



# ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

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## Upcoming Events

**Nov. 9:** Boys BB at Parkview at 5:00

**Nov. 11** Girls BB vs Peoria Christian at 10:00

**Nov. 13:** Girls BB at Fieldcrest at 4:30

Boys BB at Pleasant Hill at 5:00

**Nov. 14:** Girls BB vs Mossville at 5:00

**Nov. 15:** Boys BB at St. Thomas at 5:00

**Nov. 16:** Girls BB (8<sup>th</sup> grade night) at 4:30 vs Beverly Manor

**Nov. 17: *Midterms***

**Nov. 18:** Girls BB 7<sup>th</sup> grade regionals start  
Boys BB vs Cuba at 10:00

**Nov. 21:** Boys BB vs Blessed Sacrament at 5:30

**Nov. 22: *No School – Teachers in-service***

**Nov. 23 & 24: *No School - Thanksgiving***

**Nov. 27:** Girls BB 8<sup>th</sup> grade regionals start

**Nov. 28:** Boys BB vs St. Mark's at 5:30

**Nov. 29:** Girls BB 7<sup>th</sup> grade sectionals start

## The E-Falcon Newsletter

### Chess Practice

Did you know Saint Mary's seventh grade chess members are the IESA second place champions? Let's work hard to place at State again this year! Chess practices will be held on Wednesday and Friday mornings at 7:30 AM in Mrs. Eckstein's room. They will begin Wed., Nov. 15. Chess practice is open to 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. If you have any questions, please ask Mrs. Eckstein at [ecksteina@stmfalcons.com](mailto:ecksteina@stmfalcons.com)

### Sausage Sale

St. Mary of Lourdes' Men's Club (will be holding their Sausage Sale. Orders may be placed with Bill Kessler at [309-645-7795](tel:309-645-7795). The last day to order is December 3, 2017. The sausage is \$2.50/pound (bulk or link). Orders are to be picked up at St. Mary of Lourdes on December 10 between 7am and 12pm, noon.

### Gift Binder

It's that time of the year again to start thinking about Christmas gifts. If you are interested in purchasing gifts for the staff at St. Mary's and need ideas, there is a gift binder in Mrs. Harper's office that the staff has filled out. Please come in and check it out to find out interest, etc.

## Lunch Menu

(Subject to change)

All lunches include milk Nov. 13-17)

- ❖ Mon., Nov. 13 – Chicken nuggets, fries, pears, applesauce
- ❖ Tues., Nov. 14 – Spaghetti mac, garlic bread, peaches
- ❖ Wed., Nov. 15 – Biscuits & gravy, sausage patty, hash browns, tropical fruit
- ❖ Thurs., Nov. 16 – Thanksgiving Dinner – Turkey or ham slices (choice), mashed potatoes & gravy, sweet potatoes, roll, dessert
- ❖ Fri., Nov. 17 – Cheese pizza boat, corn, fruit mix

## Sports Update:

**BB:** Competition continues with our co-op with Riverview – boys and Metamora Grade – girls. If you enjoy basketball, consider taking in a game or two and watch our boys, girls, and cheerleaders in action. Don't forget 8<sup>th</sup> grade night for girls on Nov. 16 at Metamora Grade. Stephanie Spradlin and her parents will be honored at their last home game of the season. Check out the schedules on our website.

**HELP:** Moms out there do you have a free morning to help clean our trophy cases. Let Mrs. Cowling know and she will supply all the materials. Thanks in advance.

## Visitors from Jerusalem

We had some very special guests this past week. Jessi and Josh Spencer, who live in Indiana, spent two weeks in Jerusalem and were gracious enough to spend a morning with our students discussing their amazing trip. They had so many fantastic pictures and stories! Our students got to see pictures of where Jesus was born, where Mary lived and where Jesus walked on water! What a cool way to connect with our faith! Many thanks to Mrs. Clem for asking Jessi and Josh to visit.

## First Grade Fun!

The first grade kiddos are learning all about consonant blends. It's a tricky skill to learn how to take two consonant sounds and blend them together to make one sound. What's the best way to make that fun? Bring in a blender! Just like the blender turns two flavors of ice cream into one new, yummy flavor, the first grades kids can now turn those two sounds into one and read all those words that contain consonant blends!

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraiser

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class is selling Krispy Kreme Donuts to help raise money for their 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip in the Spring. Please see the attached order form that can be turned into the school office by Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> or find an 8<sup>th</sup> grader to place your order! Cost is \$8 per dozen and delivery will be Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance!

## Athletic Boosters

Join us at Kouri's in Germantown Hills from 5pm-9pm on Thursday, November 16. 10% of your check will go to St. Mary's Athletic Boosters. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

## Scrip

The next scrip order will be due by 9am on Monday, 11/13 and will be sent home on Thursday, 11/16. We will also have scrip available at the Vendor Fair on Saturday, 11/18. Come visit our table and learn all about it! Time to get ready for Black Friday!

## Service Outreach for Snyder Village

The 8<sup>th</sup> graders at St. Mary's School are working with Snyder Village this year as part of their service outreach. In November, they visited with residents in Assisted Living, and in December, they will join the Health Center residents for their Christmas party. As part of this service, the students are holding a gift drive for Snyder Village residents and invite all school families and parishioners to donate items that can be used as "stocking stuffers" for resident gifts. Cash donations are also welcome (Make check payable to Snyder Village, and write "HC Christmas" in the memo line.)

### **Snyder Village Resident Gift Drive**

Scented Lotion/hand cream, Scented body wash (they love Bath and Body), Dove body wash, Bracelets, Watches, Diabetic socks, Christmas ornaments, Small decorative figurines, Small box of chocolates, Full-size candy bar, Hershey's miniatures, Little Debbie Snacks, Sugar-free candy, Puzzle books – crossword and word find (large print), Scentsy buddies, Notepads, Christmas gift bags (small & medium size), Christmas tissue paper.

The gift drive will incorporate a Jeans/Spirit Wear Day for all St. Mary's students on Tuesday, Nov. 21. Students should bring one of the items mentioned above or a monetary donation of \$1.00. Thank you for your support.