



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

135+ Years of Tradition

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Events

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

Jan. 14: *PTO Meeting*
7PM in 8th grade room

Boys BB vs Midland at 5:00

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

Jan. 16: VB at Dunlap Middle

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

Jan. 19: Boys BB 7th grade regionals start

BINGO night

Jan. 21: *No School – MLK day*

Jan., 22: VB at St. Pat's at 4:30

Jan. 24: VB at Washington Central at 4:15

Jan. 27: Catholic Schools Week starts

Jan. 28: VB at Washington Middle at 4:15

Jan. 29: VB at Limestone at 4:00

Jan. 30: Boys BB sectionals starts

Jan. 31: VB at L-w at 5:30

The E-Falcon Newsletter

Second Grade News

During the Advent season, the second graders learned that it is a time of preparation for Jesus' birth. Every morning they would add an ornament to the Jesse tree and hear the Bible story explaining the meaning of the ornament. They would then add a piece of straw to the classroom manger to prepare a place for Jesus to sleep when he was born. After that, they would do an activity in their Advent booklet that focused on preparing themselves for Jesus through prayer, doing acts of kindness, and thinking of others.

Now our focus in Religion will be preparing for First Reconciliation on February 2nd.

In Social Studies and Science, we have been learning what the world was like long ago and how we use the earth today. With our 'Where Am I?' project, we have 'traveled' around the United States 'visiting' 17 states so far.

In Math, we have been busy learning our multiplication facts of 2, 5, and 10, along with gaining an understanding of division.

Heads Up

There will be no afternoon buses on Friday, Jan. 18 due to Metamora Grade early dismissal. Please mark your calendars.

Lunch Menu

(Subject to change)

All lunches include milk (Jan. 14-18)

- ❖ Mon., Jan. 14 – Tacos w/ lettuce & cheese, Taco Bell pintos & cheese, pears
- ❖ Tues., Jan. 15 – Hot dog on bun, tater tots, peas, peaches
- ❖ Wed., Jan. 16 – Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, fruit mix
- ❖ Thurs., Jan. 17 – Cheeseburger on bun, Au Gratin potatoes, corn, mandarin oranges
- ❖ Fri., Jan. 18 – Fish sticks, fries, carrots, pineapple

PTO Meeting

Just a reminder.....PTO meeting on Monday night, Jan 14 at 7:00PM in Mrs. Eckstein's room. Childcare is available if needed. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Typing, History, and Literature, OH MY!

In the sixth grade class, we are always working on Typing during our Study Hall hours, as long as we are not overwhelmed by homework. They are expected to complete the "Advanced" section by the end of the 3rd Quarter, which should be no problem!! In Literature we are working on Literary Devices in our Interactive Literature Notebooks. This week we've talked about Paradoxes, Personification, and Plot Structure. Be sure to ask your students about it! For Social Studies we've been talking about Greek Mythology and all the stories involved. In 7th grade Social Studies we've started our Constitution Unit!! They've been asking great questions and getting really involved with our lessons and workbook. In Literature we are finishing up our Poetry Unit by working on writing our own poems to create a Poetry Book to share with others! In 8th Grade we have been talking about the Industrial Revolution and this week the students are going to pretend to be an inventor and sell the class their invention. They will complete a report about their inventor and invention and then at the end of the week present it as though they are going onto the show "Shark Tank," and trying to get the rest of the class to invest in their product. In Literature we just started reading Artemis Fowl to practice identifying our literary devices. It's a lovely story with some challenging vocabulary and is being made into a Disney movie, coming out August 2019!!

Thank You from Mr. Koehler

Mr. Koehler would like to thank you for all the Christmas gifts, cookies, candy, and holiday greetings. It was nice of you to think of me.

Boxtops

Thanks to all who have saved General Mills Boxtops for the school. We received a check for \$287.30.

Sports Update

Archery: Congratulations to our Archery team as they competed in the 2nd Annual Redbird Classic at MTHS. Top scorer for St. Mary's and qualifying for the state tournament was Tommy Casey shooting a 240. Also participating Ben Cronkhite, Claire Noe and Noah Merrill. Top shooters for MTHS were alumni Margaret Noe 270 and Rachel Fisher 268. Please let me know what other tournaments you would like to participate in so we can register for that event. For more information, go to the www.nasp.com website for tournaments and scores.

Bowling: Our bowling team will begin practicing on Fridays right after school at Plaza Lanes in Washington. We have 4 team members this year Jay Fitzgibbons, Anna Schnetzler, Madison Burnett and Cody Lamkin. If anyone has an interest in assisting Dennis Wessel, please let Mrs. Cowling know ASAP. We would like to thank Dave Fitzgibbons for his many years of coaching our bowling team as his work load does not allow him to coach this year. This would be a great opportunity to work with our youth and give of your time and talent. You do not have to have a student on the team or at St. Mary's. Just give the school a call.

Boys Basketball: Boys basketball was busy over break practicing and playing in the St. Thomas Holiday tournament. Our 7th graders were the consolation champions congratulations! Thank you to all the parents and student athletes who made the extra effort to attend practice over break. Hard work and effort does pay off. Check the calendar for future basketball dates and come out and see the boys in action. Please place Jan. 17th on your calendar as we will celebrate 8th grade night with our 5 eight graders and their parents.

Volleyball: Volleyball season is upon us as we opened play on Sat., Jan. 5 at Peoria Christian. We are 16 players strong this year but a very young and talented team. Thank you for the great attendance over break as it is very much appreciated. Check out the calendar and come see the girls in action.

Polarizing Third Grade

The third grade class has been learning about Polar regions and how to read polar projection maps! They discovered the North Pole is the northernmost point on Earth and located in the middle of the Arctic. The North Pole is one of two Polar Regions in the world. The other can be found in the South Pole also known as the Antarctic. These icy and windy areas are the two coldest places on our planet! The children also found out about the Sami people of Karigasniemi, Finland and how important reindeer are to the native people of this Arctic region. Many families herd reindeer for a living. The reindeer are also important for making clothing from hide and fur. Tools are created from bones and antlers, too. Reindeer meat makes up a large part of Sami diet. Lastly, the kids explored Polar Regions by viewing extraordinary photos of these areas located on the internet.

Donations to St. Mary's School

Thank you to Mrs. Sue Koch for donating a Genesis bow to our school archery program in memory of her father-in-law, Clarence Koch. Sue won the bow in a raffle at the Redbird Classic. Again, thanks so much so thinking of St. Mary's School. It is very much appreciated.

A Note from Mrs. Cowling.....

Thank you to the entire student body, faculty and staff during this most difficult time in the passing of my mom. She has been a part of the St. Mary's community her entire life. All of the cards, prayers, and words and expressions of sympathy for our family have been heartfelt. She was my aid for part of 35 years. She will be missed. Thank you!

"Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest Winners

Congratulations to the following students who placed in the poster contest. Ages 5-7 Division (Grade K-2); 1st Place - Siena Stone, 2nd Place - Nathan Wise. Ages 8-10 Division (Grade 3-5): 1st place - Kinsey Shiverdecker, 2nd Place - Madison Burnett. Ages 11-14 Division (Grade 6-8): 1st Place - Natalie Durbin, 2nd Place - Elijah Gerkin. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus #3060 for sponsoring this programs and providing the prizes.

Bingo – January 19th – Come One Come All



St Mary's PTO invites one and all for an evening of fellowship. **Saturday, January 19th**, we will open the doors at 5pm for a hearty meal and preparation for the main event. Bingo activities will run from 6-8pm with various prizes and entertainment provided. Bingo is \$1 a card and you can play that card for the whole 2 hours. If you want to play 4 cards then it is \$4, but you have to be able to keep up.

All proceeds will be used for various PTO activities around the school. Come for the food, come for the bingo or come for both, but **mainly come for the fellowship.**

Some background for newer families to St. Mary's, many years ago Bingo was a required activity with the school. Families were required one Saturday a month to work at a Bingo hall in Peoria to help raise funds for the school. An unintentional outcome of this activity was that families were intermixed and you met new people every Saturday you worked and served as one of the best ways for new families to meet other families at St. Mary's. We are again hoping to using Bingo to focus on fellowship and connecting the families of St. Mary's

We are looking for volunteers to help setup/cleanup, serve food, take tickets and help with bingo. Interested in helping please contact Casey Behringer 608-347-0591 or Cathy Burnett 309-645-5419.

**** Note we are still looking for smaller prizes, maybe you are looking for a reason to purge some older but still good shape toys after the holidays?? ****