



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

135+ Years of Tradition

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Upcoming Events

Jan. 18: Boys BB at Lowpoint at 5:30
Jan. 22: *PTO meeting*
Jan. 23: VB at St. Pat's at 4:30
Jan. 25: VB at Washington Central at 4:15
Jan 29: VB at 4:15 at Washington Middle
Feb. 1: VB at Lowpoint at 6:00
Feb. 3: VB 7th grade Tournament at Lowpoint
Feb. 5: VB at Roanoke - Benson at 4:00
Feb. 6: VB at Rankin at 4:00
Feb. 8: VB at Brimfield at 5:00
Feb. 13: *Class Valentines parties at 2:00*
Feb 14: *Ash Wednesday*
Feb. 19: *No School – President's Day*
Mar. 5: *No School – Diocesan Teachers inservice*
Mar. 26 – Apr. 2: *No School –Easter Break*
Apr. 3: *School Resumes*

The E-Falcon Newsletter

St. Mary's 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

High Honors - 8th High Honors Grade: Sophie Adams, Emily Cronkhite, Rachel Fisher, and Collin Grebner; 7th Grade: Ben Eckstein; 6th Grade: Bayleigh Matthews. Honors - 8th Grade: Addison Crowley, Abigail Doyle, Emma Noe, and Ellie Randall; 6th Grade: Natalie Durbin, Jay Fitzgibbons, McKenzie Jordan, Josh Tobben; 6th Grade; Grace Behringer, Joey Devitt and Mackenzie Doyle. Congratulations!

Scrip

The next scrip order will be placed on Monday, 1/22 and will be sent home on Thursday 1/25. Thank you for supporting St. Mary's school!

Third Grade News

Please be sure to attend the pancake and sausage breakfast on Sunday, January 29, 2018! The third grade students will be in the St. Mary's gym to dazzle you with some of the knowledge gained from the 2017-2018 school year! They are an impressive bunch! Come check them out! You'll be glad you did!

Lunch Menu

(Subject to change)

All lunches include milk (Jan. 22-26)

Mon., Jan 22 – Beans & cocktail sausage, chip, strawberries

Tues., Jan. 23 – Tacos w/cheese, corn, fruit mix

Wed., Jan. 24 – Baked ham slices, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, peaches

Thur., Jan. 25 – Goulash, garlic sticks, pears

Fri., Jan. 26 – Tuna salad, Fritos, corn, applesauce

Sports Update

Bowling: Our bowling team began practice last Friday after school at Plaza Lanes in Washington. We have 8 members on our team this year. New this year will be sectional competition to qualify for state. Sectional competition will take place Sat., Apr. 7 at Landmark Lanes in Peoria. Those that qualify will then compete at the state tournament April 13-14 at Town & Country Lanes in Joliet. The bowling team will practice on Fridays until sectional competition. Good luck bowlers!

Archery: Congratulations to our archery team that participated in the first Redbird Classic at MTHS on Sat., Jan. 6. We had 11 archers take part. Archery is open to 4th -8th grade students. Rachel Fisher was our top archer shooting a 247 out of 300 with 10 tens. State archery competition will take place on Fri. & Sat. April 6 & 7 in Springfield. Mark your calendars now.

Candy- grams

Would you like to send a special someone a candy-gram? St. Mary's students will be able to do just that during Catholic Schools Week – an opportunity to share a little kindness with our peers. Candy-grams (with or without a message) will be sold at lunch during the week of Jan. 22 – 26. The cost is 0.25 per bag of Sweet Tart- like candy (peanut-free). The candy and attached message will be delivered to students the following week. The money raised by this sale will be used to support St. Mary's Student Council. There is a 6-bag limit for students purchasing Mon. – Thurs. with remaining stock being sold on Friday until sold-out. Please bring exact change, if possible, and have your messages ready. You may print your own, or have a Student Council member do it for you.

Spalding Scholarship Grants 2018-2019

Your child can attend a Catholic School Financial Assistance Available

Tuition assistance scholarship grants from the endowment fund established as a result of the Diocese of Peoria ROOTED IN FAITH Campaign and named in honor of Archbishop Spalding, the first Bishop of Peoria, will be available for the 2018-19 school year for students enrolled in or intending to enroll in grades Kindergarten through 12 in any Catholic school located in the Diocese of Peoria whose families are active members of a Catholic parish in the diocese. All grants will be based on financial need objectively assessed.

Information about the grants and application materials may be obtained from any Catholic elementary or secondary school in the Diocese of Peoria or on the Diocesan website www.cdop.org under **Catholic Education** and then under **Financial Assistance**. Consult the detailed protocols, procedures, and checklist for all requirements necessary to be eligible for an award.

Parents are encouraged to apply online at: online.factsmgt.com/aid. Families of students currently receiving grants are reminded that all grants are for one year only and anyone seeking to renew a grant for the 2018 - 2019 year must reapply. Deadline date for the completed application is **April 15, 2018**. Notification of grant awards will be made by May 30, 2018.

Another funding opportunity is also available due to legislation recently enacted in Illinois. Students may be eligible for up to 100% of tuition and fees under a new program for tax credit scholarships (TCS). Details on how to apply and who qualifies are available on the Empower Illinois website at www.empowerillinois.org. Students who receive a TCS are ineligible to receive a Spalding award.

St. Mary's Boosters Dairy Queen Night

Dairy Queen will donate back to our group 15% of money spent. When: 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday, Jan 30. Where: Dairy Queen, 622 E. Mt Vernon St., Metamora, IL 61548. Dine in, Drive Thru, and/or Carry Out. Contact Dave @ (803) 840-5053 with questions.

Bingo – January 20th – Come One Come All



St Mary's PTO invites one and all for an evening of fellowship. **Saturday, January 20th**, we will open the doors at 5pm for a hearty Chili meal and preparation for the main event. Bingo activities will run from 6-8pm with various prizes and entertainment provided. 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.

As always, 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.