

St. Mary Parish School

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TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 3 - 7

April 30, 2021 Issue

Dear Families,

One of St. Mary's greatest blessings is our fantastic teaching staff. Needless to say, the pandemic has exceedingly tested the resolve of every teacher on the planet this year. With their students' best interest always at the forefront, our teachers have continued to rise to the unique challenges they have been presented with. I remain in awe with the level of commitment, dedication, and caring that I witness each day. Please join me in showing your gratitude to our wonderful teachers by honoring them during **Teacher Appreciation Week, next week, May 3 – 7.**

I offer the following passage from "God's Little Devotional Book for Teachers" to teachers everywhere.

Teaching is not just a job or career, it is a "twenty-four, seven" identity – twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. A teacher never stops being a teacher in the eyes of the students, no matter what day of the week, season of the year, or decade of life...

What does this mean to teachers? It means they fill a role that requires a high sense of responsibility and nobility of character. It means teachers must face and overcome an ever-increasing volume and variety of problems with wisdom. And it means teachers face a great deal of stress – not only because of the workload, but the inner stress of desiring to produce a lasting, good work in the lives of their students. No one needs inspiration and encouragement [and prayers!] more than teachers!

The Scholastic Book Fair starts on Monday. Thank you to everyone for supporting the Coin Challenge this week. While only one class could win the ice cream treats, **all students will be treated to an out of uniform day on Monday, May 3.** Also, please remember that **on Thursday, May 6, students may be out-of-uniform to dress like their favorite book character.** All proceeds from the book fair help purchase new books for the classroom and school libraries. Scholastic dollars are also used to purchase Scholastic Magazines each year.

Our second-grade students are very excited to be receiving their first Holy Communion this Sunday at the 10:30 AM Liturgy. Please keep them in your prayers!

Also, we thank you all for your prayers for Mrs. Shea. She hopes to be back sometime next week!

Faithfully,

Linda Joyner

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This year's theme: #ThankATeacher

Our Home & School Committee, along with the Book Fair Committee, has put together some wonderful ways to celebrate St. Mary's Teachers. [See the schedule of fun here.](#)

Your child can also celebrate their teacher(s) with some of these fun activities throughout the week. [Check it out.](#)



Scholastic Spring Book Fair

May 4 - May 7, 2021

Click on the books to find out more about the Fair. Students will visit the fair during the week with their homerooms. On Thursday, students may dress in their [favorite book character.](#)

St. Mary's School & Athletic Spirit Wear

Order your St. Mary's spirit wear through [Burghardts ordering portal now](#) through Tuesday, May 4th. Purchases will arrive at the school before Memorial Day and will be distributed through kid mail. Happy shopping!

Capture the memories and order your 2021 yearbook by May 6th. [See more details here.](#)

Celebrate a year of friends, events and experiences. Turn those moments into unforgettable memories by ordering your 2021 Yearbook today!

Yearbooks can be ordered and [paid for through WeShare](#) at \$15 each, or you may send in a check to the school office, payable to St. Mary. Orders **must** be received on or before May 6th

St. Mary's After-School Care Program 2021/22: If you are interested in your student attending St. Mary's onsite After School Care Program for the 21/22 school year, [follow this link](#) to complete the registration form and return to the school office by April 30th.

Scrip News—ThankScriping Day Ends April 30th.

The Scrip earning year ends on May 31, which means you have just over a month to meet this school year's fundraising requirement. Over half of St Mary School families who use Scrip have already met their goal, and are earning rebates towards next year's tuition!

The next ThankScriping Day follows are Thursday and Friday, April 29-30. You can earn bonus rebates up to 20%. [Follow this link for details.](#) Beginning June 1, any new rebates will be applied to the fundraising requirement for next school year.



Student Hydration

Just a reminder that students should bring a refillable water bottle to school each day.



2021 Calendar Raffle

Congratulations to these \$30 raffle winners drawn on April 30th: **Thomas Pelt, Dan Adkins & Family, Diane Yokes, Henry Jones and Marilyn Sabec.**

Thank you all for participating.

A friendly Reminder...Sacrificial Giving Obligation

In order to receive the parishioner tuition rate, **[your sacrificial giving to the parish must meet the minimum \\$780 obligation per school year.](#)** Please contact the Parish Business Office if you are unsure if you have met your obligation. All giving is due by **May 31st.** Thank you for your prompt attention.

FINAL charges for the 2020-2021 school year will appear on your May invoice in Smart Tuition. Please monitor your account balance.

Fees include:

- Mandatory Scrip Rebate of \$250 if you did not participate or lesser amount depending on rebate amount earned
- Graduation Fees—8th grade families only
- Skills N Drills—participants only
- Track Fees—participants only

These additional charges are due with your final payment in May. Late fees will apply if payment is not remitted according to your payment plan.

Please call the Parish Business Office with any further questions or concerns. Thank you.

Important Notice

May

- 2 10:30 Liturgy—First Holy Communion
- 3 Out of Uniform
DARE program—Gr. 5
- 4 Spring Book Fair Begins
8:15 Liturgy-grs. K4, K5 1 & 2;
MAY CROWNIG
[Spirit Wear orders deadline](#)
- 5 8:15 Liturgy—MS
- 6 Book Fair Character Dress Day
- 7 8:15 Liturgy—grs. 3, 4 & 5

[VIEW FULL CALENDAR](#)

QUESTIONS? WE HAVE ANSWERS .

⇒ Student Attendance

If your student is absent for the day, please call or e-mail the office BEFORE 7:15 am on the day of absence. Provide the following information:

- ◇ Student's first and last name
- ◇ Name of homeroom teacher
- ◇ Reason for absence
- ◇ If your student will participate virtually

⇒ Student Early Dismissal

Should your student need to be picked up before normal dismissal time, or the mode of transportation has changed for the day, parents are asked to complete the [Change of Dismissal](#) form found on our website before 1:00 pm.

Resources

- [2021-22 Academic Calendar](#)
- [CE Summer Opportunities](#)
- [Out-of-Uniform Policy](#)
- [School Closing Policy](#)
- [Change of Dismissal](#)
- [Amazon Smile](#)
- [Scrip Schedule](#)
- [Scrip Raise-Right App](#)
- [TikTok facts](#)
- [Roblox facts](#)

In the Community

- [Pius Summer Camps](#)
- [Pius Girls Basketball Camp](#)
- [Dominican Summer Camps](#)
- [Marquette Summer Camps](#)
- [Optimist Club Kids Fishing Derby](#)

Keep Informed

- [Sign up for a Vaccination Appointment](#)
- [Updated Quarantine Guidelines for COVID-19](#)
- [Waukesha County weekly COVID-19 updates](#)

Keeping our Kids Safe

Did you know . . .

- ◆ Criminal background checks are conducted on every priest, deacon, parish director, n employee and volunteer working with minors in active ministry in parishes and schools in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.
- ◆ In 2020 in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, over 70 Safe Environment Education Sessions were conducted with over 1,800 adults trained in identifying signs of abuse and neglect, over 3,800 criminal background checks were conducted on clergy, employees and volunteers and over 50,000 children were trained in Safe Environment topics.

- [Archdiocese Proclamation](#)
- [Keeping Children and Teens Safe Online \(USCCS\)](#)
- [Warning Signs of Abuse](#)
- [Five Things Strong Families Have in Common](#)
- [10 Ways to Promote Healthy Parent-Child Relationships](#)



Everything You Need to Know About Standards-Based Grading

Having been a student for the majority of my life thus far, I can say that one of the most frustrating things that a student can receive in school is a poor grade without understanding why. It's confusing to get a negative result without knowing why you did badly and without any knowledge of how to improve. Grades are markers of learning and progress and should ideally help the student improve; however, the simple A B C D F grades are very vague and do little to provide beneficial information to students. This frustration is one of the many reasons that 'standards-based grading' emerged and is becoming the preferred method of grading across the U.S.

Click on the image to the right for more information.

