



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

135+ Years of Tradition

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Events

Feb. 21: VB at Peoria Academy at 5:00

Feb. 23: VB 7th grade regionals start

Feb. 26: Scho Bo here vs St. Pat's at 4:00

Mar. 2: 8th VB grade regionals start

Mar. 4: *No School*
Diocesan Meeting
7th grade VB sectionals start

Mar. 5: Scho Bo at Washington Middle at 3:45

Mar. 6: Scho Bo at Riverview at 4:00

Mar. 7: Scho Bo here vs Metamora Grade at 4pm

Mar. 8: End of 3rd Quarter
8th gr. VB state

Mar. 11: VB 7th gr Sectionals start

Mar. 12: Scho Bo at Morton at 4pm

Mar. 15: VB 8th gr. State starts

Mar. 25 -29 : *No School – Spring Break*

Mar. 30: *Confirmation*

Apr. 9: Scho Bo at Roebin at 4pm

Apr. 10: Scho Bo Tazwood conference meet at Blessed Sacrament at 4:00

Apr. 19-Mar. 29 : No School – Easter break

Feb. 21, 2019

The E-Falcon Newsletter

PreK/Kindergarten Registration

Preschool and Kindergarten registration will take place on Tuesday, March 5 from 6:30 -8:00 in their perspective classrooms. Parents and students are welcome to attend. If you cannot be there on that day and would like to register, please call the school or stop and get a packet.

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Ethan Stone and Isaac Kidder who won the school Spelling Bee on Feb. 7. Ethan and Isaac competed well in the Tazwell County Spelling bee on Feb. 12 at Blessed Sacrament. Ethan will compete in the Woodford County Spelling Bee on Feb. 22. Good luck and well done boys!

Wednesday Meeting

Thanks to all the people who came to the Wednesday night meeting to support St. Mary's School. The love and prayers were felt. Now the work begins and we can do this!!!! Please fill out the attached preregistration sheet to let us know that your child will attend St. Mary's next year. We will have the forms to fill out on the web within 2 weeks and then those will also need to be filled out.

Lunch Menu

(Subject to change)

All lunches include milk (Feb. 25-19)

- Mon., Feb. 25 – Pizza boats, carrots, salad, peaches
- Tues., Feb. 26 – Chicken strips, mashed potatoes w/gravy, broccoli, pear, roll
- Wed., Feb. 27 – Breaded chicken pattie on bun, sweet potato fries, peas, berry fruit cup
- Thurs., Feb. 28- French toast sticks, sausage patty, hash brown, mixed fruit
- Fri., Feb. 29 – Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, green beans, tortilla chips, mandarin oranges

Sports Update

Volleyball: 7th grade regionals starts on Sat., Feb. 23 at 9Am at Morton Blessed Sacrament. Check the IESA website for all the details

Booster Restaurant Night

St. Mary's Boosters Restaurant Night - Germantown Grille February 28, 2019-10% of sales from 4pm to close will be returned to the school. Please come and support STM!!!

Chess

The chess team competed in Brimfield in December, the tournament was cut short due to the inclement weather, we just received the awards from that tournament. Congratulations to James Fitzgibbons for placing second in the 8th grade division. Congratulations to the entire 8th grade team for placing second in the 8th grade team division!

This past Saturday we hosted a chess tournament. One hundred chess players from the area participated. Congratulations to Sophia Grebner for winning first place in the 5th grade division! Congratulations to our 8th grade team earned first place! Jack Behringer placed fifth, Jonathan Stalsberg placed 4th, Josh Tobben placed second, and James Fitzgibbons placed first! Congratulations to all who participated! Thank you to all those who volunteered!

This Friday and Saturday, ten of our chess players will go to the Peoria Civic Center to compete in the State Chess Tournament. Good luck to all participants!

Scrip

The next Scrip order will go in on Monday, Feb. 25 and be returned on Thursday, Feb. 28. Get your orders in now!

5th Grade Continues to Work Hard

We have moved into the multiplication and division of fractions and from here we will continue into a brief chapter on algebra. In Social Studies we are half way through the American Revolution. The students have created time lines and successfully engaged in a Revolutionary War debate. Both sides argued well! We have been working with sound in science; exploring how instruments work, diagramming the ear, and we will even create rudimentary record players. Our Greek and Latin root this week works well with science because it is phone, phono, phon which means sound or voice. In Religion, we are exploring the sacrament of the Eucharist and looking at where it comes from and the immense gift we have been given to participate in it. Reading has corresponded nicely with our social studies because each of our stories this month have taken place during the American Revolution. Overall, the students continue to ask challenging questions and strive to do their best.

Third Grade Glaciologists

The lady glaciologists discovered that glaciers form when layers of snow build up over *thousands* of years. (Glaciers are slowly moving masses of snow and ice.) Next, the weight of the new snow packs down the older snow underneath and creates *ice*. Then, the glacier gets SO heavy it begins to move downhill where chunks of ice, called *icebergs*, break off from the glacier where the ice meets the sea.

True glaciologists hypothesize that greenhouse gases are causing *climate change*. These gases act like blankets that prevent heat from escaping into space, creating warmer temperatures worldwide. People create more of these gases by utilizing and burning fossil fuels such as oil, coal, and natural gas that are made of decayed plants and animals. This is believed to be a reason glaciers are melting away. The melting glaciers are creating problems when they melt. The water from melting glaciers flows from the land into the sea. This in turn causes the sea level to rise. The rising of the sea level could lead to flooding of cities along coast lines and towns around the globe. The Dall sheep are finding it difficult to locate food and the animals with white coloring are becoming easier prey for predators to hunt due to melting glaciers.