

St. Mary Parish School



Challenging Minds

Developing Character

Living Jesus

The Connection

September 18, 2020
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Dear Families,

We have made it through the third week of school, and it feels like everyone is starting to get in the groove with all the new protocols and safety measures. While it is not natural for us to purposely keep our distance from one another, the students are requiring fewer reminders to stay distanced when doing things like lining up and playing on the playground. Our routines are not yet perfected, but we are making lots of forward progress.

Physical education classes will continue to be held outside as long as the weather permits so please check the forecast and consider sending a sweatshirt on gym days when it is going to be cooler. In the case of inclement weather, physical education will be held in the gym where there is still plenty of room to space the kids out.

We continue to actively search for third grade teachers. We had a promising candidate lined up for an interview yesterday, but it fell through when her current employer made her a full-time offer. Besides posting the position on WECAN, we have personally contacted every university around us looking for teacher interns and/or soon to be graduates. We have a couple of strong leads from Mount Mary so please say a lot of prayers that at least one of them is meant for us! In the interim, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the wonderful job that Mrs. Decker, Mrs. Wallace, and Mrs. Prosser are doing with the third-grade students. While it is a large group when they are all together, the ratio of teacher to student is never more than 1 teacher to 15 students. And that ratio becomes 1 teacher to 7 or 8 students when half of the group is attending a special class. As you can see, our third-grade students are being well taken care of. Many thanks to these three teachers for creating such a wonderful atmosphere for learning!

The Surf portable desktops are getting used daily when teachers take learning outdoors. They keep the kids from sitting directly on the grass and provide a nice sturdy surface for writing or working on a chrome book. I cannot begin to tell you how much the kids enjoy using them. Several students have even asked me where they can get one for home. Many thanks to everyone who donated to this purchase. You helped us put a little fun back into school!

Birthday Treats: I hate to ruin a good birthday celebration but until further notice, birthday (food) treats must be store bought, individually packaged, and not require refrigeration or freezing.

I appreciate all the trust and confidence that you have placed in us by sending your kids back to school for in-person learning. We take this responsibility very seriously. I feel like we have come a long way and learned a lot since last March, but these are still very uncertain times. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me or your child's teachers if you have any questions or concerns.

Faithfully,

Linda Joyner

SEPTEMBER 2020

26 Golf/Outing - link to registration

28 Scrip Monday

OCTOBER 2020

8-9 No School

Links

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MAGAZINE SALE KICK OFF

NEXT WEEK



We're proud to announce our partnership with Waukesha County to "Stay Safe to Stay Open." We know that keeping our students safe is key to keeping schools open this coming school year! #SafeOpenWaukesha

St. Mary's Annual GOLF OUTING

Friday, September 26
Silver Spring Country Club

SHOTGUN START at NOON

[Register here](#)
[Donate or sponsor a hole](#)



Amazing Food Truck Friday

St. Mary Parish School's first ever Home and School Food Truck Friday was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who supported our school and to our Home and School committee for putting on such a fun event.



Despite the rainy, cold weather our families showed up. Slo' Motion BBQ Food Truck sold out.

We can't wait for the next fun event. Until then, stay safe, stay healthy and wash your hands!



Scrip will continue to be sold and delivered to the classroom. The next Scrip processing date is September 28th. [Click here for more important details.](#)

NEW THIS YEAR: There is a new Scrip mobile app called RaiseRight. It is accessed using your existing login and makes it easy to use Scrip on-the-go. [Click here for more information.](#)

Questions? Contact Jerry Esser (jerryesser@sbcglobal.net)



Student fees for **Milk, Bible** (6th grade only) and **Chromebooks** (middle school only) will be billed via Smart Tuition to respective family accounts on the October invoices.

Please make sure you review your invoiced amounts.

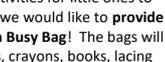
If these fees are applicable to your family—you will be billed and these amounts are **due in October**. Late fees will apply if payment is not remitted according to your payment plan.

Please call the Parish Business Office with any further questions. (262.251.0220)

St. Mary Parish Elizabeth Ministry – Busy Bag UPDATE

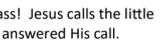
Going to Church with young children can sometimes be a challenge. Whether your last visit to Mass with your child was last week or last year, Elizabeth Ministry wants to welcome you and make it easier for you to attend Mass as a family! We are revising our Busy Bag program to help serve your needs during this pandemic. In the past, we provided Busy Bags at our church entrances and exits filled with engaging activities for little ones to help them sit quietly during Mass. Now we would like to **provide each family with their very own Church Busy Bag!** The bags will be filled with faith-based coloring pages, crayons, books, lacing cards, finger puppets and missal.

If you have a child ages 1 to 5, please sign up today for your family Busy Bag here: <https://www.stmaryparish.net/elizabeth-ministry>



Thank you for bringing your child to Mass! Jesus calls the little children to come to Him, and you have answered His call.

Live Interactive Spanish in a Virtual Setting!



GET AHEAD WITH SPANISH! This Fall join Futura for a live, interactive Spanish class in real time. From the comfort and safety of your home, your child will learn Spanish in a dynamic, lively manner that incorporates songs and games.

Please check our website for course details and offerings. <https://futuraadventures.com/virtual-learning-registration/>

Enroll today! Space is limited.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What happens when there is a positive case of COVID-19 in school?

Typically, the school would be notified by a parent or the health department of a positive case. Once we receive notification and initial direction from our WCHD liaison the process of contact tracing begins. Faculty members are gathered to review seating charts and discuss the types of activities that were taking place during the time that the student was in class. Data is also gathered from lunch, transportation, recess, and special classes. This data helps us determine who might have been in close contact with the student during the time he/she was ill.

Close contacts are defined as being within 6 feet of someone with COVID for 15 minutes. Currently, the health department recommends that close contacts remain quarantined for 14 days. Parents of students who are considered close contacts will receive notification from us and the contact tracing data will be submitted to the WCHD. Students in quarantine are encouraged to participate in their classes virtually until they are cleared to return.

[Click here for more information.](#)

LIVE JESUS, ADORE THE EUCHARIST

Our theme this year could be simplified to say "Live Jesus, Love Jesus." But by learning about Eucharistic Adoration, we are offering our students a special encounter with Jesus.

Our job as Catholic educators (and parents!) is to help create future saints. We do this by offering our students the chance to encounter - to meet - Jesus Christ. Eucharistic Adoration is a powerful way to nurture a personal relationship with God.

We were created to know, love and serve God. We can't love Him unless we know Him. And we can't know Him unless we first encounter Him.

Let's meet and then grow to KNOW, LOVE, and SERVE God this year through adoration of the Blessed Sacrament!

Why "Adore the eucharist" this year?



WE HAVE So many distractions right now
WE SEE So much fear and division
We are all searching for focus
We are all in need of comfort
We are all in need of peace
We are all in need of hope

The eucharist is the source of all we need!



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