



ST. MARY SCHOOL

PARENT NOTES

January 17, 2018

Catholic Schools Week

Sun., Jan. 28: Opening Mass

All school sing at 11:00 Mass; students should be in the choir loft by 10:50. Students will perform the ministries at this Mass. Open House will follow Mass. Please invite anyone with an interest in our school. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase all we offer. **Students should wear school uniforms to Mass & the open house to represent St. Mary's.**

Mon, Jan. 29: Team Day—

wear a shirt of a favorite sports team. (See guidelines.)
 -Gr. 3 leads Morning Prayer-8:25
 -Gr. 6 goes to Wendy's for Classroom in the Community
 -Bowling & pizza for Grades K, 3, & 4 - 1:15-2:30
 -Students will learn about recycling through activities with DebLeVault

Tues, Jan. 30: Wacky Tacky Day

-No uniforms if kids dress in colorful, mismatched garb (See guidelines)
 -Gr. 1 leads Morning Prayer-8:25
 -Bowling & pizza for Grades 1, 2, 5 & 6- 1:15-2:30

Wed., Jan. 31: Swim Day!

-**Jeans Day for kids!** Wear jeans with uniform or St. Mary's shirt or sweatshirt!
 -Gr. 4 leads Morning Prayer-8:25
 -Early lunch and recess schedule beginning at 10:45
 -Leave for YMCA beginning at noon for an afternoon of swimming! Return by 2:40.

The 3rd mandatory Booster Club meeting

will be held Monday, Feb. 5, in the cafeteria beginning at 7:00. Jr & Sr High confirmation students will babysit for school age children in the gym. See you there!

Thur, Feb. 1: Grandparents' Day

-Gr. 2 leads Morning Prayer-8:25
 -Invite grandparents to 9:00 Mass. Students sit with grandparents or other family members. Guests then visit classrooms & attend a reception featuring the 5th/6th Gr. Band & a video presentation in the cafeteria at 10:30. School dismisses at 11:30. No bus service at dismissal.

Fri., Feb. 2: Pajama Day-

Student may leave uniforms at home today if they want to wear their PJ's all day. (See guidelines)
 -Gr. 5 leads Morning Prayer-8:25
 --Local fire fighters, police, and sheriff's deputies will join us for lunch.

Parents & guests are welcome to join the students for lunch during Catholic Schools Week. Please try to attend on the day suggested in the schedule to the right so that we can seat all guests. Can't work it out on the day your were scheduled? You are welcome to come either Monday or Tuesday. If that can't happen, come anytime after Catholic Schools Week. We are always glad to have you here! **Let us know in advance, no later than 8:45 on the day you are coming.** Mrs. Reeter has to know how much to prepare. Adult lunches are \$3.50. You may pay in advance or in the cafeteria. **No outside food, please, unless packed from home.**

Children's Mass
 Thurs., Jan. 18, 9:00
 led by Gr. 6 & K!

Pj Day guidelines

Pajama Day is an optional activity that is great fun! If your child wants to participate, they must wear pj's that have full long pants and a top with short or long sleeves. They'll need to be warm. Flannel pants and a t-shirt are great if you don't have a matching set! Sweats & warm up pants do not count as pajamas. Students must wear regular school shoes and socks. If pj's are loose, a tank or t-shirt underneath would be perfect. Students who participate should come to school in their pj's. They'll wear them all day.



Catholic Schools Week Parent Lunch Schedule

Lunch times are
 11:25 for K-1
 11:50 for 2 & 3
 12:15 for 4 & 5
 -Mon., Jan. 29 - K, 3, & 4
 -Tue., Jan. 30 - 1, 2, 5 & 6.
 -Wed., Jan. 31 -Not a good day for guests. Lunch hour is shortened by YMCA trip
 -Thurs., Feb. 1 - 11:30 dismissal-no lunch served
 -Fri., Feb. 2—Fire fighters, police & sheriff's deputies are coming.

Spring Fling is Saturday, April 21, at the Stonington American Legion

The \$100 Booster Fee paid along with tuition secures a ticket for each family. Tickets will be released in March for families whose tuition accounts are current. Less than 100 tickets will be available for sale to the public. Invite friends & family to join us for this great evening. Mrs. Chance manages ticket sales.

Yearbook Orders Due February 15

Cost is \$9.00. If you have school related pictures that we could use in the yearbook, please send or email them to the office by **Jan. 29**. The pictures will NOT be returned, so send a copy if it's one you wish to keep. We don't receive extra yearbooks so order on time!

Other Catholic Schools Week Events

*Mayor Barry will read a proclamation for CSW on Friday, Jan. 26, at 11:20 in the cafeteria.
*During Catholic Schools Week listen for Kindergarten saying the Pledge of Allegiance on WTIM, 97.3, next Mon.- Fri. between 6:45 - 7:00 a.m.
*Relay for Life Raffles - 50 cents a chance, drawing on Friday, Feb. 2 in the afternoon.

REMIND—If you had any problems or didn't receive a text from Remind on Monday evening regarding school closing on Tuesday, please contact Mrs. Robertson. We want the information to get to you as soon as possible. The notice was sent as a text through Remind and posted on St. Mary's Info Facebook page.

Guidelines for clothing on Wacky Tacky Day

Students may wear a mismatched, clashing, crazy outfit. They must wear athletic shoes and socks, but socks don't have to be uniform. No sleeveless shirts or tank tops unless layered over a shirt with sleeves. Clothing should be properly fitting, not torn, and an appropriate length—hems must be past the fingertips. **No shorts please.** Hats are ok, but will be removed during class time as determined by the teacher.

Uniform Policy on Boots

Boots are not a necessity, but may be worn to and from school only in inclement weather. Children wearing boots must have gym shoes to change into.

Tuition Statements for 2017 Taxes

Documentation of 2017 tuition and Before/After Care payments will be sent to all families by the end of the month. You will need these statements in order to claim a child care deduction and the \$500 (limit) tuition tax credit allowed in Illinois.

Team Shirt Day—Monday, Jan. 29

Students may replace their uniform shirt with one representing a team they like—youth, local, college, or professional. T-shirts, jerseys, sweatshirts, warm ups, and shooter shirts are all acceptable. Sleeveless or tanks may be worn if layered over another shirt with sleeves. The rest of their clothing is school uniform. Only the shirt may be switched out. Guess which team Mrs. Robertson will choose???

Coming Events

*Jeans Day for Students—Fri., Jan. 26
*Catholic Schools Week—Jan. 28 thru Feb. 2
*Early Dismissal—Feb. 1, 11:30, No bus at dismissal
*Booster Club Meeting—Feb. 5 at 7:00 p.m.
*1st Penance—Feb. 12, 7:00 p.m.
***Spring Fling**—April 21!

St. Mary's Preschool Open House

Sunday, January 28, noon to 1:00

This is an opportunity for families to tour the classrooms, meet the teachers and discuss program options and availability for the 2018-19 school year.

- *Low student to teacher ration
 - *Qualified, enthusiastic, experienced teachers
 - *Full day and half day options
 - *Affordable tuition
 - *Activities to accommodate all learning styles
 - *Art, Music, P.E.
 - *Social & Emotional development
 - *Strong focus on early literacy development using proven programs: Zoo Phonics and Drawing Children into Reading
 - *Kindergarten readiness program—5 days/week
 - *Open to all denominations
 - *Preschoolers must be 3 or 4 by Sept. 1, 2018
- Please share this information with anyone who has a potential preschooler. Children are welcome, too!