

St. Mary Parish School



Challenging Minds

Developing Character

Living Jesus

The Connection

March 6, 2020

Dear Families,

Today is the last day of the second trimester. **Progress reports will be emailed on Friday March 13th.**



We are starting to see an improvement in the number of students that are absent due to illness this week. We were averaging around 30 students out each day but that number has been cut in half this week. However, with all the germs still floating around and the new threat of the coronavirus, it is important that we remain vigilant in our efforts to minimize the spread of disease. **Please continue 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 doctor's recommendations for when they return. We will continue to remind students about proper handwashing and covering coughs and sneezes. Bathrooms, water fountains and other surfaces are being sanitized regularly and hand sanitizer is available in every area. Please continue to nag (remind) your child not to share food or water bottles and to refrain from putting hands, pencils, etc. into their mouths. [Click here to read the complete Health Policy.](#) Students in grades 3, 5, & 7 have been taking the **Iowa Tests of Basic Skills** this week. Thank you for making sure they got plenty of rest and ate a healthy breakfast each day. Students who have been absent this week will have an opportunity to complete the tests next week.

Please keep our 6-8 grade students in your prayers today as they alongside hundreds of teens from Catholic schools across the Archdiocese engage in a day of Adoration and prayerful worship at the Wisconsin Catholic Youth Rally.



[Click here to complete the Disciple Maker Index survey.](#) It only takes a few minutes and your input will provide the parish with an opportunity to learn about issues of importance to you as a school and parish family.



Are you looking for ways to fulfill your annual volunteer commitment? We are in need of hot lunch helpers and playground supervisors. You can volunteer as little or as much as you like. [Please sign up here](#) or contact [Linda Salentine](#) for more information.



Our application for **Exemplary Recognition**, in the area of Mission and Catholic Identity, has been selected to move on to the next phase in the process. This will entail a team of experts, including the Superintendent of Schools, visiting our school to verify that we meet the criteria. This process is done through observation and interviews of students, parents and staff. If the visitation team determines that we meet the criteria, this will be our third exemplary award in this category and our fifth exemplary recognition overall.



Invite your friends, neighbors and co-workers to come see our amazing teachers in action on Wednesday, March 11. [Prospective families are invited to join us for Liturgy and observe in classrooms.](#) Please contact the school office for more information.



On St. Patrick's Day, March 17, students have an opportunity to raise money for their \$50 Stewardship Challenge projects by buying out of their uniforms. Students who choose to participate should bring \$1 or more to donate to their class outreach project.

*Please note that monies raised by Kindergarten and PreK classrooms will go towards their Rice Bowl Collection.

Faithfully,

Linda Joyner

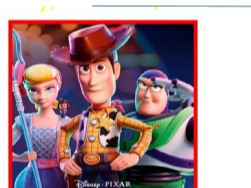
Knowledge Contest Winners

Each year our local Knights of Columbus Council sponsors a contest which tests students' knowledge in the areas of Mathematics and Spelling. The first round of testing is done during the school day by each KC Council. All students in grades 5-8 are eligible to participate.

[Congratulations to the following students who placed in the top three at the Council level.](#)

Grade	Student	Math	Spelling
5	Nathan Siclovian	2 nd place	3 rd place
6	Brooklyn Nygaard	1 st place	1 st place
6	Ava Roesch	3 rd place	
8	Isabella Barkimer	1 st place	
8	Ben Pomroy	2 nd place	3 rd place
8	Lucy Leininger	3 rd place	
8	JT Vespalek		1 st place
8	Ava Jurgenson		2 nd place

Students who win at the Council level are eligible to move on to the Diocesan and State levels. [Congratulations and good luck to Brooklyn Nygaard and J.T. Vespalek who will be competing in the Spelling Contest at the Diocesan Level.](#)



Movie Night, March 13

6:30—8:15 pm

[Click here for the permission slip](#)



Saturday, April 4th-

7:00 pm- Doors open at 6:15

[Register your team today!](#)

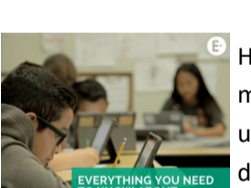
Family Challenge: [National Day of Unplugging](#) which starts sundown, Friday, March 6th and goes until sundown Saturday, March 7th is a perfect opportunity to talk with youth about how they (and you) would feel about putting tech away for 24 hours (or less or more) for this National Day of Unplugging. The key questions to ask are, "Why do it?", "Will it be restful or stressful?" and "How to do it?"

[Learn More](#)

2020 Calendar Raffle: Congratulations to these \$30 raffle winners drawn on March 4, 2020: **John & Nancy Fischer, Ms. Janet Pfeffer, Nichole Carstens, Christine & Steve Herbst.** And to this \$150 winner drawn on March 7, 2020: **Ronald Manthey.** Thank you all for participating.



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.

[Read More](#)

MARCH 2020

- 6 End of 2nd Trimester
- 10 Futura Spanish, 3:05pm
[Qdoba fundraiser](#), 5-9pm
- 11 All-School Liturgy, 8:15am
OBSERVATION DAY, 9-11am
Young Rembrandts, 3:05pm
- 13 Grade 4 Field Trip to Madison
MS Catholic Youth Rally
Jr Decent Field Trip
Movie Night, 6:30pm
Report cards e-mailed home
- 14 [Parish Auction](#)
- 15 [2020 Pinewood Derby](#)
- 16 [Scrip Orders Due](#), 8am
- 17 Buy Out of Uniform Day
Futura Spanish, 3:05pm
- 18 All-School Liturgy, 8:15am
Young Rembrandts, 3:05pm
- 19 Grs. 3, 4 & 5 [performing Aladdin](#);
12:45pm—dress rehearsal
6:30pm evening performance
- 20 Stations of the Cross, 10:30am
- SPRING BREAK** March 23— 27
- 31 Futura Spanish, 3:05pm

COMING SOON . . .

- April 4 [Trivia Night](#)
- May 21 Middle School Musical

Student Activities

- [Girl Scout End of Year Celebration](#)
- [YMCA Spring Camp Registration](#)
- [Pius XI Jr. Pope's Football](#)
- [Rocket Aquatics Swim Club](#)

Links

- [Health Policy](#)
- [Lenten Liturgical Events](#)
- [2019 Private Tuition Tax Form](#)
- [School Closing Information](#)
- [Academic Calendar](#)
- [Important dates for 2020/21](#)
- [Scrip Calendar processing dates](#)
- [PowerSchool SIS](#)
- [PowerSchool Learning](#)
- [St. Mary Facebook](#)
- [Amazon Smile](#)
- [Shoparoo](#)
- [Seton Tuition Assistance Fund](#)
- [Playground/hot lunch volunteers](#)