your patience and cautious eyes in the morning.

Afternoon pickup also requires careful protocols. We would like everyone who is taking their child(ren) back to their car to please use any of the three crosswalks. Please do not walk diagonally across the driving areas. Even though there might not be traffic, let's help train the students to use a crosswalk. Just look for the 6th Grade crossing guards holding stop signs.

Thank you!

***Have you registered your Dillons Card yet?
Register your Dillons card and appoint St. Mary's
Grade School to receive a percentage of all your
purchases. Call the school office if you need
assistance registering your card.***

Healthy Tips

Discover fast ways to cook:

Cook fresh or frozen vegetables in the microwave for a quick-and-easy dish to add to any meal. Steam green beans, carrots, or broccoli in a bowl with a small amount of water in the microwave for a quick side dish.

Box Tops for Education

The new and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state of the art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your schools earnings online. Redeem anywhere anytime with in 14 day's of purchase. No more clipping and sending box tops to the school!!



Love N Learn Daycare is still accepting kids ages 2 1/2 thru 5 years old. Please call Olinda for more info at 785-827-4822



Be sure to check out St. Mary's Facebook page and the all new Instagram page!! Follow us to keep updated on all the upcoming events!!



Meet Our New Teachers

Hello everyone. I am Tym Bonilla and I am the proud principal of St. Mary's Grade School. It is a joy and privilege to be part of this school and the St. Mary's family. I want all of you to experience the joy of being part of this loving Catholic community and hope you will share the good news of what we do here.

I am happily married to the most beautiful woman in the world! I have 4 wonderful children and 2 awesome grandchildren. I am in love with the good Lord and have a passion for my Catholic Faith. I want to share that passion with others and let them experience the love of God, as I have.

Tym Bonilla



I am married and have three children (6, 4, 2). I enjoy coaching soccer at YMCA with my wife, chatting with friends, and playing the occasional video game.

I graduated from K-State Salina in 2013 with a Bachelors in Technology Management and then followed up with a Masters in Library Science from Emporia in 2017.

Eric Swenson

I am a mom of two! I have a 2 year old and a 10 month old. They keep me pretty busy but in my free time I do enjoy to read or spend time with my family. I also work over at LNL daycare and I'm there everyday in the afternoons. I have 5 years of experience over at LNL daycare. I am a high school graduate from Salina South and I am CPR and first aid certified.

Ashlyn Jeske



I was a student at St. Mary's, so I feel very blessed to be back as a teacher! Outside of school, I enjoy going for walks, shopping, and playing with my two cats - Jilly and Francis.

I graduated from Sacred Heart Jr./Sr. High School in 2018, and went on to Bethany college, earning a degree in elementary education and an endorsement in special education.

Marissa Roberts

My name is Holly Haselhorst. I got an associates degree at FHSU, a bachelor's degree from Washburn and my masters degree from KSU. I met Jarod, my better half, at FHSU. We moved to Salina in 2005, attend St Mary's church, have 5 kids and a dog. When I find a few spare minutes I like to read, craft, exercise, sew and play cards. Pinochle anyone?! I get a little competitive, but it's all in good fun. I teach Preschool at St Mary's and really quite enjoy them. I'm always open to constructive criticism, so if you have any tips that you think could help me; please don't hesitate to share them!

Holly Haselhorst



Meet Our New Teachers

I have been happily married for 31 years to my wonderful husband Tym. We have four children, two boys and two girls. Brittany, Tymony, Christian, and Jonnie. Tymony was married this summer to our beautiful bonus daughter Lindsey. Tym and I have two grandchildren.

I received my Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Ottawa University and my Masters Degree in Curriculum Development from Baker University. I also have an ESL endorsement.

Vonda Bonilla



HELLO!! My name is Mrs. Brown and I am the 5th and 6th grade SCIENCE teacher. I also have a 5th grade homeroom class and teach religion. I'm looking forward to a fun year of learning, new friends, and new discoveries!!

I am married with 3 children and 2 grandchildren. My oldest daughter has a family and lives in Salina, my daughter is a junior at KSU, and my son is a junior in high school. I have 2 dogs, Charlie & Stella, I have taught at St. Mary's for 5 years.

Mary Brown

Hello St Mary's families! My name is Megan Stein and I'm the speech-language pathologist here at St. Mary's and Love N' Learn. This will be my third year as a speech-language pathologist. I attended St. Mary's and graduated from Sacred Heart High School in 2014. After Sacred Heart, I attended Kansas State University and then completed my masters at Wichita State University. I love spending time with friends and family, cheering on the Wildcats, and trying new recipes! I'm very excited for this school year and I'm looking forward to helping students achieve their goals!

Megan Stein



I grew up in Wilson, KS with my 2 sisters. I enjoy watching college/NFL football and my daughter participate in sports (especially track). I have 2 children, Brennan and Makenna (a current student at Sacred Heart). I have worked in education for over 20 years and graduated from Barton County Community College and Fort Hays State University. I enjoy the outdoors, hunting, chocolate chip cookies and country music. My favorite colors are green and blue.

Alan Soukup



Rooted in faith, Home & School is an organization comprised of parents, school administration, and faculty to develop a mutual understanding and appreciation of the mission of St. Mary's Grade School Catholic education.

Working alongside Principal Bonilla, H&S will continue to develop supportive systems for communication and service to our beautiful Catholic school & community.

5
pillars
of
Home
& School

FUNDRAISING

VOLUNTEER COORDINATION

ROOM PARENTS

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Meet the Teacher Night Photos





IMPORTANT DATES:

Wednesday, October 19 - Online Bidding Opens

Friday, October 21 - Preview Night

Saturday, October 22 - Online Bidding Closes

AUCTION ITEMS STILL NEEDED:

Theme Baskets
Hand-Crafted Items
Gift Cards
Event Tickets
Authentic or Baked Goods
Weekend Trips, Air B&B, Plane Tickets, Limo Rides
Local Services
Bottles of Whiskey or other spirits
Blackstone Grill
Yeti Cooler

SHORT ON TIME, BUT STILL WANT TO GIVE?

Please check out our **Amazon Wishlist!** A couple of clicks and your donation will ship directly to us and we will take care of the rest! Please feel free to share with friends, family, and anyone who may want to support St. Mary's Grade School!

(We kindly ask that all items arrive by **September 21st** in order to have time to photograph them prior to auction).

Scan QR code for
Amazon Wishlist



Direct link to
Amazon Wishlist

<https://amzn.to/3AcxDG6>

Questions? Please contact Chair Person: Carly Eilert - 785-829-1191 / carly@heritagesalina.com

September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 Labor Day—No School	6	7 Fall Pictures Main Day	8 Fall Pictures Preschool	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Fall Fiesta Carnival
18 Fall Fiesta Color Run	19 Grandparents Day Dismiss at 1:20	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 School Council 5:30	27	28	29	30	

Library Lane

Hello there everyone! What an exciting time of year, am I right?! The summer sports are wrapping up, the school supply lists are getting checked off, and the new books for the library are getting onto the shelves. I am so excited to be the new librarian for St. Mary's Grade School and I am looking forward to all the adventures that we are going to embark on within the pages found on these shelves.



Reading can be difficult. Whether it be the skills of sounding out the words or finding something that holds your attention, there are many "speed bumps" for some on Library Lane. So I am here to smooth out that road. I am here to encourage and help foster a spirit of discovery in the minds of our students. Reading is one of those tools that can provide countless benefits and through books, we can discover new ideas, interests, passions, and places.

The library is going to look a little different this fall. I have moved around some of the furniture and done a little painting, but we are still going to be all about books over here. With that in mind, I am also planning on bringing back the Scholastic book fair this fall, so stay tuned for more information on that.

Thanks for taking a drive with me down Library Lane! -Eric Swenson

Mission Statement

The mission of St. Mary's Grade School is to form lifelong learners of Faith through spiritual guidance and academics, who serve and lead in Church and community.



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