



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

135+ Years of Tradition

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Events

May 6: *PTO Meeting at 7pm.*

May 8: *Athletic Banquet*

May 9: *PTO Sponsored BINGO for students at 1:00*

May 15: *Field Day*

May: 17: *End of 4th quarter
8th grade Graduation*

May 2, 2019

The E-Falcon Newsletter

Multiage Classrooms

Multiage classrooms combine different grade levels within one classroom. Teaching and Learning in the Intermediate Multiage Classroom, by Alice Leeds and David Marshak interviewed several teachers who had experience teaching multiage classrooms and asked them the benefits of a multiage classroom. Several of the benefits they identified are as follows:

- teachers focus more on developmental needs of each child and teach to those individual needs
- teachers retain students for two years and a bond is formed, creating a family atmosphere where students feel trusted, comfortable, and cared about in the school environment
- students are more confident and relaxed in the classroom when they have the same teacher for a second year
- students recognize diversity and accept/value these difference
- students increase their interdependence and help one another leading to greater self-esteem
- students are able to grow as leaders and role models in the classroom

Want to read more about these benefits, see

http://www.dryden.k12.mi.us/UserFiles/Servers/Server_3514759/File/Elementary/multiagebenefits.pdf

Lunch Menu

(Subject to change)

All lunches include milk (May 6 - 10)

- Mon., May 6 – Chicken sandwich, fried, carrots, mixed fruit
- Tues., May 7 – Pizza, peas, peaches
- Wed., May 8 – French toast sticks, smiles fries, sausage, pears
- Thurs., May 9 – Bag Lunch Day – Cook’s Choice
- Fri., May 10 - Bosco stick w/sauce, salad, strawberries & blueberries

Sports Update

Awards Night Banquet: Please get your RSVP in so we can turn in the number for the banquet. The banquet will be Wed., May 8th 6:00 pm at Michael’s. Hope to see everyone as we celebrate all the accomplishments this year!

Congratulations to Second Grade

The second graders received Jesus for the first time on Sunday, April 28th: Emmitt Gerkin, Gannon Huss, Blake Myers, Lauren Schmitt, Siena Stone, Joseph Thomas and Nathan Wise. They worked hard to prepare for this very important event. May they always feel the presence of Jesus in their lives!

Mult-age Forum

St. Mary's School in Metamora will be hosting a Multi-Age Classroom forum on Monday, May 13 at 6:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the school gym. All interested parents are invited.

Time to Order Yearbooks

STM 2018-2019 yearbooks can be ordered by completing the attached order form. Payment of \$25 per book is due at the time of order and checks should be made out to St. Mary’s Grade School. Additional forms were sent home with the students or can be picked up in the office. Orders will be taken through May 15. Books will be distributed at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year.

St. Mary's Food Tent

Please take a moment to sign your family up. We are asking that each family sign up for 2-4 shifts please. Help is especially needed on Friday and Saturday nights. If you have not worked a Friday or Saturday shift before, this is the year to step up and help on those days. The money raised over these 4 days covers much of the PTO budget for the year. The festival dates are June 19-22. Questions? Email st.marys.food.tent@gmail.com or contact Nicole Matthews at 712-5206. Thank you for supporting St. Mary's School!!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b054ba5ad23aa8-oldsettlers1>

Holocaust, Lewis & Clark, and Ancient Europe

In middle school history we're all over the map! The 8th graders are finishing the year talking about World War II and the Holocaust, and we're reading Night by Elie Wiesel to understand the true atrocities that occurred. In 7th grade, we are completing a Lewis and Clark simulation, traveling across the west and working as a team to get to the Pacific Ocean. So far, they've traveled 300 miles! In 6th grade we are studying Ancient Europe, feudalism, and the Middle Ages. The students have really enjoyed it, especially when using Mrs. Noble's daughter as our example Queen when talking about how feudalism works.

Thank you to Mrs. Fitzgibbons for doing tremendous work with the students while I was on maternity leave. And an extra special thank you to all of St. Mary's for your prayers and support as our family has welcomed our newest addition. Leanna has been a true blessing and we can't wait for her to join our St. Mary's family!

PTO BINGO/Ice Cream

The PTO will be sponsoring a BINGO/Ice Cream Social for the students in K-8th grade on Thursday, May 9 starting at 12:45. Students will enjoy numerous games of BINGO with some fabulous prizes along with some ice cream treat.

Please join us at St. Mary of Lourdes
this Thursday for a rosary at 5:45pm
as we pray for America.

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