St. Mary School News

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Thought for the day

In life, we are to leave an enduring impression; not a careless dent.

May 12, 2016

Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who attended the St. Mary School Recognition Night, last evening. I appreciate all the positive comments and support the parents expressed to the entire staff. We truly love working with your children throughout the school year.

It is tradition to showcase the talents of our school students at BEST FEST. This year the band students, with Mr. Russell, are scheduled to perform from 12:00-12:15pm in the main tent on May 21st. Please mark your calendars and make every effort to attend. Let's show the parish how much we appreciate their support of St. Mary School!

Everyone is invited to our 8th grade graduation on Sunday, May 15th at the 11:00am Mass and our 4K graduation on Thursday, May 19th at 9:30 in the school gym!.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions, Jamie Hahn <u>jhahn@straphael.org</u>

School News

Greetings from the 4K Classroom!
We have been busy wrapping up STATE PALS testing with Mrs. K this week. We also have been working on some fun surprises for parents and some end-of-the-year projects. A special guest, Mrs. Foster, read us a book and spoke to us about the Summer Library Program and the upcoming library events in May. Our 4K friends were excited to have parents join them for a small breakfast treat on Wednesday. We are very lucky at St. Mary's school to have the opportunity to mingle with the older students. We are so excited to have our 8th Grade "Rent-A-Kid"Jack Steinhaus spend May 12 doing fun activities with the our class. Our students pooled money together to support the 8th grade end-of-the-year trip.

Thanks to Ruby for bringing in a special frozen yogurt treat for "Y" week and thanks to Mrs. Young for helping in the classroom for the treat day also. Thanks to Alex for bringing in special X marked chocolate zucchini muffins for "X" week! Thanks to Kellyn for bringing Wonderful Watermelon and Nilla Wafers for "W" week (and her wonderful mom to help for our first day of PALS testing!!). Wow! Our FINAL letter of the week is upon us with letter "Z"!! Next week we will wrap up our first official year of school with our Graduation ceremony and mass at the all school mass on Thursday 5/19/16.

Finally, thank you for all the special treats for Teacher Appreciation Week. We feel very appreciated!!!

Mrs. K., Mrs. Duffy and the 4K Friendly Fish

All balances (tuition, daycare, lunch program, 8th grade bus cycle fees, etc.) need to be paid in full by May 13th. Report cards and diplomas will not be handed out if there are any outstanding balances at the end of the school year. There are several past due Extended Care and After School Care accounts.

Important Dates

- 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.

Thank you to Mrs. Harkins and Ms. Leonard for volunteering as our Spanish teachers throughout the school year. They finished classes this week and celebrated with the 7th grade students by making homemade salsa and guacamole!



Thank you to everyone who supported the 8th grade Rent-a-Kid Fundraiser! They raised over \$500 toward their class trip. The entire

student body looks forward to this auction and event every school year.



Congratulations to our 8th grade graduates:

Bailee Kath Jonah Stout
Johnathan Murphy Hilary Nelson Katelyn Gulrud
Ashley Teigen William Buckley
Mackenzie Buettner

The 8th Grade Graduation Mass will take place on Sunday, May 15th at 11:00am in the church. All are welcome to join in the celebration.

Our end of the year Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, May 26th at 8:15am.

DARE graduation for our 5th grade students will follow the Mass.

Home and School will be hosting a reception after the Mass.

Students will be released to parents following the Mass, DARE Graduation, reception, and report card distribution.

Please join us for this end of school celebration.

Please don't forget to return your tuition contracts for 2016-17.