



AUGUST 15, 2018

First Children's Mass
Thursday, Aug. 23—9:00
6th Grade will lead and be
commissioned at this Mass.

**Illinois requirements for
school registration:**

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

Gr. 2: a dental exam by September.

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

All families enrolling a student new to St. Mary School must provide a certified birth certificate for that child. 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. ****

**Deadline for physicals and
vaccinations is September 30**

Students in K and 6 are required to have all necessary vaccinations and an up-to-date physical on file with us by this date or they are to be excluded from school until the exam is completed, the shots are given, and/or the proper forms are submitted. **Note:**

**The physical form
has a place for a parent
signature.**



ST. MARY SCHOOL

FAMILY NOTES

Welcome to
the 109th year
of
St. Mary's
School!

We Believe!



I will generally email a newsletter on the first school day of each week. This first issue of our Family Notes will be emailed and a hard copy is included in the Day 1 packet your oldest student will bring home. If you do not receive the Family Notes in your email, please contact the school office. After today, email is our only distribution method. These newsletters are also archived at www.st-maryschool.com

Medication at School

Medication, prescription or non-prescription, will not be dispensed by school personnel without a request from the parent/guardian and a written order from a physician. Both of these forms are available in the school office. This policy applies to students requiring medicine daily through the year or periodically for an ongoing medical problem, not for a short-term illness.

HOMEWORK FOR PARENTS DUE FRIDAY!

Your oldest child will bring home a manila envelope filled with papers that we need you to read. Some require action! Fill out the ones that need it; keep the ones sent for your information. Return completed papers in **THE SAME MANILA ENVELOPE BY THIS FRIDAY!** We will reuse the envelope and save the planet!

TREATS FOR BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Check with your child's teacher for a convenient time.

You may send an individual container of a non-carbonated beverage (juice) & an individual treat—a cookie, brownie, a cupcake—for your child's classmates. Cookies are the only treat option for

Kindergarten. No treat bags, balloons, flowers, or special gifts will be delivered to the classrooms during the school day as they can disrupt a class engaged in learning.

We love to acknowledge each of our students so children with summer birthdays are also encourage to set a time to celebrate. Because our school day is busy, we keep the celebrations simple.

Invitations to parties outside of school may be sent home backpack mail provided that every students in the class is invited or all of your child's gender are invited.



FREE AND REDUCED LUNCHES

If your family received Free or Reduced lunches last school year, you will automatically receive them through the end of September.

Students are checked for eligibility through the Illinois State Board of Education. You will be notified if your child is found to be eligible in this manner. All families will receive enrollment information. Enrollment is based on family income. An income guide will be provided. If your family falls within the guidelines and you were not identified through the ISBE, but you wish to take part in the program, complete the form entitled Application for Free and Reduced-price Meal Services that was sent home in your packet. Return the completed form to our office. If your family is eligible for this service, please take advantage of it. Confidentiality is an important part of the program. Students who receive free or reduced lunch tickets use the same tickets all other students use. There is no difference. No one is aware that a student is presenting a free or reduced lunch ticket.



ATHLETIC SHOES ONLY!

Laces, Velcro & elastic are all ok.

Bus Service

It takes a few days to work out kinks in the system, but bus service is up and running to & from St. Mary's. If you experience problems on your end contact Durham Transportation at 824-5636. Remember to let Durham know if your child is not riding the bus as usual.

Please save & send in Box Tops for Education.



Lunch tickets are sold in the school office. Cost is \$28 for a 10-day ticket. Please send money in an envelope labeled with "Lunch Money" & your child's name. **Lunch money goes into a separate bank account so please do not combine it with any other payments.**

Assignment Notebooks are available in the school office. The cost is \$3.50. These are used by all students in Gr. 3-6.



Check out our website at www.st-maryschool.com

Thank you to Nick Clark who created and maintains our site. We hope to make this a useful resource for all of you.

Before Care

is available every school day. Before Care opens at 7:00 in the cafeteria. Cost is \$1.00 per day per child. We are grateful to have Miss Norma, Lucia Snow, & Keaton Hohenstein as our supervisors.

After Care begins at dismissal and continues until 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Cost is \$6 on 3:00 dismissal days and \$7 on 2:15 days. After Care is not offered on 11:30 dismissal days. We welcome back Alix Barlow and Keaton Hohenstein as the supervisors.

Use either program as often or infrequently as needed. Fill out registration forms if you think that you will use Before or After Care at any time during the year. These forms were sent to you in the first-day packet of information. If you sign up for After Care please include a list of people who are allowed to pick up your child. Forms are also available in the office throughout the year.

1st mandatory Booster Club meeting & Parent Orientation Night: Mon., Aug. 27

Parent Orientation, a chance to visit your child's classroom and hear from the teacher, will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the school. Parents will attend 15-minute sessions in each of their children's classrooms. Teachers will present information on classroom rules, curriculum, and other items of interest. The teachers will repeat the session 3 times (at 6:00, 6:15, and 6:30) so that families with more than one child can visit all the appropriate classrooms. If you have only one room to visit, I suggest attending the 6:30 session, then moving directly to the **Booster Club** meeting starting at 7:00 in the cafeteria. If you have 2 rooms to visit, start at 6:15 and so on. (Four kids? You'll have to divide and conquer!)

Your Family Notes newsletter will generally be sent out at the beginning of each week. From time to time I will send other communications and will use email as often as possible to save paper, ink and duplicating costs. I look forward to sharing this year with all of you.