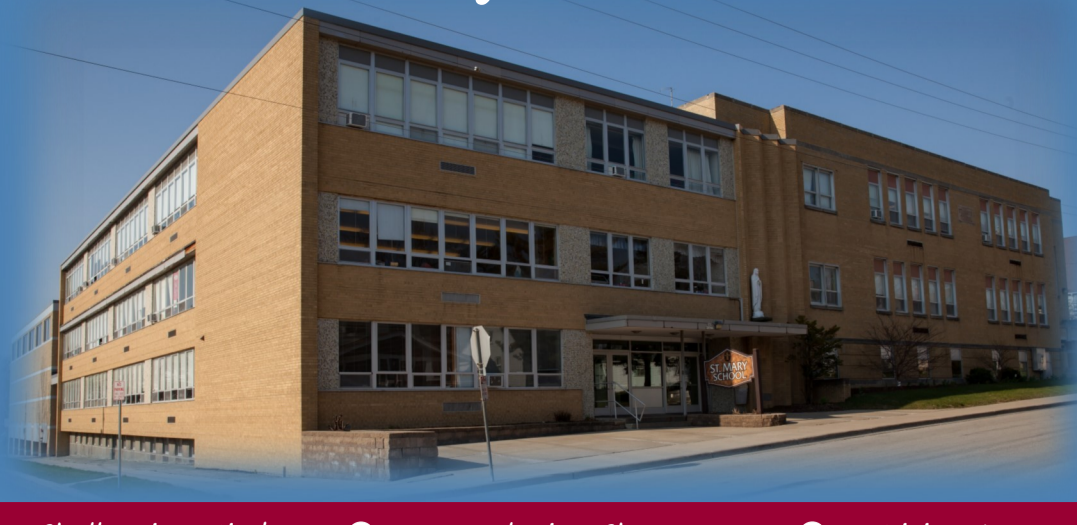


St. Mary Parish School



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March 20, 2020

Dear Families,

Who in their wildest dreams could have ever imagined the scenario that we are all currently living? I know I speak for the teachers and everyone on staff here, when I say we miss your children dearly and hope you are all safe and healthy. I am sure many of them are confused about what is going on, missing their classmates, and probably disappointed about all the fun learning activities (field trips, musicals, movie nights, etc.) that they have missed or will be missing. Please let them know that we will do our best to reschedule as many of these events as we can once we know when face-to-face instruction can be resumed.

PowerSchool Learning believes that they have a resolved the issues we have been experiencing. However, they are still conducting performance tests on the system. I am hopeful that when we resume virtual learning on Monday, March 30, that everything will be running smoothly. The teachers are continuing to plan and create lessons. I can't emphasize enough the respect that I have for our teachers. They have been working around the clock to find personal ways to reach out to your children and exploring new tools for online learning. Their dedication to their students and to keeping their learning moving forward in fun and interactive ways is to be commended.

In these unbelievable and unprecedented times, St. Mary Parish School finds itself in a tough situation. While Covid-19 has taken away the ability for us to educate, learn and celebrate our faith in person, it has also negatively affected our regular income at St. Mary Parish. The gifts made to St. Mary Parish not only support our ministries, but they also help to pay our teachers. As a reminder, the cost of tuition does not cover the cost of education.

Please consider [giving online](#) to help us continue to pay our wonderful teachers during this difficult time. Your gift will provide instant relief.

Faithfully,

Linda Joyner

Virtual Learning Teaching & Learning takes on a new look

American History "Bracket" Replaces NCAA: What's a more impactful day in American history? The signing of the Declaration of Independence or the attack on Pearl Harbor? The start of the Great Depression or the birth of the Internet? Because there is no NCAA basketball tournament to watch, the 32 most important events in American history have placed into a bracket by century. Through the use of polls, discussions boards, and writing assignments on Power School Learning, each class is going to vote on each "matchup" to determine which day in American history was the most impactful! Who will make it to the "Final Four" of American history?! [Check out this bracket!](#)

Letter "T" week in 4K: As our school moves to virtual learning, 4K has been staying active during letter 'T' week by practicing writing, pretending to be turtles, coloring mouths with ten teeth on top and ten on the bottom, practicing telephone numbers, and building tents! [Check out these great pics!](#)



News from Grade 2: [Second grade students have been working hard during virtual learning.](#) They are working on verbs and nouns in grammar, reading some fun stories, writing about their reading and watching Wednesday mass. They are taking brain breaks by choosing an activity on their tic-tac-toe sheet.



Keep up the awesome job!

Greetings from Mrs. Shea



As you can see, my dining room table has transformed into the new art room for a while.

I'm working hard in this photo to build Art pages in Power School Learning for grades 1-8.

Remember that you can always create your own art, I'm hoping to do some painting of my own over spring break!

I'll be checking both my emails on week-days next week if you have any questions or ideas you want to share, I'd really love that!

I miss you all very much, my dog Daisy is very glad that I'm home but she doesn't quite understand making art the way you all do. She does understand recess though!

♥ Mrs. Shea

Giving Back: When face-to-face instruction was cancelled, we were left with nine crates of milk (appx. 1,100 cartons) from the school lunch program. That's a lot of milk! Fortunately, we were able to donate two crates to the Menomonee Falls Food Panty and seven crates to St. Ben's Community Meal Program in Milwaukee.



Got some spare time on your hands? Thinking about cleaning out your closets?

The Pack'er Up—Donation Challenge is a Win-Win. Go to any participating goodwill Store between April 1-30 and simply indicate St. Mary's as your school and the number of items donated on the slip provided. The school with the greatest number of items donated will receive a visit from Donald Driver. [Read more about it here.](#)

TOTUS TUUS AT St. Mary Parish: Totus Tuus is Latin for "Totally Yours." It was part of the motto of our late Holy Father, St. John Paul II, Totus Tuus, Maria, meaning: "Totally Yours, Mary". This phrase reminds believers of their call to devote themselves to Mary, who always brings us closer to her son, Jesus Christ.



[Read More](#)

2020 Calendar Raffle: Congratulations to these \$30 raffle winners drawn on March 11, 2020: **Nichole Carstens, St. Mary Parish School, Jenna Riesterer and Scott Thompson.** And to this \$250 winner drawn on March 20, 2020: **June Litkowski.**

Thank you all for your participation!

MARCH 2020

SPRING BREAK March 23– 27

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4 Trivia Night (POSTPONED)

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