



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

135+ Years of Tradition

400 W. Chatham St., PO Box 860 • Metamora, IL 61548

Ph: (309) 367-2528 • Fax: (309) 367-2169

www.stmarysschoolmetamora.com

Dec. 7, 2017

Upcoming Events

Dec. 7: 3rd & 4th go to
Nutcracker

Dec. 11: *Kris Kringle*
starts

Dec. 13: *Kindergarten*
play at 2:15 in church

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. 4: *School*
resumes

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

The E-Falcon Newsletter

Kris Kringle Starts Next Week

Kris Kringle will be starting the week of Dec. 11 for K-8 and names were drawn today. Kris Kringle gift exchange this year will be as follows: Monday – Desk decoration, Tuesday – Christmas card, Wednesday - bookmark, Thursday – cookie and Friday - candy bar, which will be given at the assembly. Each day each student will bring the designated item with a clue as to their identity such as the color of eyes or hair, boy or girl, older or younger, etc. but don't give good clues so that the person has to really think about your identity. It is suggested that all items be homemade. Please mark the name of the child (that the gift is going to) on the item. The clue can be written on the tag that identifies the child that they have. The items will secretly be placed in a box outside then classroom door. If for some reason your child cannot make it to school or will be late, please send the item to the school office so that Mrs. Harper can take care of getting it where it goes. On Friday, Dec. 15, the students will have an assembly and reveal the person who they have. It is lots of fun for all, but please don't forget your gifts each day so that the student that you have will not be left out and please take care in making the right item. It is suggested that you put all the items in the child's book bag on Monday for the entire week so that they are ready. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Harper in the school office.

Lunch Menu

(Subject to change)

All lunches include milk (Dec. 11- Dec. 15)

Mon., Dec. 11 – Chicken noodle soup, Frito, peaches

Tues., Dec. 12 – Meatball sandwich, peas, tropical fruit

Wed., Dec. 13 – Sweet & sour chicken over rice, broccoli, pineapple

Thurs., Dec. 14 – Sloppy joe on bun, French fries, corn, pears

Fri., Dec. 15 – Tuna fish sandwich, chips, carrot sticks, applesauce cup

We Want YOU... to join this year's Auction Committee!

We are getting ready to kick-off auction planning for the annual St. Mary's Dinner Auction fundraiser, which is set for Saturday, March 3, 2018, at Metamora Fields. We hope to have some new St. Mary's families to join our committee. The workload can vary to fit your schedule and most (if not all) of the work can be done from home with a few emails or phone calls. The best part is that your time to help with this fundraiser will translate into important funds for the school. Plus, we meet a few times, but meetings are optional! It's amazing to see how a few creative ideas, generous supporters, and awesome donations translate into a night of fun! Last year, the auction brought in over \$70,000 to help support the Catholic education our children receive. This fundraiser is another way the school works hard to keep tuition affordable. Serving on this committee is totally do-able for a working parent/grandparent or stay-at-home parent... your tasks can fit into whatever time you have to give. Want to know more about how you can help? Contact Susan Grebner [\(309\) 251-1425](tel:309-251-1425) or Kristina Lamkin [\(309\) 645-4582](tel:309-645-4582). (Did we mention that we always have one really fun meeting too?!!)

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 Nov. 23 thru Jan. 3. Drawing to take place Jan. 8. To purchase, contact any 8th grade student or call Rich @ [309-620-7620](tel:309-620-7620) / Molly @ [309-251-4584](tel:309-251-4584). Thank you!

Finding Holiday Shopping Deals? Think of St. Mary's 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).

Chess Team News

The Saint Mary's Chess team participated in a tournament this past Saturday in Brimfield. All participants did a fantastic job! Ethan Stone, Sophia Grebner, Henry Behringer, Gabe Schmitz, Jay Fitzgibbons, Ben Eckstein, Josh Tobben, Jonathan Stalsberg, and Collin Grebner represented the Falcons. The seventh grade members brought home the first place team trophy! Jay Fitzgibbons won second place and Ben Eckstein won fifth place among all seventh grade competitors! Great job chess members!

Solo and Ensemble Contest 2017

Mrs. Burnett will again 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. They compete against other students in a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place rating. There is a best of the day and best of room special awards as well. 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. If you enter and then withdraw, there will be a \$10 reimbursement fee to the school. Details on date, time and location will be handed out as she receives them possibly in mid March or early April. Please let Mrs. Burnett (645-5419 or cathy1992@yahoo.com) or Mr. Koehler know as soon as possible.

Cookie and Candy Sale

St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society is having our 11th Annual Holiday Cookie and Candy Sale this Saturday, December 9th, from 9:00-11:00 am or Sold Out in the school gym. Please consider donating some of your baked goods. You can drop them off in the cafeteria after school on Friday, or you can drop them off Saturday morning before the sale. And be sure to shop the sale! There are always lots of delicious goodies available, and it's a good cause! Through our fundraising, we supply the new vestments for Father as well as all the hosts, wine, candles and flowers for the Altar for Mass.

Gift Binder

It's that time of the year again to start thinking about Christmas gifts. If you are interested in purchasing gifts for the staff at St. Mary's and need ideas, there is a gift binder in Mrs. Harper's office that the staff has filled out. Please come in and check it out to find out interest, etc. Mrs. Harper will send you the file for the teachers if you cannot come into see the binder for yourself.

First Grade Cookie Sale

First grade will have its annual cookie sale on Thursday, Dec. 14 after Mass. Cost will be \$.25 per cookie. First grade students are asked to bring 4 dozen cookies (not individually wrapped) on that day. Since students in school will be allowed to buy cookies from the 1st graders, since money with your child that day. All donations are greatly appreciated.

DARE Graduation

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