



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

135+ Years of Tradition

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The E-Falcon Newsletter

Events

Apr. 11: Track at Tremont at 4:00
Apr. 15: 7th & 8th grade to Snyder Village
Apr. 16: *Chrism Mass for grades 5-8*
Track at MTHS at 4:15
Apr. 18: *Midterms*
Track at Tremont at 4:00
Apr. 19-. 22: *No School – Easter break*
Apr. 23: DARE/Chiefs game – 5th grade
Apr. 24: Grades 5-8 go to Sommer Park
Track at MTHS at 4:15
April 25: Task Force meeting at 6:00
Apr. 27: STM Relays Pre-K & K Carnival
Apr. 28: *First Communion – 2:00pm*
Apr. 29: Clean Water grades 4-8
May 8: *Athletic Banquet*
May 15: *Field Day*
May 17: *End of 4th quarter*
8th grade Graduation

Come on a Fascinating Tour of the Mass!

Do you understand the meaning behind the parts of the Mass? Do you wonder about the significance and scriptural roots of the words and gestures we say and do at Mass? Join us for the 5 part study, *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass* that will be held from 6:30-8pm on Wednesday evenings (April 24, May 1, 8, 15 & 29). If there are evenings you can't make, you will have access to the videos online. See today's bulletin for registration information. You can also register by contacting Ileen at 383-4460 or igrebner@stmarylourdes.org.

No School

There will be no school on Friday, April 19 or Monday, April 22 due to Easter break.

Facebook

Did you know St. Mary's School has a Facebook page? Type in the search bar--- **St. Mary's School, Metamora, IL** and it will come up. Check out the fun and exciting things our students are doing. Be sure to 'Like' the page to stay up-to-date.

Lunch Menu

(Subject to change)

All lunches include milk (Apr. 15-19)

- Mon., Apr. 15 - Pretzel and cheese, fresh veggie medley, strawberries
- Tues., Apr. 16 - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes & gravy, peas, pears
- Wed., Apr. 17- Chef Salad, bread stick, orange
- Thurs., Apr. 18 – Chicken noodle soup, turkey & cheese sandwich, Fritos, fruit mix
- Fri., Apr. 19 – No School

Sports Update

Archery: After qualifying for the NASP State tournament Tommy Casey shot a 265 at state finishing in 5th place in the elementary/fifth grade division out of 74 archers. He received a metal for placing first in the boys division. This now qualifies him for the National NASP tournament. Congratulations Tommy!

Bowling: Our bowling team had a great day last Saturday at the sectional bowling tournament qualifying 3 out of our 4 bowlers for the state meet this Fri. and Sat. Good Luck to Jay, Anna and Madison at state bowling!

Music: Also on Saturday at the IESA Solo and Ensemble Bayleigh Matthews placed first and Anna Schnetzler placed second. Congratulations ladies on your outstanding performances.

- On a side note where can our students have all these experiences which are lifetime activities-archery, bowling, music? Yes, St. Mary's offers our students opportunities that other schools in our area do not offer to their students.

St. Mary's School Commission on Education

The following parishioners have accepted an invitation to serve on the St. Mary's School Commission on Education. Bernie Koch, Susan Grebner, Cindy Garber, Ray Wise, Matt Tobbin, Deanna Casey and Paul Kouri. Thank you for your dedication to St. Mary's School.

Shorts

Students will be allowed to wear school uniform shorts starting on Tuesday, April 23. Please be sure that they are school appropriate.

What's Happening in Art Class

Our Art curriculum is based on the ART IN ACTION textbook series. We work on the elements and principles of design throughout the year and as they move their way through each class more and more ideas are introduced for their level. Kindergarten class continue to work fine motor and study color and shape. Check out the rabbit family outside their classroom. First through fourth grade worked on mixed media projects this week from Indians to spring flowers. Fifth grade is working with color and sixth grade painting their frog rocks. Seventh and eighth just finished scrape booking to go along with their autobiographies. They learned how to design a page and put it together. Always check out the bulletin board in the cafeteria as that is where some of the student art work is displayed before being placed in their art portfolios.

Athletic Boosters - All Are Welcome

Calling all families with kids in extra-curricular activities...We are looking for new members for the Athletic Booster Club. The Athletic Boosters support all the extra-curricular activities that St. Mary's offers by purchasing uniforms, paying officials, buying equipment, selling concessions, etc. We only meet about 4 times a year. The level of commitment is whatever you want it to be, although we do hope that you will jump in and help when needed! We have our last meeting of the year on Sunday, April 14th, at 7:00pm in Mrs. Eckstein's room. At the meeting we will plan for track concessions, plan the athletic banquet and consider new equipment requests for baseball and softball for next year, among other things. Please consider joining us to help us continue to provide great opportunities for our children!!! If you have any questions or can't make the meeting, feel free to contact Laura Tobben at [309-256-8381](tel:309-256-8381). Thank you!

Physical Education

Our St. Mary's gym has been turned into our roller dome for the next several weeks. Kindergarten through eighth grade students have been skating/roller blading and have really improved their skating ability. What a great lifetime skill and exercise!

Shadow Day

St. Mary's invites all your friends, going into K-8, and their parents to our "Shadow days". This is an opportunity for your friends to come see what our school is all about and experience what it would be like to be a part of our "Falcon Family". Our shadow days will be Friday, April 26 and Thursday, May 2. You can contact our school secretary, Mrs. Harper at 367-2528 to schedule the day that works best for you. We look forward to meeting your friends and family.

Fourth Grade Water Exploration

The current fourth grade classroom theme is saturated in water! Fourth graders have been studying the Midwest in Social Studies and its many rivers, so this was a good time to incorporate water into the entire curriculum. They did research (without a computer!) using encyclopedias and other books to do a report on a major US river, then finally writing out those statistics in cursive. The Science curriculum fits in with a whole unit on water: currents, tides, waves, the water cycle, groundwater, floods, and pollution. A story about scientists in Antarctica in our reader explores that frozen stuff! They are also measuring the mass of an apple before and after being sliced and left to dry, measuring the amount of water in an apple before and after. A fun wrap-up to the water unit will be a field trip to the Clean Water Celebration at the Civic Center on April 29. What fun to tie all of the subjects together! April showers bring May flowers!

Just Some Updates to Pass Along

1. There will be a meeting of the Task Force on Thursday, April 25 @ 6:00 PM in STM Gym. All are welcome to come and share ideas.
2. There will be no living stations on Friday, April 12 @ 9:00 AM. It has been changed to Monday, April 15 @ 9:00 AM. This will be to accommodate the state bowling qualifiers. However, there will still be the Living Stations on Friday, April 12 at 7PM.
3. There will be no student Mass on Thursday, April 18 due Holy Week Masses.