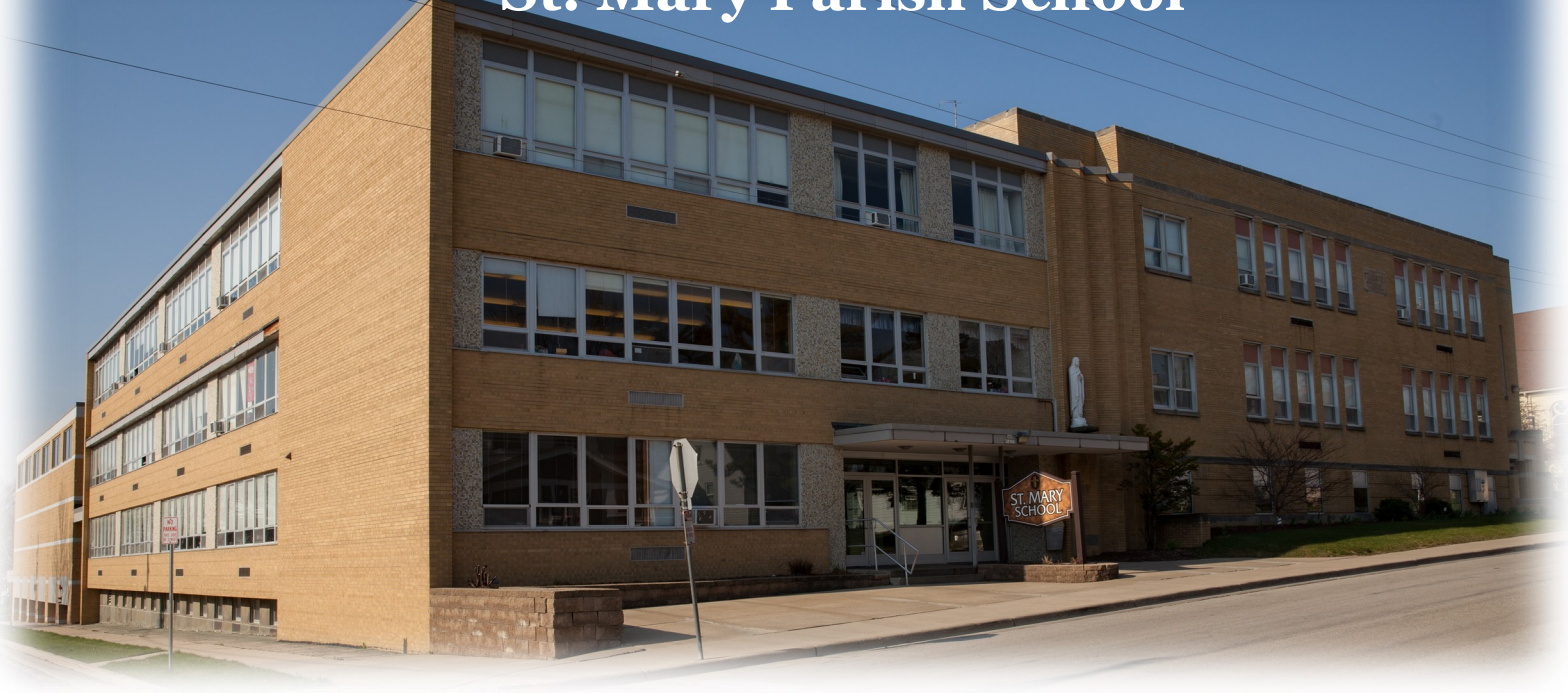


St. Mary Parish School



Challenging Minds • Developing Character • Living Jesus

The Connection

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

May 7, 2021 Issue

Dear Families,

We have followed the guidance of the Waukesha County Department of Health and CDC guidelines throughout the pandemic and have been able to stay open for in-person learning since August. Recent studies on the transmission of COVID-19 in schools has led the county to [change quarantine procedures](#) for close contacts who have had possible exposure in the school setting, as long as the school has a layered mitigation strategy in place. We will follow the amended guidelines which will no longer require students or staff to quarantine under certain circumstances.

Quarantines are not required when:

- The exposure was at school or a school event;
- The close contact was wearing a face covering; and
- The individual does not have COVID-19 symptoms.

Quarantines are still required if:

- The exposure was at a non-school event or activity including home, community gatherings, sleepovers, parties and club or other non-school sports activities;
- The close contact was not wearing a face covering at school or a school event; and
- The individual has COVID-19 symptoms.

Please [click here to read the entire document](#) we received from the WCHD.

One question that might come to mind is that if schools are deemed safer now, why do masks still need to be worn?

Five key prevention strategies are considered essential to safe delivery of in person instruction to help to prevent COVID-19 transmission in schools:

- Universal and correct use of masks
- Physical distancing
- Handwashing and respiratory etiquette
- Cleaning and maintain healthy facilities
- Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine

National public health researchers advise that schools providing in person instruction should prioritize two prevention strategies:

- Universal and correct use of masks should be required
- Physical distancing should be maximized to the greatest extent possible.

All prevention strategies provide some level of protection, and layered strategies implemented at the same time provide the greatest level of protection. Waukesha County is using an evidence-based approach to evaluate how the layered strategies perform with easing of quarantine ONLY.

2021-22 School year: The school budget has been approved so the tuition/fee schedule and financial commitment forms will be emailed to you on Tuesday, May 11. Please complete and return all forms by Thursday, May 27.

After our **accreditation** two years ago, we applied for exemplary recognition in the fall of 2019. We were selected to move forward in the process and were scheduled for an exemplary accreditation visit last spring. That visit was postponed due to the pandemic and is now scheduled to take place on May 25. A small team of experts will be visiting on that day to determine if we meet the criteria for excellence in the area of mission and Catholic identity. We have received this special recognition twice before and hope to bring home a third award!

Many thanks to all of you for making our teachers feel appreciated and extra special this week!

Faithfully,

Linda Joyner

May Crowning



During the month of May we honor Mary, whose life is a living, breathing model for us. She lived her life fully . . . she didn't let life happen to her. She knew great joy and terrible suffering.

Mary reminds us that God graces us in every moment of our daily lives: in work, play and prayer.

During Mass on Tuesday, our 2nd graders crowned our Blessed Mother with the assistance of an 8th grader.

[See more photos . . .](#)

Standards Based Grading & Assessment

When students take ownership of their learning by knowing their strengths and where they need to improve, they are motivated to work with their teachers and parents to set meaningful academic goals, strive to achieve those goals, and experience success.

[Watch this video for more information on why standards based grading eliminates](#)

LOST AND FOUND

We have several clothing and other miscellaneous items on display in the front foyer of school. [Click on this link to view more items.](#)

If you recognize some of these, please have your student visit the table. You are also welcome to come and browse for yourself.

Please be sure to wear a mask.



Student Hydration

Just a reminder that students should bring a refillable water bottle to school each day.



SCRIP NEWS

The Scrip earning year ends on May 31, which means you have just 2 more order dates to meet this school year's fundraising requirement: **May 10 & May 24.**

SUMMER SCRIP

Summer Scrip order should be dropped off at the parish office or placed on line. Summer pick up will be at the parish office, available starting at noon on the Wednesdays of the processing week:

June 21, June 28, July 12, July 26, August 9, August 23

For any questions, please contact our Scrip Coordinator: Jerry Esser (jerryesser@sbcglobal.net).

2021 Calendar Raffle

Congratulations to these \$30 raffle winners drawn on May 5th: **Dean Phillips, Karalee Ptak, Pete & Marie Jaeger and Robert Kohlmetz.** And to this \$150 winner drawn on May 7th: **Kristen Harthun.**

Thank you all for participating.

2021 Optimist Club of Menomonee Falls Kids Fishing Derby

Saturday, May 8
Mill Pond & Shelter

[Click on the fishing person for more details.](#)



May

- 10 SCRIP Day
DARE program—Gr. 5
1:30—6:30 pm Blood Drive
- 11 8:15 Liturgy—grs. K4, K5 1 & 2;
- 12 8:15 Liturgy—MS
- 14 8:15 Liturgy—grs. 3, 4 & 5

[VIEW FULL CALENDAR](#)

QUESTIONS? WE HAVE ANSWERS .

⇒ Student Attendance

If your student is absent for the day, please call or e-mail the office BEFORE 7:15 am on the day of absence. Provide the following information:

- ◇ Student's first and last name
- ◇ Name of homeroom teacher
- ◇ Reason for absence
- ◇ If your student will participate virtually

⇒ Student Early Dismissal

Should your student need to be picked up before normal dismissal time, or the mode of transportation has changed for the day, parents are asked to complete the [Change of Dismissal](#) form found on our website before 1:00 pm.

Resources

- [2021-22 Academic Calendar](#)
- [CF Summer Opportunities](#)
- [Out-of-Uniform Policy](#)
- [School Closing Policy](#)
- [Change of Dismissal](#)
- [Amazon Smile](#)
- [Scrip Schedule](#)
- [Scrip Raise-Right App](#)
- [TikTok facts](#)
- [Roblox facts](#)

In the Community

- [Catholic Memorial May 18 POMS Clinic](#)
- [Jr. Crusader Pom & Dance](#)
- [Gosz Summer Camp](#)
- [Gosz Academy](#)
- [Catholic Memorial High School Summer Camps](#)
- [Pius Girls Basketball Camp](#)
- [Dominican Summer Camps](#)
- [Marquette Summer Camps](#)
- [Adversity VolleyBall Summer Camp](#)
- [Optimist Club Kids Fishing Derby](#)

BLOOD DRIVE



Monday
May

10

1:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

[Click here to sign up for a time slot.](#)