



# ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

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## Upcoming Events

**Apr. 19:** Track at Tremont at 4:00  
**Apr. 20:** Field trip to Somer park grades 5-8  
**Apr. 23:** Clean Water Celebrations grades 5-8  
Track at MTHS at 4:00  
**Apr. 25:** Field trip to 3 Sister Park grades 5-8  
**Apr. 28:** STM Relays at 10:00 at MTHS  
**Apr. 29** *First Communion at 2pm*  
**Apr. 30:** Track at MTHS at 4:15  
**May 1:** Track at MTHS at 4:00  
**May 4:** *Talent Show*  
**May 5:** Track at MTHS at 9:00  
**May 9:** *Athletic Banquet*  
**May 11 & 12:** Track State  
**May 18:** *8<sup>th</sup> grade Graduation*  
**May 23:** *PreK graduation at 9:00am*  
**May 24:** Last day of school 11:30 Dismissal

## The E-Falcon Newsletter

### Last Day of School

Thursday, May 24 will be our last school day of the year with an 11:30 dismissal. There will be **NO** bus service in the morning or afternoon on that day. Please arrange to bring your student to school and pick them up at 11:30. After care will be available.

### Registration for the 2018-19 School Year

Registration for the 2018-19 school year for grades 1-8 is now underway. Please fill out the registration forms located on the school webpage under the Admission Tab, and then the Registration Tab. Attached are the forms that you need to fill out.

### Booster Restaurant Night

April 19 will be this month's Booster Club Restaurant night at Germantown Grille in Germantown Hills. 10% of the total day's income will go to the booster club. This event will run from 4:00 - close. Dine – in or carry out. Come and join us.

### Blood Drive

St. Mary's of Lourdes is sponsoring a blood drive at the church on Saturday April 28th from 8:00 to 12:00p.m. Please Call Pam Brandt at 256-2354 to set up an appointment.

## Lunch Menu

(Subject to change)

All lunches include milk (Apr. 23-27)

Mon., Apr. 23 – Turkey sandwich, Fritos, carrot sticks, watermelon

Tues., Apr. 24 – Biscuits and sausage gravy, hash browns, sausage, oranges

Wed., Apr. 25 – Hamburger on bun, fries, corn, mixed fruit

Thur., Apr. 26 – Cheese tortellini in meat sauce, garlic stick, salad, pears

Fri., Apr. 27 – Cheese pizza boat, peas, pineapple

## National Honors Society

Congratulations to the STM alumni newest National Honors Society members as juniors at MTHS- Josh Adams, Lucinda Fitzgibbons, Nicholas Thelen and Joel Tobben. Way to go alumnae and alumnus!

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade News

Our fifth grade has been super busy these last couple of months. We are finishing up our unit on sound in science and we have been able to do some really interesting projects connected with sound production. We explored different instruments, experimented with sound travel through various forms of matter, created our own phonographs or record players, and created a model of a human ear to help us understand how sounds are created and transmitted to our brain. We will be finishing this unit with a project where each student will create their own instrument and demonstrate at least five different pitches and explain how these sounds are created. In social studies we have come to the end of the American Revolution and currently exploring the creation of our Constitution and how our government works. We have create a three branched government tree and periodically play a game called iCivics where the students get to take on the role of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches. In math, we have completed our chapter on area of a triangle and are pushing forward to work with decimals. We are coming to the end of our religion book which focusing on morality and how to live our faith in our daily lives. We will begin exploring more of the saints lives to see how others have lived this morality throughout their own lives. In reading, we read a novel called Wrinkle in Time and we enjoyed seeing the film production of the novel at the movie theater. Many of the students quickly found many differences between the book and the movie and some preferred the book. Overall, we are keeping very busy and enjoying several field trips this month. The class has been working very hard and doing quite well!

## Sports Update

**IESA State Bowling:** Congratulations to our state bowlers – Madison, Jay, Emma, Collin who competed last Friday in Joliet. Madison Burnett had a great tournament with a 431 series and only a 5<sup>th</sup> grader!

**Music:** Congratulations to Anna and Bayleigh on their sole performance last Saturday. They received first place in the singing competition.

**Track:** What a season it has been so far! The weather has won out on many occasions but Grant and Gabe continue to work and just maybe will compete soon!

Please mark Wednesday, May 9 on your calendar as that will be the night of our banquet. It will start at 6:00pm at Michael's in Germantown Hills.

## Old Settler's Sign-up

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b054ba5ad23aa8-oldsettlers1>

Please take a moment to sign your family up. We are asking that each family sign up for 2-4 shifts please. Help is especially needed on Friday and Saturday nights. If you have not worked a Friday or Saturday shift before, this is the year to step up and help on those days. The money raised over these 4 days covers much of the PTO budget for the year. The festival run June 20-23. Feel free to contact Brenda Stalsberg with any questions at [tandb@hotmail.com](mailto:tandb@hotmail.com) or for scheduling questions contact Nicole Matthews at [may23twin@gmail.com](mailto:may23twin@gmail.com). Thank you for supporting St. Mary's School!!

## Scrip

The next scrip order is due Monday April 23 by 9am and will be sent home on Thursday April 26. Need some end of the school year thank you and graduation gifts? Think scrip gift cards!!

## Fantastic Fourth

The fourth grade recently visited the Peoria Riverfront Museum on a field trip to view exhibits, visit the Planetarium, and see a movie.

Because we are studying the Middle West States, it was a perfect time to view the Illinois 200 Exhibit, which includes many aspects of the history of Illinois in celebration of Illinois becoming a state 200 years ago. This included technology, agriculture, art, sports, famous people from Illinois, and many other highlights that encompass Illinois history. We visited The Street, a room dedicated to the history of the Peoria area from Native Americans to present day. This area also included a video and an activity room to build cars or have a puppet show, both lots of fun! Ms. Renee Kerrigan, the Planetarium Curator, presented an interesting planetarium show for us about constellations in the Spring Sky and took questions about the solar system. After touring the River Encounter, a room with anything pertaining to the Illinois River (including a giant aquarium with native species of fish), the students learned about erosion, water pollution, and turbidity in the River Science Lab while in a river workshop taught by Dave Grebner, a St. Mary's alumnus. They built islands, flood plains, dams, levees, and horseshoe lakes at the large water/sand table, and tested for soil turbidity. Upon entering the Giant Screen Theater, students were given free popcorn as a prize for obtaining 10 or more answers on the trivia hunt in the Illinois 200 Exhibit, because everyone in the class was able to answer 10 or more! Yay! (The popcorn is grown in Illinois!) The 3-D movie was "Wild Africa" with beautiful scenery and animals. The end of the day was highlighted by measuring skills in the IHSA room where students could test their ability to answer sports or music trivia, shoot baskets, kick a soccer ball, use arm muscles, or balance. They could also build with pipes at the water center, build with giant blocks, or create a short video using LEGOs. Before we left, they went outside to have their picture taken with the enormous President Lincoln statue. The following week, the students wrote a narrative essay about their trip to culminate the experience. It was a fun-filled educational opportunity. Thanks go to the PTO for helping to fund the fees, and thanks also go to Holly Johnson at the Museum for planning all of our activities for the day.