

# St. Mary Parish School



Challenging Minds

Developing Character

Living Jesus

## The Connection

February 26, 2021

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Dear Families,

Spring testing will begin on Monday, March 1. Students in grades 3, 5, & 7 will begin taking the Iowa Tests. The Iowa Tests are required by the Archdiocese and are standardized tests which allow us to compare student growth to a national norm group. This will be our first year utilizing the online testing option with Chromebooks. **Please make sure your fifth and/or seventh graders charge their Chromebooks each night.** A letter with more specific details was emailed to parents of those students yesterday. If you did not receive the letter, please contact the school office.

All students in grades K5-8 will begin taking the MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) tests on March 15<sup>th</sup>. These tests are also administered online so Chromebooks that go home will need to be fully charged each night.

Please remind your child of the importance of doing his/her best on the tests. While not graded, these assessments help teachers know what their students are ready to learn, where they may need support and how much they have grown. We realize this is a lot of testing; however, I know teachers are planning to weave in some fun destressing activities along the way. If your child becomes overly anxious or worried about any of the testing, please let his or her teacher know.

We had 53 families respond to the skills development/open gym activities survey for volleyball and basketball. The responses were very positive for starting these programs so please stay tuned for more information.

We would like to offer our 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders a virtual career day this spring. This is in the planning stages, but we are looking for parents (or friends of parents) who would be willing to share information about their careers with students. This could be done via a pre-recorded video or a live Zoom. If you would be willing to be a presenter, please email the school office. And if you find that you have too much time on your hands and are looking for a creative challenge, we would welcome your assistance in planning and executing this event.

Faithfully,

Linda Joyner

### Graduation Pictures

Eighth graders will have their graduation pictures taken by VIP on Thursday, March 11 beginning at 8:10 am.

### January Optimist Club Student of the Month



Congratulations to Maggie Stubbs. Maggie has grown into a confident student and advocates for herself and her learning. She is extremely kind and collaborative with her classmates. She brings an energy and joy to her surroundings, with an upbeat attitude and willingness to learn.

Maggie has an infectious smile, a strong sense of family and of her faith.

### February Optimist Club Student of the Month



Congratulations to Ella Weyker. Ella is a quiet, respectful and thoughtful student who is a calming presence in her class. She is well-liked because of the way she treats those around her, with respect and dignity, and always with a smile on her face. She never has an unkind word.

Ella Rises to any challenge with a positive attitude and open mind. She has turned into a very independent and confident student.

### 2021 Calendar Raffle

Congratulations to these \$30 raffle winners drawn on February 24th: **Jim & Carrie Froelich, Patricia Gagnon, James Lenahan and the Brockman Family.** And to this \$150 winner drawn on February 26th: **Cole Urbain.**

Thank you all for participating.

### Employment Opportunity

St. Mary's is looking for a full-time maintenance assistance. For more details or to apply, [click here.](#)

### MARCH

- 1 IOWA Testing begins, grs 3, 5 & 7
- 2 Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss  
8:15 Liturgy: grs. K4, K5 1 & 2
- 3 8:15 Liturgy: Middle School
- 5 8:15 Liturgy: grs. 3, 4 & 5
- 9 8:15 Liturgy: grs. K4, K5 1 & 2
- 10 8:15 Liturgy: Middle School  
9:00 Rosary; [Live Streamed](#)
- 11 End of 2nd Trimester;  
8th Grade Graduation Pictures
- 12 NO SCHOOL; teacher in-service
- 15 MAP Testing Begins  
DARE Program: Gr. 5
- 16 8:15 Liturgy: grs. K4, K5 1 & 2
- 17 Saint Patrick's Day  
8:15 Liturgy: Middle School
- 19 8:15 Liturgy: grs. 3, 4 & 5
- 22 DARE Program: Gr. 5
- 23 8:15 Liturgy: grs. K4, K5 1 & 2
- 24 8:15 Liturgy: Middle School
- 26 8:15 Liturgy: grs. 3, 4 & 5  
1:30 Living Stations, [Live Streamed](#)

### Attention 8th Grade Families

[Hamilton High School Virtual Parent Orientation and Open House](#)

[Menomonee Falls HS Course Selection](#)

### Resources

- [2021/22 Registration Form](#)
- [Track & Field Registration](#)
- [Out-of-Uniform Policy](#)
- [School Closing Policy](#)
- [Change of Dismissal](#)
- [Scrip Schedule](#)
- [Scrip Raise-Right App](#)
- [2020-21 Academic Calendar](#)

### In the Community

- [Young Rembrandts Drawing Classes](#)
- [Rocket Aquatics](#)
- [Adversity Summer Vball Skills 'n Drills](#)
- [Updated Quarantine Guidelines for COVID-19](#)
- [Waukesha County weekly COVID-19 updates](#)

Keep informed with weekly updates from Waukesha County regarding COVID-19. [Here's how.](#)



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