



# 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 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 8<sup>th</sup> grade Graduation*

## *The E-Falcon Newsletter*

### **Multiage Classrooms**

More information about the multiage classrooms.....

There are positives that have developed through the use of the combined classroom model. One example would be the social gains the children develop when combining children of different ages. The younger children learn and mature faster with older children as their classmates. Some of the older children take on a "mentor" role when learning with younger students in their classroom.

Another example would be the ability to let more advanced students, maybe those that are better readers or pick-up math faster than their classmates, move into a group with other children that are at or near their same level.

Children that are having difficulty picking up a concept, whether it be reading, math, social studies, are able to move at a pace that fits their needs with like classmates, regardless of age or grade level.

While we would all like an optimum class size for each grade level, we need to understand that not all children learn at the same pace as others of their age/grade level. Depending on the subject matter, English, math, science, spelling, etc. some children will learn the information easier than others.

Combined classrooms make it possible to combine the children into groups that will help them learn their best without the stigma of age or class restrictions

## Lunch Menu

(Subject to change)

All lunches include milk (May 13-20)

- Mon., May 13 – Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, peaches
- Tues., May 14 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade lunch menu: Tacos with cheese & lettuce, salad, strawberry applesauce, ice cream
- Wed., May 15 – Field Day lunch
- Thurs., May 16 – Hamburger on bun, chips, corn, apricots
- Fri., May 17 – Pretzel with cheese, peas, Frito, pineapple
- Mon., May 20 – Last day of lunch – Pizza boats, carrots, mandarin oranges

## Sports Update

**Track:** Congratulations to Gabe Schmitz who qualified for the IESA State track meet on Sat., May 11. Gabe is a member of the 4x2 winning relay team and also a member of the 4x4 relay team that placed second this past Saturday but they qualified on time. Congratulations and Good Luck at the state meet on Saturday. We will have a send-off on Friday to wish Gabe Good Luck! This will take place in the gym at approximately 2:00 pm. All are welcome to attend!

Thank you to everyone for the support of our extra-curricular programs this past year. Without volunteers like all of you this is not possible. Don't forget to get those physicals this summer so we are ready to begin the 2019-20 school year. You cannot practice unless you have a current physical. Softball, baseball and cross country will begin in the fall before school starts so please take care of that this summer! Thank you and have a great summer and see you in the fall.

## 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](mailto: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!

## Reminder: Save the Monarchs

Last week a monarch information sheet was sent home with students to inform parents of the need to save these butterflies. Each year St. Mary's School adopts an endangered species from the World Wildlife Fund. This year the monarch, a local resident, was chosen. The adoption fee is \$55.00. So far, we have collected about half that amount. We have requested a \$1.00 donation from each family. Please donate. Previous adoptees are showcased in a cabinet in the junior high hallway.

## Scrip

The LAST scrip order for this school year will be submitted on Monday, 5/13. Delivery will be on Thursday, 5/16. Monday, 5/13 is also a special promotion "Thanks-scriping Day". Extra rebates available on many retailers!!

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## Lessons for a Lifetime

### **WE INVITE YOU TO OUR MULTI-AGE CLASSROOM FORUM**

**Monday, May 13, 2019**

**St. Mary's School Gym**

**6:00-7:30 pm**

Moderator will be Jerry Sanderson,  
Associate Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese

Guest Speakers will be:

- Anita Kobilek, Principal, Holy Cross School, Mendota
- Sarah Motter, Teacher and Parent, Holy Cross School, Mendota
- Pat Cwiak, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher with 5-years experience in Catholic Schools with multi-age classrooms

This is a forum to gain information, lessen anxiety and for directional thinking.

There will be time to ask questions.

We also welcome questions in advance. They can be directed to Mr. Koehler, Principal, by calling

the school at 309-367-2528.