



ST. MARY SCHOOL FAMILY NOTES

September 18, 2017

Discipline Policy Change

With input from teachers and our Board of Education, St. Mary School has amended the Discipline Policy for students in Grades 4, 5 & 6.

Prior to the change, students served a 30-minute after accumulating two pink slip for misbehaviors. The pink slips could have been issued weeks or even months apart.

Under the amended policy, each time a student receives a pink slip, that student will serve a 20-minute detention.

This change was made so that students would have a more immediate consequence for their actions.

Provisions for parent conferences and student action plans related to behavior have been aligned with the new procedures. Behaviors for which students might receive a pink slip have not changed.

The full policy is attached and will be added to the Parent/Student Handbook.

Relay for Life Raffle

Students will view the prizes this Friday.

Chances go on sale Monday, September 25. 50 cents each. No limit!!!

Winners will be drawn on Friday, September 29



Thanks for helping make our parish Fiesta a success. Proceeds from Fiesta help pay major operating expenses like insurance premiums which directly affect our school.

Financial Contribution

Parents who opted to make a contribution for credit on the Parental Contract are reminded that this payment is due October 1. The contribution is \$100. This is **only** for parents who circled that option on the Parental Contract. Reminders will go out next week.



St. Mary's Day at Indian Knoll Pumpkin Patch Sunday, Oct. 1

Noon - 5:00

2850 N 1000 E Road
Mechanicsburg

Buy Pumpkins or Gourds & a donation goes to our school. Pumpkin painting, wagon rides, kettle korn... a great afternoon! Check them out on Facebook.

Children's Masses

No Nursing Home this week.

Friday, Sept. 22 at 9 a.m.

Gr. 2 will serve the ministries of this Communion Service. **Please join us.**

(No Masses this week because Monsignor & all diocesan priests are at their annual convocation.)

Living Rosary - Students in grades 2-5 will take part in a Living Rosary on Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 2:15 in the church. Kindergarteners and first graders

will attend and pray along as we honor the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Please



join us for this traditional prayer to our mother Mary.

Monday, Oct. 2, is Picture Day

Students need the completed order envelope with payment. They don't have to wear uniforms that day, but must wear athletic shoes & stay within school guidelines for appropriate dress. See p. 2.



Partners in Education

Our PIE sponsors assist our school by making annual financial donations to sponsor classrooms or special programs. Preschool through 6th grade can be sponsored for \$500 a year. Multiple sponsors for each class are welcome. Special programs, like library, art, or music, are sponsored for \$1000 a year. These funds are used to purchase equipment, make updates, and pay costs associated with that grade or program.

If you, a family member, or business would like to become a PIE sponsor, please contact Mrs. Robertson.

Coming Events...

- *Midterm grades for Gr. 3-6—Wed., Sept. 20
- *Walk for Life—Sat., Sept. 23, Manners Park
- *All School Sing— Sun., Sept. 24, at 11:00 Mass
- *Relay for Life Raffle sale begins— Sept. 25
- *9:00 Mass led by Gr. 1—Thurs., Sept. 28
- *Jeans Day for Students—Fri., Sept. 29
- *St. Mary's Day at Indian Knoll Pumpkin Farm, Sun., Oct. 1
- *Picture Day— Monday, Oct. 2
- *St. Mary's Night at Florinda's—Wed., Oct. 4
- *Preschool dismisses at 11:00 a.m. - Oct. 5 & 6
- *9:00 Mass led by Gr. 6—Thurs., Oct. 5
- *Board of Education—Thurs., Oct. 5, 6:00, library
- *Eucharistic Adoration—Fri., Oct. 6—church
- *Living Rosary—Wed., Oct. 11, 2:15 in church
- *9:00 Mass led by Gr. 5—Thurs., Oct. 12
- ***MISSION CARNIVAL**—Fri., Oct. 27



Thank you to the kind soul who put St. Mary School on their Fiesta raffle tickets. The school won \$100!!

Policy for Non-Uniform Days....

"Students may never wear excessively short, torn, or ill-fitting clothing. On designated "non-uniform" days, students must wear athletic shoes and may not wear: make-up, excessive jewelry, spandex, halter/midriff tops, torn or cut jeans or shirts with inappropriate sayings or advertisements. **All shirts must have sleeves.** Any faculty member may evaluate the suitability of uniform, non-uniform attire and adherence to the dress code. If the attire is deemed inappropriate and time permits, a phone call home to request the proper item(s) will be made." *from St. Mary School Parent/Student Handbook*

Please send what you've collected by Oct 15. Then start again for the spring. Thanks!



Thank you to the members of VFW Post 4495 who trained our 6th graders in proper flag etiquette. These students are now ready to assume the responsibility of raising and lowering our school flag daily with proper protocols and respect.



Save the Date!!

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

The deadline for physicals, eye and dental exams, and vaccinations is fast approaching. Mrs. Chance will send reminders this week to families who haven't turned in all the necessary paperwork. This includes other forms that were sent home on the first day of school.

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 for K & 6.

If your 4th or 5th is playing basketball for St. Mary's this year, they must have a current physical (dated after March 31, 2017) on file in our office.