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ST. MARY SCHOOL

NEWSPAPER



St. Mary 8th Grade Class of 2024

GRADUATION

Hey there, future legends of St. Mary!

We're the 8th graders, about to take our next big step into high school, but before we go, we wanted to share some wisdom and excitement with you. Middle school has been an incredible ride, and we know you're going to love it just as much as we did.

First off, "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take," as the great Wayne Gretzky (and Michael Scott!) said. Middle school is all about trying new things, taking risks, and discovering what you're passionate about. Don't be afraid to jump in and give it your all.

Here's our favorite quotes to encourage you to make the best of your time here:

- **Be Authentic:** As the amazing Lizzo sings, "If I'm shinin', everybody gonna shine." Embrace who you are and let your true self shine. Your unique qualities are what make you special, so don't hide them.
- **Stay Curious:** LeBron James once said, "Nothing is given. Everything is earned." Stay curious and work hard in your classes. Dive into new subjects, ask questions, and push yourself to learn more every day. You'll be amazed at what you can achieve.
- **Build Friendships and Show Kindness:** Taylor Swift reminds us, "We're all just figuring it out." Everyone is navigating middle school together, so be kind and supportive. A simple act of kindness can make someone's day and lead to lasting friendships.
- **Get Involved and Explore:** Serena Williams said, "I really think a champion is defined not by their wins but by how they can recover when they fall." Join clubs, sports teams, and other activities. Even if you're not the best at first, keep trying and you'll find your niche.
- **Stay Organized and Focused:** As Beyoncé advises, "I'm a workaholic and I don't believe in 'no.'" Keeping organized will help you stay on top of your work and extracurriculars. Use a planner, set goals, and remember that perseverance is key.
- **Have Fun and Create Memories:** "Life is what happens when you're busy making other plans," said John Lennon. Enjoy the journey, laugh a lot, and make memories that will last a lifetime. These years are a special time in your life.





SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM THE GRADUATES

We are so grateful for having grown up at St. Mary School. Thank you for providing such a fun atmosphere. Thank you to all the teachers and staff that helped us to grow and learn in this fun environment!
We are forever KNIGHT STRONG!



BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

The 2024 8th Grade Graduates read many amazing books in class throughout their years at St. Mary School. Here are some of their favorites!

Kindergarten: *Chicka Chika Boom Boom* By: Bill Martin Jr.

This children's book is a favorite in 4K and Kindergarten! The graduates enjoyed learning about letters while reading this book, and of course, the 4K graduation song!

1st-4th Grade: *Charlotte's Web* By: E.B. White

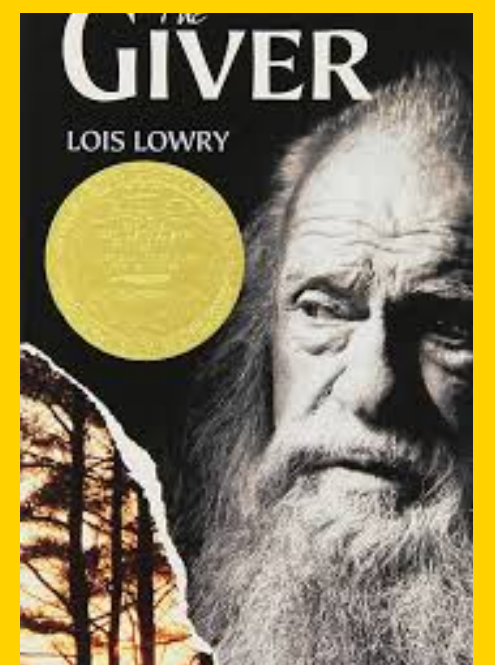
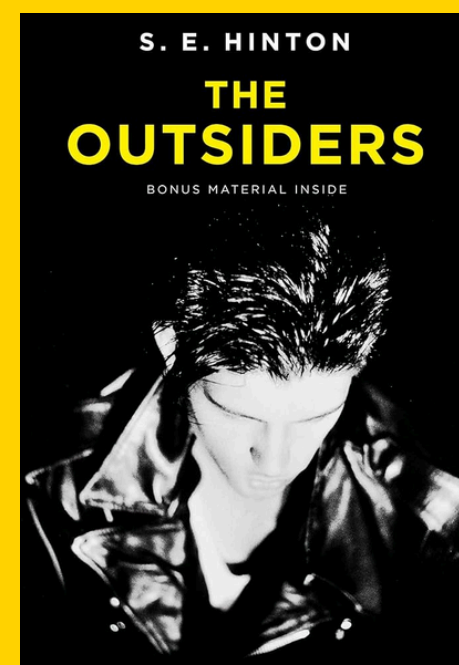
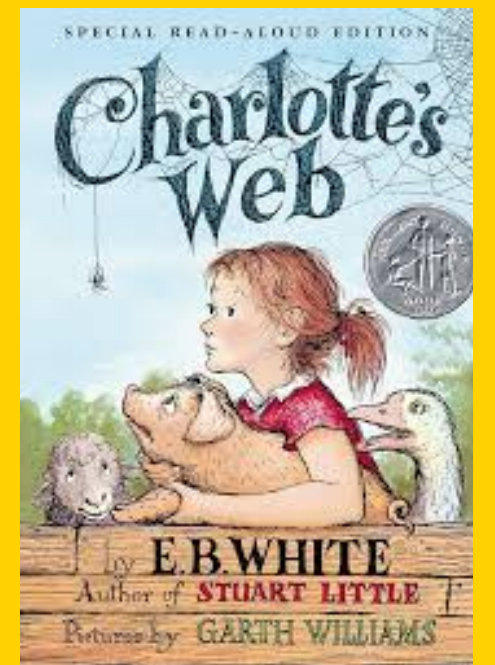
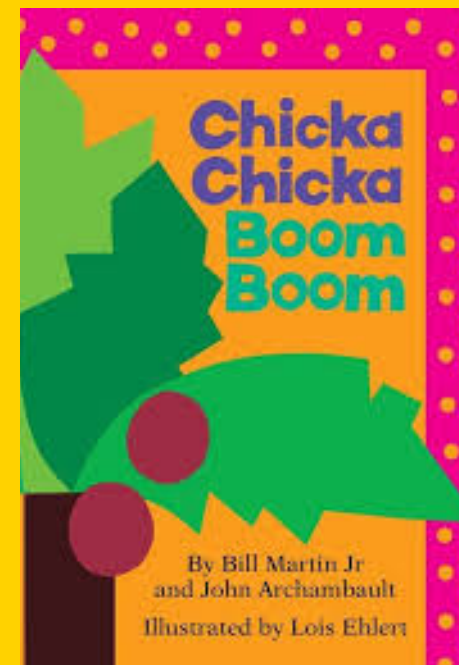
Imagine a world where kids can talk to animals! Charlotte's Web is a book that all St. Mary's students read during elementary school! They love getting into chapter books!

7th Grade: *The Outsiders* by: S.E. Hinton

This novel is an all-time favorite for students. The Outsiders teaches that it doesn't matter what you have or where you're from, you all see the same sunrise and sunset. Stay Golden!

8th Grade: *The Giver* by: Lois Lowry

8th Graders enjoy imagining a dystopian world, where choices and individuality are a thing of the past. After living a life of simple conformity, Jonas chooses to rebel, by valuing individuality.



ADVICE for MIDDLE SCHOOLERS from the GRADUATES



- Stay Organized: Keep a planner or use a digital calendar to track your homework, projects, and tests. It helps a lot to stay on top of your assignments and not feel overwhelmed.
- Be Yourself: "Middle school is a time to figure out who you are. Don't try to change yourself to fit in. The right friends will like you for who you really are."
- Ask for Help: "If you're struggling with a subject, don't be afraid to ask your teachers for help. They're there to support you, and it's better to ask questions than to fall behind."
- Get Involved: "Join sports, or other activities. It's a great way to make new friends, learn new skills, and have fun. Plus, it makes school more enjoyable."
- Be Kind and Respectful: "Treat everyone with kindness and respect. It makes a big difference, and you'll find that people will treat you better too. Plus, it helps build a positive school environment."

WHAT WERE THE GRADUATES LISTENING TO THROUGHOUT THE YEARS?

Playlist

- K "CAN'T STOP THE FEELING!" BY JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE
- 1 "SHAPE OF YOU" BY ED SHEERAN
- 2 "HAVANA" BY CAMILA CABELLO FEAT. YOUNG THUG
- 3 "OLD TOWN ROAD" BY LIL NAS X FEAT. BILLY RAY CYRUS
- 4 "BLINDING LIGHTS" BY THE WEEKND
- 5 "LEVITATING" BY DUA LIPA FEAT. DABABY
- 6 "GOOD 4 U" BY OLIVIA RODRIGO
- 7 "AS IT WAS" BY HARRY STYLES
- 8 "FLOWERS" BY MILEY CYRUS



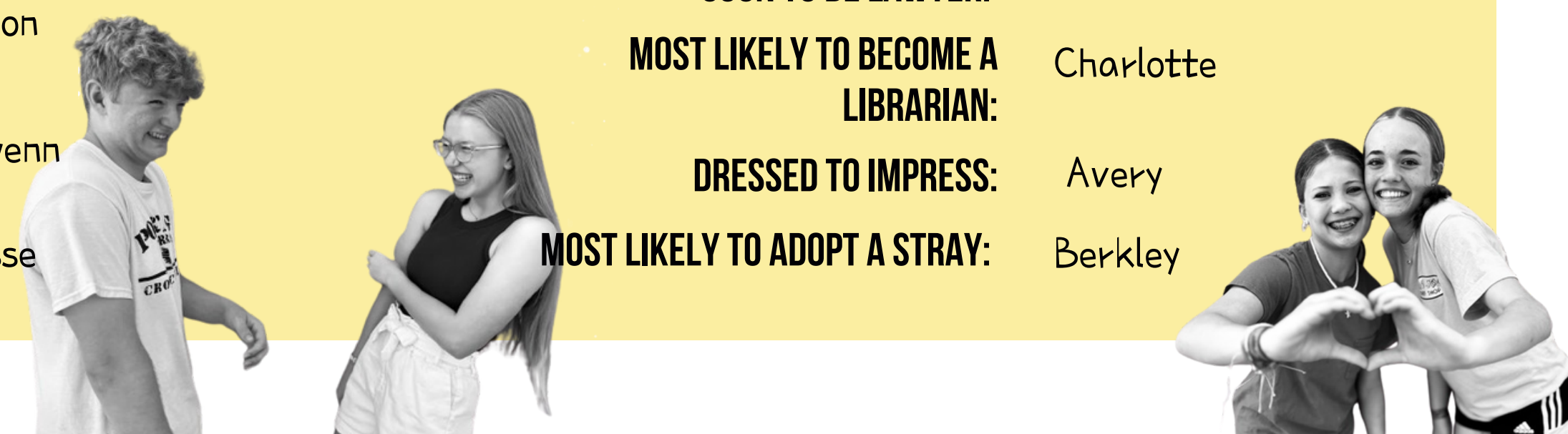
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THE BALLOTS ARE IN AND THE 7TH GRADERS HAVE AWARDED THE GRADUATES SOME AMAZING HONORS:

- MOST LIKELY TO INVENT SOMETHING: Della
- FUTURE COLLEGE ROOMMATES: Adalie & Maya
- MOST LIKELY TO SET A FISHING RECORD: Simon
- MOST LIKELY TO STAND UP FOR OTHERS: Gwenn
- BEST HAIR: Jesse

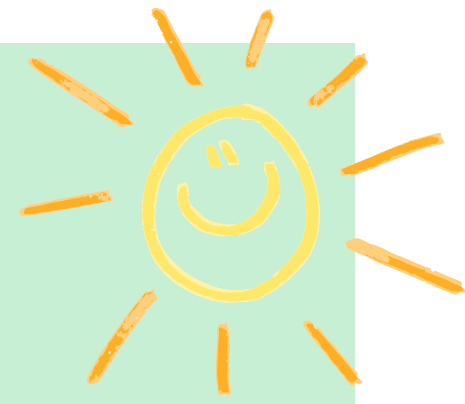
- MOST LIKELY TO BECOME AN ARTIST: Josilyn
- MOST LIKELY TO BECOME A TEACHER: Finn
- MOST LIKELY TO GET TO THE OLYMPICS: Parkar
- JACK OF ALL TRADES: Vincent
- SOCIAL BUTTERFLY: Sophia
- MOST LOVABLE ATTITUDE: Ellee
- BOOK WORM: Sydney
- CLASS CLOWN: William
- SOON TO BE LAWYER: Josie
- MOST LIKELY TO BECOME A LIBRARIAN: Charlotte
- DRESSED TO IMPRESS: Avery
- MOST LIKELY TO ADOPT A STRAY: Berkley



Kindergarten

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Chronicles



Once upon a time, on a bright and sunny morning, a group of children prepared for their first day of kindergarten.

Jesse walked into school as confident as he could, holding his mom’s hand and sporting his Mickey Mouse ears. He was ready for this new adventure.

At the same time, Adalie was excitedly walking with her mom and grandma to church, wearing her cheetah backpack with a bow in her hair. “I’m excited for my first day of kindergarten,” she exclaimed.

Josilyn chuckled as her mom cried and waved goodbye. She could not wait to start school and meet new friends.

Avery, Della and Sophia were both eager to learn. They had been looking forward to this day for weeks.

Meanwhile, tears flooded Vincent’s eyes as he sat in the pew at church. He didn’t want to leave his parents and go to school, but soon he would learn that it was an amazing place to be.

Gwenn felt the same way. “I don’t wanna go to school yet either,” she said softly.

After church, the kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Stulo, called each child over to her desk. She patiently taught them how to tie their shoes before they went out to recess. Charlotte found this especially exciting and couldn’t wait to show her new skill.

Sydney beamed with excitement. She tucked Brownie, the class stuffy, into her backpack so she could bring him home that evening and play on her trampoline.

Ellee wanted to tattletale about something but instead was told to talk to Timmy the Tree Frog, the class’s special listener. He was such a good listener, Ellee felt much better.

Simon sat quietly at his desk, watching his friends around the room. He enjoyed observing everyone as they settled into their new classroom.

Josie’s face lit up when Mrs. Stulo took them into the kindergarten room to paint and watch videos about counting to 100, a number that seemed impossible to her at the time.

“I don’t wanna take a nap in the classroom,” said Parker. “I want to stay by my friends and play.” Mrs. Stulo looked at Parker kindly and told him that a nap was important to refresh his energy for more fun later.

“Can we watch GoNoodle instead?” asked Maya. “Nope, it’s time to relax now,” said Mrs. Stulo, “then we will learn.”

William, Finn and Berkley stared at the teacher, feeling a mix of fear and excitement. They were scared to enter the classroom but thrilled to finally be school kids.

And so, the children began their first day of kindergarten, each with their own feelings and experiences, ready to embark on a year full of learning, fun, and new friendships.



REMEMBER OUR MISSION



TOGETHER
WE ARE
KNIGHT STRONG

CLASS OF 2024 MEMORY MAP



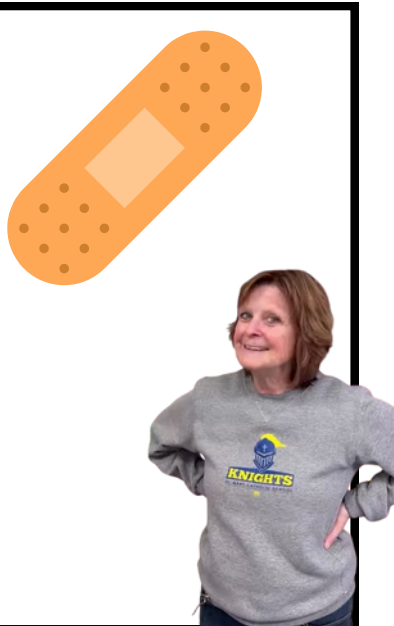
RECESS

- Football
- Kickball
- 4-Square
- Playing on the Playground



GYMNASIUM

- PHY ED
- CHRISTMAS CONCERT
- THE MUSICAL
- BUDDY FAMILIES
- BASKETBALL
- VOLLEYBALL
- AWARDS NIGHT
- BINGO
- LIVING ROSARY



FUN EVENTS

- BEST FEST
- HOMECOMING
- MINI COURSE DAY
- SPORTS TOURNAMENTS
- TED TALKS
- FISH TANK
- AWARDS NIGHT
- ALL SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL
- ALL SCHOOL BINGO
- PAUQUETTE PARK DAY
- POPCORN CORNER
- DARE PROGRAM

- CORN MAZE
- PUMPKIN PATCH
- PINK OUT GAMES
- MRS REALIS HOUSE
- TRICK OR TREAT TOGETHER
- BREWERS GAMES

FIELD TRIPS

- ST LOUIS
- WILDERNESS DELLS
- STATE CAPITOL
- FARMS
- CAMP GRAY
- INDIAN AGENCY HOUSE
- SURGEONS QUARTERS
- POLICE STATION
- FIRE DEPARTMENT
- MOVIE THEATER
- ALDO LEOPOLD CENTER
- MILWAUKEE MUSUEM



GOD BLESS

our graduates!

St. Mary Graduates,

As you move on to this new chapter of your life, remember that you are equipped with the knowledge and strength to face any challenge.

Jeremiah 29:11 reminds us, "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."

Trust in this promise as you step into high school and beyond. Embrace each moment with courage and faith, knowing that God's guidance is ever-present. Shine brightly and make a positive impact on the world around you.

Congratulations and God bless you on your journey!





A vertical arrangement of four golden balloons with white polka dots, forming the number 2024. The balloons are shiny and have a metallic gold finish with small white dots scattered across their surfaces. They are arranged in a column, with the number 2 at the top, followed by 0, then 2, and 4 at the bottom. The background is a solid light gray.

our class trip in 7th grade:
tells you she loves you every day:
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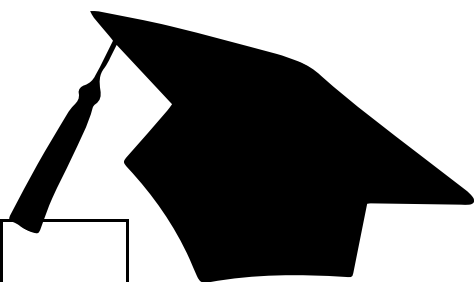
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9. End of the year fun day:

