

St. Mary School News

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Thought for the day

The longer one carries a problem, the heavier it gets!

March 17, 2016

Dear Parents,

Mrs. Heimerl sent out an email yesterday requesting a response from families who live within the Pardeeville School District. If you reside in this school district, please respond to her message with your name and address. Those families who live within the Pardeeville School District may qualify for transportation reimbursement.

Please don't forget to register for the St. Mary School Trivia Night Event. You will find more info on page two of this newsletter.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Schuenemann on the birth of their daughter, Olivia Ann. She was born last Friday, March 11th.

Tomorrow, March 18th, we have an early release at 12:00pm. There is bus transportation. We will be celebrating this early release and start of spring break with Hawaiian/Beach Day and a beach volleyball tournament in the gym starting at 10:30am. All are welcome. Students are invited to wear their Hawaiian and beach attire as long as it falls within the school dress code, posted in the 2015-16 school handbook in your digital locker.

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School News

The sixth grade students are finishing the third quarter strong as they complete their last week before spring break. Their study of ancient civilizations in Social Studies has them learning about Greek mythology. They've found the myths very fascinating. Plants and animals interacting within an ecosystem is their focus in Science. They've studied food chains, biomes, and symbiotic relationships.

In addition to studying the Old Testament in Religion, the students have been discussing Lent and the Triduum. They've prepared themselves for Easter and await Christ's dying and rising to new life.

Mrs. Collins and the sixth grade students

Congratulation Ayden Hellenbrand!

Due to Ayden's talent in art, he has been selected to participate in the Creative Arts Festival on April 14th in Wautoma! He will be participating with other students selected from all over south central Wisconsin.

Third Wednesday Chats

On the 3rd Wednesday of each month, the teachers are available from 3:15-3:45pm to confer with parents about student progress. No appointment is needed, just stop in.

Important Dates

- 3/18 Hawaiian Day & Beach Volleyball.
- 3/18 Early Release district wide.
- 3/21-3/25 Spring Break and HOLY WEEK.
- 3/27 Easter.
- 3/28 School resumes.
- 4/7-4/8 4th & 5th grade trip to Camp Gray.
- 4/8 1st Annual Trivia Night, hosted by Home and School.
- 4/15 Early Release district wide.
- 4/21 & 4/22 Spring Art Show and Musical.
- 5/15 8h grade graduation ceremony at the 11:00am Sunday Mass. Joyful Choir required to attend.

The Home and School Committee is hosting our first ever Trivia Night on April 8th. Get your team together now. Learn more and reserve your seat/table at <https://stmarytrivia2016.eventbrite.com>.

HOLY WEEK

Every year, during Holy Week, the Catholic Church celebrates the Sacred Triduum. This three-day liturgy begins at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, reaches its peak at Easter Vigil, and culminates on Easter Sunday.

On Holy Thursday, (7:00 pm at Portage) we celebrate and remember the night of the Last Supper, how Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and celebrated the Passover meal.

On Good Friday (12:00 Noon at Briggsville and 2:00 at Portage) we hear the reading of Christ's Passion and death from the Gospel of John, and we are offered the opportunity to individually venerate, or revere, the Holy Cross.

At Easter Vigil (8:00 pm at Portage) we celebrate the cornerstone of our Christian faith, Jesus' resurrection. We begin by lighting our new Paschal (Easter) Candle and reflecting on the story of salvation history.

On Easter Sunday (8:00 am at Briggsville; 9:30 and 11:00 at Portage), we continue to celebrate the risen Christ and celebrate THIS life that God has given us and how he came among us to show us how to live.

TRIVIA NIGHT
TO SUPPORT ST MARY SCHOOL, PORTAGE

FRIDAY, APRIL 8 - ST MARY SCHOOL GYM - DOORS OPEN 6:30PM/TRIVIA AT 7
CASH PRIZES! FOOD, SODA, & BEER CONCESSIONS!

Form your teams and reserve now! Space is limited!

\$10 per person, or \$60 reserves a table for your team of up to 8 players

Teams of up to 8 people work together to answer 100 trivia questions across topics & genres. Register as individuals, or sign up with family, coworkers, friends, or even classroom parent groups! Friendly competition is encouraged & part of the fun! No carry-in's allowed. 21 years & over event.
Learn more and reserve your seat/table at:
<https://stmarytrivia2016.eventbrite.com>

The Spring musical and Art Show is on April 21st and 22nd.

April 21: 6-8pm Art Show open
6:30pm St. Mary School Band performance
7:00pm Musical "Happy Valley High" performance

April 22: 6-8pm Art Show open
7:00pm Musical "Happy Valley High" performance