

CHALLENGING MINDS

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Dear Families,

TAKE ACTION BEFORE MAY 26! The Legislature has made improving K-12 education a priority in Wisconsin. Millions of dollars from the state's record budget surplus may be distributed to public schools. **It's WCRIS* goal that private schools are not forgotten.** Instructions on how to identify your legislators and example messages are posted here. Act now by clicking here to make your voice heard or click here for more information.

WCRIS' proposed, one-time Private K-12 School Health and Safety Grant Program would fund needed efforts to address: school safety; mental health services; air and water quality; learning loss; and internet connectivity.

Please contact your legislators by May 26. Urge them to support Health and Safety Grants for Private K-12 Schools so that you can make needed upgrades to school safety, mental health and learning loss for your students. It only takes about five minutes.

*The Wisconsin Council of Religious and Independent Schools (WCRIS) is a non-profit, nonpartisan association that represents more than 100,000 K-12 students in 600 Catholic, Lutheran, Christian, Seventh Day Adventist, and independent schools across Wisconsin. WCRIS' advocates, supports and defends parent's right to select the best education for their child and the schools' right to pursue its unique mission. WCRIS also lobbies for equity and inclusion for our schools in programs and initiatives funded with public resources. This organization is currently working to ensure that private schools like ours are included in the government's plans to spend its budget surplus to address education needs. Private school students comprise 10% of K-12 enrollment in Wisconsin and should receive 10% of any new money appropriated to improve K-12 education.

Thank you for taking a few minutes to support St. Mary and private education in Wisconsin!

TOWN HALL MEETING - Please join us on Tuesday, May 30 at 6:00 PM for a presentation of our strategic plan. Following the presentation there will be time to give input and ask questions. See below for more information.

Faithfully, Linda Joyner

UPCOMING EVENTS

TONIGHT Father Daughter Dance 7pm—9pm <u>RSVP Here</u>

> May 24 Ice Cream Social

May 24 K5 Graduation

May 25 5th Grade field trip & Jr. Docent Graduation

> May 26 No School (In-Service)

May 29 No School Memorial Day

June 2 5th Grade D.A.R.E. graduation

June 2 8th Grade Dance <u>Permission Slip Here</u>

June 6 1st/8th Grade Buddy Breakfast

> **June 6** Field Day

June 7th 8th Grade Graduation

June 9th Last day of School 11am dismissal

June 9 Last Day of School Brat Fry (more details coming soon!)



7th Grade Pitches Ideas to Shark Tank

This week, the 7th grade class took part in their very own version of Shark Tank, where they came up with an idea for a good or service and presented this innovation to "investors." We loved to view their creative ideas, ranging from an app that uses your mother's voice to remind you of your to-do list, to an anti-mosquito laundry detergent! Thank you to all of the parent "sharks" that volunteered their time to come in and hear the investment ideas and question the students to test their entrepreneurial skills. Great job 7th grade!



Check out a few more pictures here.

Ice Cream Celebration Wednesday, May 24 Volunteers Needed!



Students and faculty will be celebrating the end of the school year with an Ice Cream Celebration during the school day on Wednesday next week!



Volunteers are needed to help scoop ice cream and serve our students.

Please contact Kristin Latham at kristinmlatham@gmail.com if you are able to help!

Part-time Teacher's Aide Position at St. Mary

St. Mary School is looking for a part-time teacher's aide for our 3K classroom. The 3K aide is responsible for working in collaboration with the teacher in the implementation of daily activities, assisting in the care of the children, and providing a nurturing environment that is in line with the mission for Catholic Education. The ideal applicant will be passionate about working with young children, be patient, collaborative, have the ability to take direction, and have excellent communication skills. Training in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program, or willingness to attend training is preferred. Must have completed Safeguarding All God's Children before August 28, 2023. Please contact Mrs. Joyner if you or anyone you know may be interested.

Our St. Mary Teachers are the Best!



We're proud of our St. Mary teachers and want to show off how wonderful they are. This week we are highlighting our gym teacher, Mrs. Leonard! See what some students had to say about her:

Teacher Spotlight: Mrs. Leonard - Physical Education

"Mrs. Leonard, I loved it when you let us play outside, got to have free time, and had us play baseball." - Mike (7th grade)

"Thank you so much for your patience, time, and effort to help our school." - Grace and Addy (7th grade)

"Mrs. Leonard taught us so well about online safety in Health." - Riley S. (7th grade)

"Thank you, Mrs. Leonard, for taking us outside a lot so we could get fresh air." - Ava N. (7th grade)

"Thank you for putting up with us. The best teacher comes out of teaching difficult kids." - Gianna T. (7th grade)

"Thanks for letting us have free time during gym." - Emma and Maddy (7th grade)

"You make sure we are okay when we get hurt." - Levi M (2nd grade)

"I like that you help us when we need it. We play fun games." - Stella M. (2nd grade)

"You go over the rules for games." - Maria O. (2nd grade)

"I like how she gives us an option of going to the office or staying to play if we get hurt." - Lilah M. (2nd grade)

"We get to choose what games we play." - Lucas B. (2nd grade)

"I like that we can go outside in gym and play kickball. I also like that she prays before gym." - Cruz B. (3rd grade)

"I like gym because it keeps our bodies healthy." - Hazel S. (3rd grade)

"One thing I like about Mrs. Leonard is she is always telling us to work hard." Jerry W. (3rd grade)

"I like how she gives us free time." - Sam G. (K5)

"She is very good at teaching us basketball." - Oliver Harms (K5)

"She loves us." - Autumn B.(K5)

"We love that she is our gym teacher. She teaches us how to catch balls." - Grace H. (K5)

"She is kind." - Olivia C. (K5)

"She is good at teaching us kickball." - Jack P. (K5)

"She is a really good gym teacher." - Caroline M. (K5)

"She is a really good gym teacher, and I like when she teaches us how to play kickball." - Emery H. (K5)

"I like that we get to play a lot of different sports." - Nolan M. (3rd grade)

Thank you, Mrs. Leonard, for all you do to help teach our students about health and physical education!

Home & School Updates

Volunteer Spotlight:

If you know someone who deserves a little extra recognition and should have their name here, please email Heather at mccabeh@smps.school. Include the name of who you wish to nominate along with a quote, and we will reach out to additional parents for more kind words!

Thank you!

St. Mary Parish School: 2023-24 Calendar



Our Calendar for the upcoming 2023-24 school year is now available. Please note some events are still tentative. You can view the calendar <u>here.</u> Please reach out to the school office if you have any questions.



Thank you!



TONIGHT 7PM - 9PM St. Mary Activity Center

Please join us for a fun evening of dancing, beverages, snacks, as well as a hula hoop and limbo contest! \$10 per family. <u>View Flyer and RSVP Here.</u>



Leadership Role Sign Up for 2023-24

Our Home and School Committee needs your help! Several new chairs/coordinators are needed for the 2023/24 school year. Please help us fill open leadership parent/volunteer positions before the end of the school year!

Please read this <u>important letter</u> from our current H&S Secretary, Katie Esser.

Click here to view the Sign Up.

THANK YOU!

Home and School Meeting Updates:

View Meeting Minutes from the May 8th meeting here.

OUR NEXT HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY, JUNE 5 AT 7 PM AT 3 CELLARS. (Business meeting from 7 to 7:30 and social afterwards!)

Hope to see you there!

Athletics Sign-up Open for Next Year



Interscholastic athletics provided through St. Mary Parish is designed to be a supportive element in the total educational process. This process concerns the total person, the person's growth as an individual. Interscholastic athletics intends to provide: a cooperative learning experience; a positive base for Christian development; an understanding of competition, emphasizing cooperative teamwork as well as fine sportsmanship; an opportunity for all participants to develop and share knowledge and skills appropriate to their level. We offer Volleyball, Basketball and Track for students in grades 5-8.

Students who attend a school other than St. Mary in grades 5 thru 8 who attend Christian Formation at St. Mary, St. James or Good Shepherd Parishes are welcomed to play sports on the St. Mary's Menomonee Falls athletic teams as well.

Sign up at https://tinyurl.com/STMaryAthletics

Please reach out to the St. Mary Athletic Director, John Wiese, at <u>athleticdirector@stmaryparish.net</u> if you have any questions or require more information.



Parish Updates

Learn about Adoption & Foster Care: Donut Sunday on May 20 & 21

Want to learn more about adoption, foster care and supporting mothers in

Adoration Schedule Changes for the Week May 22-26

Adoration will be at St. Anthony in the Church all of next week: Monday-Thursday: 8:30am - 7pm Friday: 8:30am - 5 pm

need?





2022-23 Academic Calendar 2022-23 Home & School Calendar Updated Guidelines for COVID-19 Inclement Weather Policy
Lunchroom Volunteer Sign Up
Playground Volunteer Sign Up

