



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

135+ Years of Tradition

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Events

Dec. 3: Boys BB vs Peoria Quest at 5:00
Dec. 11: Boys BB vs Pleasant Valley at 5:00
Dec. 13: Boys BB vs Robein at 5:00m
Dec. 14: *End of 2nd Quarter*
Dec. 17: *Christmas Concert at 7pm*
Dec. 18: Boys BB vs Hollis at 5:00
Dec. 19: Boys BB at St. Jude at 5:00
Dec. 21: *11:30 Dismissal Report cards go home*
Dec. 24-Jan. 4: *Christmas Break*
Dec. 27 -29: Boys BB tournament at St. Thomas
Jan. 7: *School resumes*
Boys BB at S. Pekim at 5:00
Jan. 8 : Boys BB vs Bartonville at 5:00
Jan. 10: Boys BB at St. Pat's at 5:00
Jan. 14: Boys BB vs Midland at 5:00
Jan. 15: Boys BB (8th grade only) vs Holy Family at 5:00
Jan. 17: Boys BB vs L -W at 5

The E-Falcon Newsletter

Auction Person Needed

We are in need of someone to chair the St. Mary's Auction that will be happening on March 9. Training is available. Please call Mr. Koehler at the school if you are interested in this job or have any kind of questions. Thanks for your support!

No School Days

If there is no school due to bad weather, you will be notified a few different ways. Mr. Koehler will send out a phone message; we will notify the area TV stations and put it on the St. Mary's webpage. If Metamora High School or Metamora Grade School is out, we will be out also. The high school will decide for us in the morning and the grade school will decide for us in the afternoon. If you have any questions, please call the school.

Lourdes' Men's Club Sausage SALE ONLY

Time is running out to order sausage from the Lourdes Men's Club. If you wish to pre-order sausage - please contact Bill Kessler at [309-645-7795](tel:309-645-7795) Last day to pre-order sausage is December 2nd. Pick is December 9 from 7:00am-12:00pm Sausage is \$2.50 per pound (Bulk or Link)

Lunch Menu

(Subject to change)

All lunches include milk (Dec. 3-7)

- ❖ Mon., Dec. 3 – Hot dog on bun, fries, peas, pear
- ❖ Tues., Dec. 4 – Pizza boats, corn, fruit mix
- ❖ Wed., Dec. 5 – Chicken nuggets, mashed potato & gravy, green beans, applesauce
- ❖ Thurs., Dec. 6 – Hamburger on bun, potato smiles, carrots, peaches
- ❖ Fri., Dec. 7 – Grilled cheese, tomato soup, Fritos, mandarin oranges

Sports Update

Bowling: Four people have signed up for our bowling team this year-Anna, Jay, Madison and Cody. Practice will begin in January on Fridays after school.

Volleyball: Volleyball practice began this week right after school until 5:30. We will practice Monday through Thursday until break and then at that time we will practice at the high school during our Christmas break. Our first matches will be Sat. Jan. 5 before we return from break so very important that your daughter attend as we will be on a big court and we put our offense in place. The schedule will be sent home as soon as there is confirmation from the high school.

Archery: Archery practice starts Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 6:50AM at Metamora High School. Please let Mrs. Cowling know if you plan to attend.

Christmas Program

This year's program The Not-So-Silent Night will take place on Monday, December 17, beginning at 7pm in the Metamora High School auditorium for Preschool through fifth grades. Please join us as shepherds from the Bethlehem hillside are arrested for disturbing the peace as they announce the birth of Jesus. Miss Nosealot, the town busybody and Dr. Sigmund Fruitcake, an expert on angelic delusions, testify against the shepherds with Dr. Fruitcake declaring them to be "a few camels short of a full caravan". But take heart – the defense will present their "star" witnesses, the three Wise Men, who will testify on behalf of the shepherd and their claims of a Savior's birth. Finally, Judge Judy Anna will make her decision - will the shepherds go to jail or go back to watching their sheep?

More information, including a permission form to ride a bus to the daytime rehearsal, will follow in early December.

Busy Fifth Graders

Our fifth grade class has been keeping busy as usual. We have come to the end of our long plant unit and the class did an excellent job with all our experiments and projects! We are now moving into Weather and Climate. In social studies, we have now made it through the early European explorers and starting to examine the first colonies that will lead into the development of the United States of America. In math, we are now working with fractions! We will be adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing fractions, so fractions with our topic for the next few weeks. In religion, we are examining the seven sacraments and the signs and symbols we use to help us recognize how we can grow closer to Jesus Christ through these gifts of the church. In reading, we are continuing on with the Tale of Despereaux and looking at how Kate DiCamillo uses different literary skills to develop a fun and engaging tale of mice, rats, and royalty. In addition to our novel studies, we are also working with our Greek and Latin roots to help both expand our vocabulary as well as developing the skills to decipher unknown words. In language arts, we have completed our first paper, which was a personal narrative and we are already moving into our second paper, our D.A.R.E. essay. On the topic of D.A.R.E., our class will have their graduation ceremony December 18, 2018! All are welcome to come. Overall, our class is working hard and growing with each passing day!

Third Grade CSI Agents

We were honored to have a special guest in our third grade classroom last week, Mrs. Yeagle, a.k.a., CSI Mom! LOL! She was SO cool to instruct our students with experiments involving DNA and strawberries! The kiddos extracted DNA from strawberries and the kids thought this was the BEST experiment EVER! I especially enjoyed how Mrs. Yeagle brought her knowledge of science into several of the stories the third graders have read this year! That was just FABULOUS! The children were talking about their science experience the next day and how everything they were touching had “their” DNA on it! Pretty neat! Thank you for sharing your talents with our class, Mrs. Yeagle!!!!!!

Second Grade News

During the month of November second grade has been learning about the first Thanksgiving by taking virtual tours of the Mayflower, the Pilgrims’ Plymouth Plantation in Massachusetts, and a Wampanoag Indian village.

Breakfast With Santa

The GFWC Illinois Metamora-Germantown Hills Junior Woman's Club would like to invite you to our 46th Annual Breakfast with Santa, to be held on Saturday, December 1, from 9-11a.m. at the Metamora Grade School. We hope that you will join us this year for all the fun. Doors will open at 8:45 a.m., with Santa arriving at 9 a.m. The morning will include a visit from Santa, be sure to bring your camera if you would like a photo. Children may visit Elf Stations where they can participate in several craft projects. There will an exciting raffle with something for everyone. Door prizes will be given away every 15 minutes. In the kitchen, we will be serving donuts, bagels, milk, juice, and coffee until 10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$4 in advance and \$5 at the door. Tickets may also be purchased at CVS Pharmacy and Heartland Bank in Metamora beginning November 1, or through club members.

All proceeds will benefit local charities and community needs. We look forward to seeing you there!

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You are Cordially Invited.....

To celebrate your marriage on Feb. 16, 2019 from 2-9 at St. Mary of Lourdes Hall. Your \$25 ticket includes short talks, reflections, Mass, vow renewal, dinner catered by Barracks Catering and a DJ dance. Reservations and more information will be available in January.