

# St. Mary Parish School



Challenging Minds

Developing Character

Living Jesus

## The Connection

February 28, 2020

Dear Families,

**We continue to have quite a few students ill this week.** To help minimize the spread of germs, please make sure to keep your child home until they have been symptom free (fever, vomiting, etc.) for at least 24 hours before they return to school. Students with confirmed cases of influenza should follow their doctors' recommendations for when they return. We are reminding students about proper handwashing, coughing/sneezing into elbow or tissue, sanitizing surfaces and bathrooms daily, making hand sanitizer available and have posted hand washing reminder signs. We have also asked students not to share food with one another. It would be great if you could also echo these reminders to your children. [Click here for the Health policy.](#)

**Have you completed the Disciple Maker Index survey yet?** This parish-wide survey is conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute and will provide the parish with the opportunity to learn about issues of importance to parish and school families in a confidential and professional way. The survey can be completed a few minutes and I strongly encourage everyone to participate! [Click here to complete the survey.](#)

**Students in grades 3, 5, & 7 will begin taking the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills on Tuesday, March 3-10.** Standardized tests are designed to give a common measure of students' performance. The primary purpose of using a standardized achievement test is to provide information that can be used to improve instruction. It is valuable to the extent that it contributes to better instructional decisions than we, as educators, could make without having that information available. [Click here for some helpful test taking tips.](#)

**Are you looking for ways to fulfill your annual volunteer commitment?** We are in need of several more hot lunch helpers and playground supervisors. Besides helping us keep hot lunch prices down, the beauty of these volunteer opportunities is that you get to fulfill your commitment and spend some time with your child. The time commitment is approximately 1.5 hours, mid-day. You can volunteer as little or as much as you like. [Sign up here.](#)

For the first time I can remember, our middle school students have the opportunity to attend the **Wisconsin Catholic Youth Rally on Friday, March 13**, which has previously always been held on a weekend. Our students alongside hundreds of teens from around the Archdiocese will spend the day growing in their faith and their relationship with Jesus. It is our hope that through this day of Adoration, prayerful worship and joyful community, our kids will be filled with the light and love of Jesus. [Click here for more information.](#)

**Spread the news!** We will be holding an "observation day" on Wednesday, March 11. This is an opportunity for prospective families to join us for Liturgy and observe our amazing teachers in action. Please spread the word to family and friends who might be interested in learning more about our great school!

**Have you checked your child's grades lately?** The last day of this trimester is Friday, March 6. Reports cards will be emailed to parents on Friday, March 13.

Faithfully,

Linda Joyner

**Catholic Schools Fulfill Niche in Society:** Catholic Schools Week gives us an opportunity to reflect on the great gift of Catholic education to the Church. Many of us are products of Catholic School.

[Read More](#)

Looking Back:

- [Grade 3](#) learn about bar graphs
- [The Virtue of Prudence](#)

**Congratulations!** Both the girls and boys Basketball teams won 1st place trophies in the St. Killian's tournament on Sunday night.

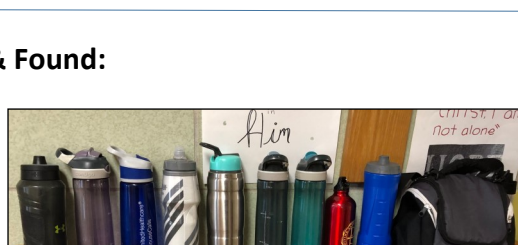


**Movie Night, February 21**

**6:30—8:15 pm**

[Click on the picture for the permission slip](#)

**Lost & Found:**



To claim, please check the Lost & Found box on the 1st floor.

### MARCH 2020

- 2 Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss Scrip Orders Due, 8am
- 3-10 Iowa Basic Testing, grs 3, 5 & 7
- 3 Futura Spanish, 3:05
- 4 All-School Liturgy, 8:15 Young Rembrandts, 3:05
- 6 End of 2nd Trimester
- 10 Futura Spanish, 3:05
- 11 All-School Liturgy, 8:15 OBSERVATION DAY, 9-11am Young Rembrandts, 3:05
- 13 Grade 4 Field Trip MS Catholic Youth Conference Jr Decent Field Trip Movie Night, 6:30pm
- 14 Parish Auction
- 16 Scrip Orders Due, 8am
- 17 Futura Spanish, 3:05pm
- 18 All-School Liturgy, 8:15am Young Rembrandts, 3:05pm
- 19 Grs. 3, 4 & 5 performing Aladdin: 12:45—dress rehearsal 6:30 evening performance
- 20 Stations of the Cross, 10:30

### COMING SOON . . .

April 4 Trivia Night

May 21 Middle School Musical

### Student Activities

[St. Mary's Track signup](#) (deadline 2-29)

[Girl Scout End of Year Celebration](#)

[YMCA Spring Camp Registration](#)

[J.K. Lee opportunities](#)

[Plus XI Jr. Pope's Football](#)

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### Links

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