



Muffins for Moms
5/9/19
beginning at
7:30 am in the
cafeteria

ST. MARY SCHOOL FAMILY NOTES

May 6, 2019

Children's Masses: Tues., May 7, Gr. 4 at Taylorville Estates & Thurs., May 9, 9:00, Mothers' Day Mass led by Gr. 3. Please try to attend Thursday or send a representative! Grandmas, aunts, neighbors, and even dads have filled in so the kids would have someone to present their gifts to at this beautiful Mass.

Ask your child if they got an IOU today! All accounts must be paid prior to the end of school, including tuition, IOU's, Before & After Care, book fines, and payment for lost library books. Tuition must be paid in full. Families using Smart Tuition must have current accounts.

Fifth Graders won this year's Baby Bottle Blast and have been invited to tour Loving Arms Crisis Pregnancy Center! They raised \$510!! The school raised a total of \$2442.10.

Thursday, May 16

They will meet at Loving Arms, 500 N. Walnut, at 4:15. Following the tour, they will enjoy pizza at Angelo's. Students must be accompanied by an adult. Mrs. Harrison will send info home.



Having lunch with us on May 20, Field Day? Adult lunches are \$3.50 Students & extra kids are \$2.80. Must order & pay by Thur., May 16. Packed lunches from home are fine, but fast food is not in compliance with our lunch program.



May Crowning ...

Mrs. Harrison's Religion classes will each hold a May Crowning of Mary on **May 8**. We ask each child to **bring a flower** for this day. It can be from a garden or tree, an artificial flower, a paper flower or one the child has drawn. If you forget, we'll have extras. Don't buy one!



Info on the Summer Lunch Program Grab-n-Go is attached. Please share with any area family that would benefit.



Please send any box-tops to school by May 15. Thanks!



Library books checked out this Thursday, May 9, are due back by Thurs., May 16. Please be sure they are returned so we can close the library for the year.

End of May Schedule

May 16-21—3:00 dismissal w/ bus service
May 22—2:15 dismissal w/ bus service
May 23—2:15 dismissal w/ bus service
May 24—Last Day of School, No bus service at all, 11:30 dismissal

Before & After Care

Bills will be sent on May 17. This will include everything owed through May 16.

From May 17—23 you may pay day by day or for the amount of days you know you'll use. May 22 & 23 are 2:15 dismissal days so After Care is \$7. Before Care is always \$1. **We will have Before Care on May 24 for no charge. There is no After Care that day because we dismiss at 11:30.**

Relay for Life Raffles

Students will preview the great prizes today & chances go on sale tomorrow. Raffle chances are 50 cents each and students may buy as many as they wish from May 7-13. Prizes are given out first come first serve on May 14. Proceeds from the raffle support the American Cancer Society through the Christian County Relay for Life.





Sixth graders did a wonderful job leading students in grades 2-5 in St. Mary's annual Seder Meal on Holy Tuesday.

Attention 6th grade parents!!

You are cordially invited to join the teachers and your student to view the time capsule video created when your child was in the primary grades. The video will be shown in the cafeteria on Monday, May 13, at 5:00. Students will come at 4:00 to share pizza, ice cream, and a few laughs with the teachers. Parents are welcome to join us at 5:00.

ALSO—6th grade parents: how would you like your child's name to appear on their graduation certificate? You can send me a note or an email.



Field Day is Monday, May 20

A letter asking for volunteers was sent home. We hope that you can join us. Volunteers will meet in the cafeteria that day at 9:00. Events run from 9:20 to about 11:00. After a short break, we will walk to the park for lunch, and play time. We will return to school by 1:30. Dismissal is at 3:00, and bus service will be available on this day.

****Because the playground at the park probably will not be ready to accommodate us by May 20, we are working on a plan for lunch and playtime here after Field Day activities. I'll keep you posted****

I learned this morning that we will receive our first designated donation through Empower Illinois!

Donors are able to contribute to the private school of their choice, giving tuition assistance to families in need. Donors receive a state tax credit equal to 75% of their contribution.

Interested in donating? Your gift can be designated specifically for St. Mary School. Visit empowerillinois.org and click the Donor tab for specifics.

This is a great opportunity for our school!

Coming Events...

- *Nursing Home Mass—May 7, Gr 4, Hickory Estates 10:30
- *Muffins for Moms—May 9, opens at 7:30, cafeteria
- *9:00 Mass—Gr. 3—May 9—Mothers' Day Mass
- *6th Grade Pizza Party—cafeteria—4:00—May 13
- *Nursing Home Mass—May 14, Gr 3, TV Estates, 10:30
- *9:00 Mass—Gr. 1—May 16
- *Field Day—Monday, May 20
- *Nursing Home Mass—May 21, Gr 4, Tville Care, 10:30
- *2:15 Dismissal w/ bus—May 22
- *6th Gr. Graduation—May 22, 7:00 pm Mass
- *9:00 Mass—Gr. 2—May 23
- *2:15 Dismissal w/ bus—May 23
- *Last Day of School—Friday, May 24—11:30 dismissal—no bus
- *VBS—July 8-11, 6:00-7:30, Methodist Church

Illinois requirements for school registration:

Kindergarten: a physical exam, dental exam and eye exam by September.

2nd Grade: a dental exam by September.

6th Grade: a physical exam and dental exam by September. Your doctors will have the exam forms. **Vaccinations must be up to date.**

Students new to St. Mary School must have a certified birth certificate. This is the one that comes from the Records Clerk in the county where your child was born. We will copy it and return your original.

****If your child was baptized Catholic anywhere other than St. Mary's, we'll need to make a copy of their baptismal certificate. ****

VBS starts Monday, July 8 Register Now! 824-8178

Congratulations to St. Mary's 5th grader Angelina Ippolito whose essay, "My Life's Journey" was recently awarded first place in the state of Illinois through the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Angelina's essay is now in competition at the national level. All our fifth graders enter the essay writing contest through our local CD of A. Students work on the essays in class as part of St. Mary's Religion curriculum.

