



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

135+ Years of Tradition

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Events

Dec. 11: Boys BB vs Pleasant Valley at 5:00

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

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

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

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!

**Kris Kringle will be starting soon for grades K-8.
Ask a friend about it if you're new to the school.**

Cookie & Candy Sale

St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society is having our 12th Annual Holiday Cookie and Candy Sale this Saturday, December 8th, 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.

Art

The classes are working hard on their KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS poster contest. This is an annual event sponsored by the Knight of Columbus. Thanks for your support.

Lunch Menu

(Subject to change)

All lunches include milk (Dec. 10-14)

- ❖ Mon., Dec. 10 – Geo’s pizza, chips, applesauce
- ❖ Tues., Dec. 11 – Chicken strips, mashed potatoes w/gravy, carrots, apricots
- ❖ Wed., Dec. 12 – Chicken noodle soup, turkey/cheese sandwich, peas, pineapple
- ❖ Thurs., Dec. 13 – Sloppy joe on bun, fries, green beans, peaches
- ❖ Fri., Dec. 14 – Macaroni & cheese, bread stick, corn, fruit mix

Scrip

The LAST scrip order before Christmas break will be sent on Monday 12/10. Orders are due by 9am that day. Delivery will be on Thursday 12/13. Scrip to-go will be available in the office through the last day of school. We will also be at the A & R cookie sale this Saturday! Lots of ways to get those gifts!!

A BIG Thank You

A big thank you goes out to the PTO for sponsoring the Bodega Day art project/paint day. “Art at the Bodega” brought in paints and brushes for our students to decorate the pottery, which they also provided. They took the creations, made by our students, back to their business, will fire them and add any finishing touches and return them to our school for our students. Don’t be surprised if you get this wonderful art work as a Christmas gift!

Spirit Wear Days

Please mark your calendar for two important spirit day coming in the month of December. On Monday, Dec. 10, we will do a school wide picture at the church. Students will need to wear the PTO sponsored t-shirt, that was recently given to them, along with school pants. This will also be Geo’s pizza day. Then 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.

Prizes Needed

A critical part of St. Mary's School community is the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). This dedicated group of parents and teachers organize and sponsor many events throughout the year which supports the education of our children. This is done through fundraising, providing enrichment programs for students, hosting social activities, organizing faculty, staff, and volunteer appreciation programs, and coordinating school improvement activities.

St. Mary's PTO is hosting a Chili & Bingo supper on Saturday, January 19, 2019 beginning at 5 p.m. In preparation for the event we are collecting bingo prizes. We are asking each student of grades K-4 to donate 5-10 prizes per student. Prize examples: a can of soda, a 12 pack of soda (counts as 12 prizes), candy, a teddy bear, costume jewelry, a book, bottle of Gatorade, a can of soup, a gently used item you may have at home that you no longer need, etc. Let your imagination run wild when coming up with your prizes. Please send the prizes to school with your child anytime between now and December 21. Each classroom has a plastic tote in which the prizes can be placed in. Totes will be collected at the end of the school day on Friday, December 21. Thank you in advance. Any questions, please contact Kristina Lamkin. Thank you for your support. St. Mary's PTO

What's Happening in PE

We just concluded our flicker football unit and started volleyball in grades five through eight. The younger classes continue to work on skills related to football and volleyball and the low organized games. We all enjoyed Turkey Tag and look forward to Rudolph Tag.

Happy Birthday, Illinois!

December 3, 1818, was the day that Illinois became a state, so Monday grades 1-4 celebrated. We all gathered and sang "Happy Birthday" and then enjoyed cupcakes and milk. Mrs. Kraut read stories about events in Illinois, Abraham Lincoln, and the Illinois Prairie. They even heard a story about Mr. Lincoln in Metamora. They did many Illinois activities as well.

Illinois is the first state that Fourth Grade is studying now that they are learning about all of the United States. They will then start with the Northeastern States and move across the country until they have covered the whole country, learning about people, customs, geography, agriculture, industry, National Parks, and resources along the way.