



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

135+ Years of Tradition

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Events

Dec. 13: Boys BB vs Robein at 5:00m

Dec. 14: *End of 2nd*

Quarter

Dec. 17: *Christmas Concert at 7pm*

Dec. 18: Boys BB vs Hollis at 5:00

Dec. 19: Boys BB at St. Jude at 5:00

Dec. 21: *Christmas parties at 10:00*

11:30 Dismissal

Report cards go home

Dec. 24-Jan. 4:

Christmas Break

Dec. 27 -29: Boys BB tournament at St. Thomas

Jan. 5: VB at Peoria Christian at 2:30

Jan. 7: *School resumes*
Boys BB at S. Pekim at 5:00

Jan. 8 : Boys BB vs Bartonville at 5:00

Jan. 9: VB at Morton Blessed Sac at 5:30

Jan. 10: Boys BB at St. Pat's at 5:00

Jan. 14: Boys BB vs Midland at 5:00

Jan. 15: Boys BB (8th grade only) vs Holy Family at 5:00

Jan. 17: Boys BB vs L -W at 5

The E-Falcon Newsletter

Kris Kringle Starts Next Week

Kris Kringle will be starting the week of Dec. 17 for K-8 and names will be 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. 21, 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. 17-Jan. 11)

- ❖ Mon., Dec. 17 – Corn dog, nacho chips, peas, fruit mix
- ❖ Tues., Dec. 18 – Tacos with cheese, corn, peaches
- ❖ Wed., Dec. 19 – Christmas Dinner – Turkey or ham, mashed potatoes & gravy, green bean casserole, million dollar pie
- ❖ Thurs., Dec. 20 – Goulash, garlic bread, pineapple, carrot sticks
- ❖ Fri., Dec. 21 – 11:30 Dismissal – No Lunch

- ❖ Mon., Jan. 7 – Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, fruit mix,
- ❖ Tues., Jan. 8 – Sloppy joe o bun, tater tots, corn, cinnamon apples
- ❖ Wed., Jan. 9 – Spaghetti, bread stick, carrot sticks, pears
- ❖ Thurs., Jan. 10 - French toast sticks, hash brown, sausage patty, orange juice
- ❖ Fri., Jan, 11 – Pizza boat, carrots, pineapple

Spirit Wear Days

On Friday, Dec. 21, students will be allowed to wear Christmas attire for the price of \$1. This money will go to 7th grade Holy Cross student Karl Soliman's family. From Mendota, Karl was a 7th grade student who died tragically while playing in a tournament for his school's basketball team. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers at this difficult time.

Advent in Kindergarten

The kindergarten kiddos are learning all about Advent with some special traditions. They have learned the color of Advent and its special meaning. Each day, they add a star to the sky above their Nativity scene to help them remember that we are waiting not just for Santa, but for the birth of Jesus! They also have a Jesse Tree with ornaments that trace the stories they've read from the Old Testament that lead us to Jesus, and they have an Advent Wreath. They end their day lighting the appropriate candles, with prayers and songs as they await the coming of Christ the King!

Solo/Ensemble

If you are interested in being in the Solo/Ensemble for St. Mary's, please contact Mrs. Burnett at 645-5419 by December 21.

Bus Service/After Care

On Friday, Dec. 21, we will have morning and afternoon bus service with our early dismissal of 11:30. Both high school and grade school are dismissing early. However, there will be no after care on Friday due to early dismissal. On Monday, Jan. 7, there will be no bus service as the high school has no school.

Auction Person Needed

We are in need of someone to chair the St. Mary's Auction that will be happening on March 9. Training is available. Please call Mr. Koehler at the school if you are interested in this job or have any kind of questions. Thanks for your support!

Sports Update

Volleyball: Practice over break will be Dec. 27, 28 and Jan. 2, 3, 4 at the high school. Practice time will be 4:00 – 6:30 with one of those days a parent meeting/parent scrimmage after practice. This date will be announced at practice. Our first game will then take place on Jan. 5 at Peoria Christian starting at 2:30. Note this is before we return from break. That is why it is important to attend practice leading up to this first match.

Archery: Our first Archery tournament is also Jan. 5 at the high school. Several students have been practicing at the high school on Tuesday mornings. If you plan to participate, in the tournament at MTHS please let Mrs. Cowling know by Dec. 20 so she can sign you up.

Junior High Religion

The 8th grade students had a fantastic time with their friends at Snyder Village this week. They created many ornaments for the Snyder Village Giving Tree. All of the junior high students helped make the bulletin board at the end of the hall by creating questions about Advent. How many Sundays are there in Advent? What does the first candle in the Advent Wreath symbolize? What Holy Day is celebrated in Advent? What is celebrated on December 8? All Junior High religion classes are also celebrating Advent with a Jesse Tree. Students are reflecting on the people and events in Salvation History leading up to the birth of Jesus. So far students have reflected God's promise to Noah that He will never destroy the earth again, God's promise to Abraham that his descendants shall be as numerous as the stars, God telling Jacob through a dream that He will always be there for Jacob.