

St. Mary School News

Spiritual ♦ Scholastic ♦ Social

Thought for the day

Lord, I praise you for gentle reminders and patient guidance as you lead me up the mountain of life.

April 28, 2016

Dear Parents,

A huge thank you to Mrs. Napralla, Mr. Schuenemann, and Mr. Russell for working with our students to put on such an incredible spring musical and art show. We are fortunate at St. Mary School to have such dedicated and talented teachers willing to put in the extra hours to create a wonderful family event.

Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week and School Nutrition Employee Appreciation Week. I am so proud to be working with a staff that truly loves their jobs, and the children and families they serve. All of the staff at St. Mary School go above and beyond their duties! They are constantly refining their craft and looking for new ways to enrich the curriculum, increase student achievement, and bring out the talents of each child. Take some time this week to let the entire school staff know how much you appreciate them!

Jamie Hahn

We are in need of gently used picture books and chapter books for the classrooms. Please feel free to drop off books in the school office that your children no longer read or have grown out of. Thank you.



School News

Happy Spring from the First Grade!

All of our hard work is paying off as the first graders are reading and writing up a storm!! We use any excuse to journal these days, whether it is about our Earth Day cleanup as pictured or the adventures with our traveling bear, Brownie! You may have seen Brownie around town with our first grade families, like the library, Culvers, or church! Brownie even voted in the primary!

Our favorite writing project to date features all of their favorite subjects to write about: themselves, animals, and teeth! After reading, "What if you had Animal Teeth?" by Sandra Markle, the kids got to choose which animal teeth they would want and why! We took it a step further and added huge animal teeth to their photograph!

Finally, we are exploring God's creation in our new "Fully Alive" Book in Religion. This book was developed to make a connection between home and school with its simple messages and activities. "We are created and loved by God. Our family members and our friends give meaning and joy to our lives!"

Mrs. Dawn Nelson



Important Dates

- 5/9 Rent-a-Kid Auction at 9:15am.
- 5/11 Student Recognition Night and Athletic Awards starting at 6pm.
- 5/12 Rent-a-Kid work day.
- 5/15 8th grade graduation ceremony at the 11:00am Sunday Mass. Joyful Choir required to attend.
- 5/17-5/19 8th grade class trip.
- 5/18-5/20 6th grade class trip to St. Louis.
- 5/19 4K graduation at 9:30am.
- 5/20 Early release district wide.
- 5/20-22 BEST FEST.
- 5/23 Mini-Course Day.
- 5/26 Last Day of School. Early Release following Mass and report card distribution.
- 8/28 St. Mary School Golf Outing.
- 9/1 FIRST day of school 2016-17.

RENT-A-KID UPDATE

The Rent-a-Kid auction date is moving from April 27th to May 9th in order to accommodate our auctioneer's schedule. We are excited to be bringing in Travis Hamele as our auctioneer for this event. Travis makes this such a memorable event for the entire student body!

*****New Dates:**

Rent-a-Kid Auction will be held on Monday, May 9th at 9:15am.

Rent-a-Kid work day for the 8th grade class is Thursday, May 12th.

SCRIP News!

The SCRIP year is coming to an end. The deadline for SCRIP purchases for this year is May 9. The next year begins on May 10 and all purchases after May 9 will be credited to the 2016-2017 school year. If you need a reminder about how much you have purchased please contact Kari Calum at kcaulum.stmary@gmail.com or 608-742-6998.

Mark Your Calendar

Our annual golf outing will be held on Sunday, August 28th. Please plan on participating in this event. If you are not a golfer, come for dinner and fun! The proceeds from this event will help support our technology fund, computer purchases and the Patty Quigley Scholarship.

Patty Quigley Scholarship

St. Mary School is offering two \$500 scholarships for any full-time college student majoring in education and having 48 credits by August 2016. If applicable, one scholarship will be awarded to a graduate of St. Mary School and the other to any graduating member of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish, Portage. Applications are due June 3, 2016.

Tuition Contracts for the 2016-17 school year are enclosed in today's family envelope. Contracts are due to the school office by May 13, 2016. All tuition, academic fees, and FACTS management fees will be billed through FACTS. We will set-up new accounts and roll over existing accounts at the end of this school year.