

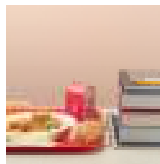


The Catholic Church celebrates the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary each year on September 8.

Since we are a “Mary” school, we honor the Blessed Mother on her birthday by collecting food for our local food pantry. The children will present these gifts of food in a short assembly this Friday. We ask that you please send a non-perishable food item for your child to give to Mary by Thursday, 9/7. Donations will go to the local food pantry. Thanks!

**Playground Fun:** It is permissible (and a good idea) for girls to wear shorts under uniform skirts or jumpers. We encourage our students to climb, run, jump, and slide, so shorts under the uniform make girls more comfortable at recess and in P.E. as well. **The shorts must be completely covered by the skirt or jumper.**

**Student lunches are \$2.80 each.**  
**Adult lunches are \$3.50.**  
**Extra milk or milk for lunch brought from home is \$.30.**



**Don't be tardy!**  
 It sets a bad tone for your child's day. The only late students that aren't counted tardy are children on the bus. Doors open at 8:05 & school begins at **8:20.**



# ST. MARY SCHOOL

## FAMILY NOTES

September 5, 2017

### Uniform Policy

*Please make sure your child is dressed in accordance with the uniform policy:*

Shorts, pants, skorts, skirts, & jumpers must be from Old Navy, Luers or Dennis Uniform & the correct style for St. Mary's. Shirts are plain, white polos from any store or a polo with our monogram from Luers. Socks must be plain white, blue or black—no logos. Athletic shoes only. We have piles of used uniforms in the Uniform Store in the main building.

### Before & After Care . . .

Statements for August went out last week. Payment is made to St. Mary's School and should be sent to the school office. Mrs. Chance is handling all the bookwork.

### Support our Parish

Household items can be left by Monsignor's garage for the CD of A garage sale.

### St. Mary's Night at Florinda's

On the first Wednesday of most months, Florinda's donates 15% of their profits to our school. You can carry out or dine in. Just tell them it's for St. Mary's and we get the reward!

Remember to check the website!

[www.st-maryschool.com](http://www.st-maryschool.com)

You'll find the student handbook, my newsletters, & more!

### School Mass

**Thurs., Sept. 7, 9:00 a.m.**

4th graders will lead the ministries at this Mass.

Please join us!

### Automatic Debit for St. Mary's Church Offerings -

Forms are available to parishioners at the church and school office. You may choose to have your account debited once a week (each Thursday) or once a month (any day of your choosing.) This program is optional, but very beneficial to our church. Families enrolling for the first time can use this as a credit on the parent contract .

The school recently received \$501.48 from Kroger for our gift card program. This is great, but one year ago we received \$857.95. We just need to re-register some Kroger cards! In order for St. Mary's to be your charity of choice, you must register it with Kroger Community Rewards and renew that registration each year. You can tell if you are registered because St. Mary School will appear on the bottom of your Kroger receipts. If it doesn't, please sign up!!!

Kroger donates 3% of sales to charity. All you have to do is register and St. Mary's gets it! I'll attach the instructions.

**Please  
save Box  
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Education**



**Free & Reduced Lunches**  
Unsure if you qualify?  
Contact Mrs. Robertson.  
Deadline is Sept. 15

### **Lunch Info**

Parents may pick up their students to take them out for lunch during the student's regular lunch time. Send a note to inform the classroom teacher. Please **DO NOT** bring food from restaurants to the cafeteria. It is against the regulations of the school lunch program. Mrs. Reeter serves good lunches in accordance with state guidelines. Our school lunches or lunches packed from home are the only foods to be consumed in our cafeteria. Please note that soda is not allowed at all.

### **P.M. Pick Ups**

Remind anyone picking up for you that they **must** go through the line to pick up children. We will not allow people to pull students out of line to get into a parked car. The car line is the safest way to dismiss.

### **Changes for September Mass Schedule**

There will be no Nursing Home Mass on Tuesday, September 19, and no School Mass on Thursday, September 21, as Monsignor will be at the annual convocation of our diocesan priests. We will have a communion service, led by our 2nd graders, on Friday, September 22, at 9:00 in the church. Please join us!

### **St. Mary's Fiesta Sept. 15, 16, and 17**

Monsignor has asked that all school families work a shift or donate (a basket of goodies for the raffle, desserts, etc. or a \$50 donation) in some way to the success of the Fiesta. If you haven't already signed up, use form that came home in backpack mail to indicate how you can help.

### **Protecting God's Children (PGC)**

PGC, required for all new volunteers, will be presented at St. Mary's on Thurs., Sept. 7, at 6:00 in the Cafeteria. Contact the school if you will attend. PGC is mandatory for anyone teaching, chaperoning field trips, coaching, or supervising students on the playground or at lunch, whether alone or as an assistant. All schools require criminal background checks for their volunteers. PGC educates adults about signs exhibited by abused children & concludes with completion of documents needed for a background check. If you completed the program in a previous year, you don't need to attend again.

### **School doors open at 8:05 a.m.**

If your child comes to school before that time, he or she must go to the Before Care Program in the cafeteria. Cost is \$1 per day. Children may be dropped off on the blacktop if you see the Before Care supervisors with their students lined up to enter the buildings or if it is after 8:05. Students found outside before 8:05 will be escorted to Before Care, and families will be charged for the day. If you arrive a couple of minutes early, keep your students with you until the doors open. Should you need to visit the office, wait till 8:05 if possible or bring your children with you.

### **Coming Events...**

- \*4 Year Old Preschool begins—Sept. 5
- \*Parent Orientation—Sept. 5, 6:00—6:45
- \*Booster Club Meeting—Sept. 5, 7:00, cafeteria
- \*3 Year Old Preschool begins—Sept. 6
- \*St. Mary's Night at Florinda's—Sept. 6
- \*Children's Mass—Thurs. Sept. 7, 9:00—Gr. 4 leads
- \*Board of Education Meeting - Thurs., Sept. 7, 6:00 in library
- \*Protecting God's Children - Thurs. Sept. 7, 6:00, cafeteria
- \*Blessed Virgin Mary's B'day—Fri., Sept. 8— food collection
- \*PSR begins—Sunday, Sept. 10
- \*Children's Mass—Thurs., Sept. 14—Gr. 3 leads
- \*11:30 dismissal—Friday, Sept. 15—Faculty Retreat
- \*St. Mary's Fiesta—Sept. 15-17!



First day for our 4 Year Olds!