



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

135+ Years of Tradition

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Upcoming Events

Oct. 19: 11:30

**Dismissal – P/T
conferences**

Girls BB at
Germantown at 4:30

**Oct. 20: No School-
P/T conferences**

Oct. 23: girls BB vs
Pekin at 4:30

Oct. 24: Girls BB a
Washington Middle at
6:00

**Oct. 31: Halloween
parties at 2:00**

Nov. 1: Boys BB at
Robein at 4:15

Nov. 2: Boys BB at
Robein at 6:45

Nov. 2: Girls BB vs
Tremont at 4:30

Nov. 3: Boys BB at
Robein at 4:15

Nov. 4: Girls BB at
Brimfield at 10:00

Nov. 6: Girls BB vs
Dunlap Middle at 4:30

Nov. 7: Girls BB at
Dunlap Valley at 4:15
Boys BB vs Norwood
at 4:15

Nov. 8: Girls BB at
Illini Bluffs at 4:30

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

The E-Falcon Newsletter

Calling Your Student In

Please call the school office at 367-2528 at the beginning of day if arrangements are to change for your child. This will allow us time to contact all involved and assure all goes smoothly. Also, if your pick up arrangements change, this needs to be called in before 2:30. We may not always be able to get the message to your child in a short period. Calling into the office and not sending an email is better communication. Thank you for your cooperation.

St. Mary's Honor for 1st Quarter

Congratulations to the following students on making the honor roll for the 1st quarter. High Honors - 8th Grade: Sophie Adams, Emily Cronkhite, Rachel Fisher and, Collin Grebner. 7th Grade: Ben Eckstein. 6th Grade: Bayleigh Matthews. St. Mary's Honors: 8th Grade: Addison Crowley, Abigail Doyle, and Emma Noe. 6th Grade: Jay Fitzgibbons, McKenzie Jordan, and Josh Tobben. 6th Grade: Joey Devitt and Mackenzie Doyle

Scrip

The next scrip order is due Monday, 10/30 and will be sent home on Thursday, 11/2. Thank you!

Lunch Menu

(Subject to change)

All lunches include milk Oct. 30- Nov. 3)

- ❖ Mon., Oct. 30 – Biscuits & sausage gravy, hash brown, sausage patty, pears
- ❖ Tues., Oct. 31 – Tacos with cheese & lettuce, corn, pineapple
- ❖ Wed., Nov. 1 – Chicken nuggets, fries, carrots, peaches
- ❖ Thurs., Nov. 2 – Sloppy joes, nacho chips, peas, fruit mix
- ❖ Fri., Nov. 3 – Grilled cheese, tomato soup, applesauce

Sports Update:

Bowling: Bowling will begin in January after school on Fridays at Plaza Lanes in Washington. If you are planning to participate, Mrs. Cowling needs to know as we need to register with the IESA by Dec. 1 and pay your \$20 per bowler entry fee. Please email Mrs. Cowling at cowlinga@stmfalcons.com so she can take care of the registration. New this year is a sectional completion to qualify for state.

VB: Official volleyball practice will begin on Mon., Nov. 27 after school until 5:30. Mon-Thurs will be our normal practice days until after Christmas. During Christmas break, we will practice at the high school. It is important your child attend as we will actually practice on a regulation court. Practice over break will be Dec. 27, 28 & 29 and Jan. 2, 3, 4, & 5 with our first match Sat., Jan. 6 against Peoria Christian. Please mark your calendars now. Looking forward to an exciting season.

Picture Retake Day

School photos will go home with students today. Picture Retake Day is scheduled for November 7. Anyone who missed our original picture day or anyone who is in need of a retake, please pick up a retake form from the school office or see Mrs. DuBois. Students who are getting pictures taken on the 7th may be dressed out of uniform for the picture only, so be sure to have a uniform to change into after pictures are taken.

Halloween Parties

Parties for Halloween will start 2:00 on Oct. 31. Only students in grades PreK – 4 will be allowed to dress for Halloween. Students should come to school in uniform clothing and change before the parade that will start at 1:30. Only room parents will be allowed to be in classroom during the party unless other arrangements have been made. Thank you for your cooperation.

8th Grade Fundraiser

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

Student Council Jean Day

A jeans day will be held on Friday, Oct. 27, for breast cancer awareness. Students will be asked to wear a pink or white shirt with their jeans. If you would like a pink armband, please see Addison Crowley in 8th grade. Every student is asked to bring \$1, which will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

The Tell-Tale Heart Mock Trial

We hope you will be able to join us the morning of Halloween at 9:00 as our middle school students decide the fate of the “murderer” of The Tell-Tale Heart by Edgar Allen Poe. The eighth grade students will be our Defense Team working on getting our murderer, Abi Doyle, off with an “insanity plea.” The seventh grade students will be our Prosecution Team, trying to get the Abi convicted. The sixth grade students will create a police report to be admitted as evidence during the trial proceedings, and also play the roles of the detectives and witnesses of the crime. The fifth grade class will be our impartial jury that will observe the trial and make a decision for our defendant. Other roles that have been taken are:

Judges: Jack Behringer, Mackenzie Doyle, and Gabe Schmitz

Bailiff: Bayleigh Matthews

Court Reporter: Ellie Randall

Defendant: Abi Doyle

More roles will be decided through the week as we prepare our defense strategy and our prosecution strategy. We hope you will be able to join us!

Fantastic Fourth

This group of fourth graders is so eager to learn! They dive into anything we are discussing or working on. Religion classes have included Creation, the study of “Our Father,” God’s Plan for Salvation, Our Call to Obey, and Celebrating Ordinary Time. We have all enjoyed Father Greg stopping in to talk to us about various topics. The Spanish classes have resulted in their reciting “Hail Mary” in Spanish and currently learning “Glory Be”. We hope to commemorate All Saints Day November 1. They are playing their recorders very well, playing Flicker in PE, and doing some cartooning in Art Class.

Right now in math, they are discovering factors and common factors, in ELA they are researching and writing about an animal, and in Reading, they are in the middle of learning about Henry Thoreau’s adventure at Walden Pond in Henry David’s House and The Fledgling. Previously, they read Winn-Dixie and then wrote an essay about a pet, then listened to Cricket in Times Square, about a boy, Mario and Chester, the Cricket, who made a trip to Chinatown. We wrapped that up with a presentation by Henry Behringer about his 3 years in China with his family.

They are interested in Life Science right now, examining: macroinvertebrates from the healthy pond at Camp Tapawingo, insects, leaves, trees, seeds, and they are bringing rocks in too, for Earth Science later this year. Social Studies has led them to study the rivers of America, then focus on the Nashua River in Massachusetts, which has returned from heavy pollution, to a healthy river, thanks to the Clean Water Act. This led to discussion about local government and agencies and the students’ duties as citizens. We are looking forward to an exciting remainder of the year.

Third Grade News

Hola! The terrific third grade students in Mrs. Reb’s class have been learning about the Spanish language and culture! They know how to recite The Sign of the Cross extremely well and are diligently working on Hail Mary in Spanish. The students know numbers 1-30 and color words in sentences. Pretty impressive! The youngsters can recognize the Mexican Anthem and have an appreciation for Mexican music. They soon will be learning about Dia de Los Muertos, The Day of the Dead, which is a hugely popular holiday celebrated on November 1st of each year in Mexico. This is to honor and acknowledge loved ones that have passed away and is a day in remembrance of them. Students will be creating artwork to coincide with the celebration to decorate our classroom.