



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

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Events

Jan. 17: Boys BB vs L -W at 5
Jan. 19: Boys BB 7th grade regionals start
Chess tournament
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. 26: 8th BB regionals start
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
Scho Bo vs St. Pat's at 4:00
Feb. 2: *First Reconciliation*
Boys 7th BB state starts
VB 7th grade tournament at IVC
Feb. 4: VB at Roanoke-Benson at 4:00
Feb. 5: VB at Roanoke-Benson at 5:00
Feb. 6: 8th BB sectionals start

Jan 17, 2019

The E-Falcon Newsletter

No Buses

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

No School

There will be no school on Monday, Jan. 21 due to Martin Luther King Day. Enjoy your weekend!

Auction Cancelled for 2019

Due to the fact that we could not find anyone to chair the auction this year, we have cancelled it. Now you have a whole year to think about chairing this event.

Pick Up/Drop off

Parents, when picking up your children after school, please get out of the car and walk up to the "square" that is designated for each class and get your child. We cannot see in a car and for safety reason, need to see who is picking up the students. Also on rainy or icy days, you can pull up to the door and let your students off as our blacktop gets wet and icy.

Lunch Menu

(Subject to change)

All lunches include milk (Jan. 21-25)

- ❖ Mon., Jan. 21 – No School- MLK day
- ❖ Tues., Jan. 22 – Chicken noodle soup, turkey sandwich, Fritos, pears
- ❖ Wed., Jan. 23 – Chicken strips, mashed potatoes w/gravy, corn, peaches
- ❖ Thurs., Jan. 24 – Corn dogs, Smiles, carrots, applesauce
- ❖ Fri., Jan. 25 – Cheese pizza, peas, jello

Sports Update

Bowling: Bowling practice start Fri., Jan. 18 after school at Plaza Lanes in Washington. We need one parent to drive every week to transport to Plaza Lanes. Pick up will be in Washington around 5:00. Please let Mrs. Cowling know if you can drive.

Boys BB: Regular season basketball is quickly coming to an end. Eighth grade night is tonight, Jan. 17. Seventh grade game starts at 5:00 followed by eighth grade. Eighth grade basketball players, cheerleaders and parents will be introduced before the 8th grade game.

Archery: Please continue to let Mrs. Cowling know what tournaments you would like to compete in. Thank you!

Scholastic Bowl is Starting!!

Mrs. Noble will be starting to have Scholastic Bowl practices this week during lunch on Wednesday and Thursday! If your student is interested, be sure to send them to see her and let her know! Mrs. Noble is more than happy to start the season off as long as she is here at school, but once her baby comes the new coach might change how practices work! Mrs. Noble will be sending home a schedule of Scholastic Bowl matches with any students who attend practices this week! Thank you!

Collection

\$81.55 was collected by STM students on Friday, December 21, 2018 and sent to the Family of Karl Soliman, Holy Cross of Mendota student who passed away suddenly while playing in a basketball game at Lincoln school in LaSalle. Thanks to all who participated.

Third Grade “Robots”

Knowing your multiplication facts is VERY important in third grade and actually sets a tremendous base for other mathematical learning as your child progresses through school. The third grade class is fortunate enough to have “robots” to help them reinforce this concept as well as many, many others.

Here's how the robot works. The student looks at a visual illustration with a multiplication problem. The pupil writes their prediction/answer to the card in a spiral notebook. The card is placed in the top of the robot. As the card exits, the answer is revealed. Then, the student can check their prediction/answer against the correct answer. So, it's a self-checking system. This way, the kids are able to self-monitor themselves. If there are any questions after attempting to solve a mistake, Mrs. Reb is happy to help.

“Tentative” Catholic Schools Week Agenda (1/16/2019)

Sunday, January 27, 2019....KC Pancake and Sausage Breakfast
Science Fair and Classroom Projects on exhibit.
Time: 8:00 AM till 11:00

Monday, January 28, 2019....All School Prayer Service. Community charitable theme: The Women's Care Center in Peoria

Tuesday, January 29, 2019....Muffins with Mom and Grandma at 7:15 AM.
PTO Sponsored/from Ron's Donuts in Washington
Fr. Tim Hepner at St. Mary's School to discuss “Vocations”

Wednesday, January 30, 2019....Donuts with Dad and Grandpa at 7:15 AM.
PTO Sponsored/from Ron's Donuts in Washington
Geo's Pizza @ Lunch.
Adoration and Rosary @ 2:15 PM

Thursday, January 31, 2019.....All School Mass “Dress UP for Jesus”.
Recognitions of years of service.
1:00 PM Spelling Bee All are welcome to attend

Friday, February 1, 2019.....Spirit Shirt dress up day. Teacher appreciation luncheon sponsored by PTO. Afternoon Movie and Snacks-Pre-K-K, K-4, 5-8

Spring Speech

The spring speech season is upon us once again. Competition will be held at St. Vincent in Peoria on Tuesday, March 12. The competition is open to 5th-8th grade students. Please let me know by Monday, January 21, if your student is interested in participating as we will begin practice in the next week. There are no improv speaking events, but individual, duet, small group and chorale events are options. The students did a wonderful job at their fall event, and would love to have more students participate this spring. I can be reached via email at smcrhit@mail.com or phone/text at [608-347-0287](tel:608-347-0287). I look forward to a great spring competition.

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.