



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

135+ Years of Tradition

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Dec. 14, 2017

Upcoming Events

Dec. 14: 1st grade

Cookie Sale

5th grade DARE

Graduation

Boys BB at Robein at
5:30

**Dec. 18: Christmas
Program**

**Dec. 19: PreK going to
see The Star**

**Christmas parties at
2:00**

Boys BB at Hollis at
5:00

Dec. 20-Jan.3:

Christmas Break

**Jan. 4: School
resumes**

Boys BB at Pleasant
Valley at 5:00

Jan. 6: VB at Peoria
Christian at 10:00

Jan. 8: Boys BB at S.
Pekin at 5:00

Jan. 9: Boys BB at
Bartonville at 5:30

Jan. 10: VB at Morton
Blessed Sacrament at
5:00

Jan. 11: Boys BB vs
St. Pat's at 5:30

Jan. 12: VB at Pontiac
St. Mary's at 5:00

**Jan. 15: No School –
Martin Luther King
Day**

The E-Falcon Newsletter

Kris Kringle

On Friday, Dec. 15, the students will have an assembly at 8:30 in the school gym.

Alwan's Meat Raffle for 8th Grade

Help support St. Mary's 8th grade. Meat raffle tickets are available for purchase at \$10/ticket or three for \$25. Meat provided by Alwan & Sons. A \$300 value, available in gift cards. All proceeds benefit class trip this spring. Sales will be now thru Jan. 3. Drawing to take place Jan. 8. To purchase, contact any 8th grade student or call Rich @ [620-7620](tel:620-7620) / Molly @ [251-4584](tel:251-4584). Thank you!

DARE Graduation

St. Mary's 5th grade DARE graduation will be at 2:00 on Thursday, Dec. 14. All are welcome to attend.

Scholastic Bowl Meeting

Any student in 5th through 8th grade interested in Scholastic Bowl should come to Mrs. Noble's classroom after school Monday, December 18th, for a brief meeting to discuss the season. Meet schedules will be distributed, and practices will be discussed, as well as any questions your student might have! We're looking forward to a fun-filled season!!

Main course for lunch on Fri., Dec. 15 is changed to fish filet sandwich.

Lunch Menu

(Subject to change)

All lunches include milk (Dec. 18- Jan 12)

Mon., Dec. 18 – Geo’s pizza, chips, strawberry cup

Tues., Dec. 19 – Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, pineapple

Thurs., Jan. 4 – Pulled pork on bun, fries, corn, mandarin oranges

Fri., Jan 5 – Fish fillet sandwich, tortilla chips, carrots, pears

Mon., Jan 8 – Hamburger on bun, fries, corn, peaches

Tues., Jan. 9 – Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce

Wed., Jan. 10 – Spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, pears

Thur., Jan. 11 – Hot dog on bun, Fritos, peas, fruit mix

Fri., Jan. 12 – Cheese pizza, carrots, pineapple

Dress Code

A request was recently made to review the St. Mary’s dress code, particularly to add khaki pants to the list of acceptable uniform choices. After careful consideration, it has been decided that the uniform code will remain as it is. Khaki pants will not be a choice.

I feel that we already have a quite liberal application of the dress code. Navy pants can be worn year round. Navy shorts can be worn during the warmer months specified in the code. There are no less than five shirt choices, along with permission to wear St. Mary’s sweatshirts. The sweatshirt does not have to be the current year style, but can be passed down from child to child. In fact, all of the uniform items can be passed down, which lessens the financial impact on families. Again, for unity and continuity, our current dress code will remain as written. Khaki pants are not allowed. There will be no change at this time.

Finding Holiday Shopping Deals? Think of StM Auction

When you are doing your holiday shopping or hitting the stores for after-holiday sales, don't forget the St. Mary's Auction. Some restaurants give promotions of gift cards with purchase or other stores have some amazing deals. Remember -- gift cards, small appliances, and hi-tech gadgets are always popular additions to our Silent Auction. The auction is March 3, 2018, and we will be accepting donations starting in January. Questions? Contact Susan Grebner [\(309\) 251-1425](tel:3092511425) or Kristina Lamkin [\(309\) 645-4582](tel:3096454582).

Solo and Ensemble Contest 2017

Mrs. Burnett will coach students between 5th & 8th grade that would like the opportunity to compete in the IESA Solos and Ensemble contest. Students will perform a short song in front of a judge and several other students in the same manner that a speech contest is conducted. She will help you select music but you will need to have an accompanist. There will be practices at school but most will be on your own. Deadline to enter is December 15. Please let Mrs. Burnett (645-5419 or cathy1992@yahoo.com) or Mr. Koehler know as soon as possible.

Sports Update

Archery: Archery began this week for 4th -8th grade. Our program is governed NASP- National Archery is the Schools Program. We are hosting our first tournament Jan. 6 along with MTHS. If your son or daughter would like to participate let Mrs. Cowling know before we leave for break. Thank you!

VB: Practice over break will be Dec. 27, 28, 29 & Jan. 3 & 4 each day from 4-7 at MTHS. Please try to attend as we play on a regulation court and we put our offense and defense in place.

Have a blessed Christmas and enjoy your break! Also thanks to our little elves. And thanks to Sue and Kim for cleaning out our trophy case. They sure do sparkle.

Christmas Attire

Tuesday Dec. 19 will be a Christmas attire day. Jeans and your favorite Christmas shirt!

No Newsletter until Jan. 11 so

*Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year from
the staff at St. Mary's!*