

Upcoming Events

Oct. 29: School Picture

Retake Day

Oct. 30: Halloween

parties at 10:00

Nov. 2: National

Vocation Awareness

PTO Meeting

Nov. 5: 11:30 Dismissal

Parent/Teacher

Conference

Nov. 6: No School

Parent/Teacher

Conference

Nov. 20: Midterms

Nov. 25 – 27: No school

Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 29: First Sunday of

Advent

Dec. 8: School Mass

Feast of Immaculate

Conception

Dec. 1: End of 2nd

Quarter

Dec. 18: Christmas

parties at 10:00

Dec. 21 – Jan 1 : No

School - Christmas

break

The E-Falcon Newsletter

Oct. 29, 2020

2020-21 School Year Honor Roll

1st Quarter High Honors: 8th Grade - Isabelle Adams, Cora Huss and Abrianna Schertz. 7th Grade - Tommy Casey, Ben Cronkhite, Sam Eckstein, Cody Lamkin, and Kinsey Shiverdecker. 6th Grade - Aubrey Huss, Ethan Montgomery, Ethan Stone. **1st Quarter Honors** - 8th Grade - Noah Adams, Emma Berta, Noelle Jones, and Sierra Spradlin. 7th Grade - Javonne Chance, Claire Noe and Erika Schierer. 6th Grade- Ava Jones. Congratulations!

Cold Weather Reminders and Recess

With the cold weather upon us, St. Mary's School would like to remind parents about the expectations for winter appeal and recess. It is our attempt to go outside for recess as much as we can without jeopardizing our student's health or safety. All student's grades K-8, winter coats, gloves or mittens, and something covering their heads are important. If we get accumulated snow, students will need to have snowsuits/pants also the play in the snow. Thank you for your cooperation.

Daylight Savings time Ends

Don't forget to set clocks back an hour on Saturday night. Get one more hour of sleep....nice!

Lunch Menu

(Subject to change)

All lunches include milk (Nov. 2-6)

- ❖ Mon., Nov. 2 – Hot dog on bun, fries, carrots, mixed fruit
- ❖ Tues., Nov. 3 – Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, green bean, slushie
- ❖ Wed., Nov. 4 - Grilled cheese, tomato soup, Goldfish crackers, mandarin oranges
- ❖ Thurs., Nov. 5 – No lunch -11:30 Dismissal – P/T Conferences
- ❖ Fri., Nov. 6 – NO school – P/T conferences

(Nov. 9-13)

- ❖ Mon., Nov. 9 – Corn dog, chips, green beans, mixed berries
- ❖ Tues., Nov. 10 – Cheese pizza, carrots, peaches
- ❖ Wed., Nov. 11 – Chicken nuggets, fries, peas, applesauce
- ❖ Thur., Nov. 12 - Chicken noodle soup, turkey and cheese sandwich, slushie
- ❖ Fri., Nov. 13 –11:30 Dismissal

PTO Meeting

PTO will hold a virtual meeting on Monday, November 2 at 7pm.

Virtual Teams Meeting Link:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NjRjZDRlOGUtNjcyZC00OWE0LWlxYTEtODZlZjJmNmNlODI1%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22ceb177bf-013b-49ab-8a9c-4abce32afc1e%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%227f62709a-7e87-4f8c-8ea2-8f5456a0983e%22%7d

Landscape Clean up

Calling all parents! Our final raking, weeding, and trimming for the year will take place on Fri., Nov. 6 from 8-12. Mask and social distancing will take place during this event. Bring your own mask, gloves, rakes, and trimmers for this work. Many hands will make quick work of our landscape and keep the grounds looking good. Thank you for volunteering. If you plan on helping, please send Mrs. Cowling a quick email or text so she knows how to plan cowlinga@stmfalcons.com or 251-7431.

VB Open Gym

Volleyball open gyms will take place Nov. 2 through Dec. 18. The IESA is allowing us to have 15 contact days during this time. The gym times will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. A calendar will be coming out soon, so ask your daughter for this information. Practice will officially begin on Mon. Jan. 11, 2021 and games may begin on Sat., Jan. 23, 2021.

Halloween classroom party's reminder:

Halloween parties are always an exciting time for our children at St. Mary's School. With this year's COVID 19 restrictions and our school attempt to keep as much normalcy to our day as possible, our student council has selected a *non-uniform theme* of orange or black shirts with Halloween logo and jeans, or any STM logo shirt with jeans. Here are couple of reminders for Friday, October 30th: K-4 students will arrive at school in their non-uniform attire, and then teachers will allow them time to change into Halloween costumes, nothing elaborate or gory due to spacing concerns. *However*, we are not allowing costume masks, head covers, helmets, etc., due to masking requirements.

Grades 5-8 students will have a non-uniform day following the guidelines of our casual dress code. Our student council has selected the *non-uniform theme* of orange or black shirts with Halloween logo and jeans, or any STM logo shirt with jeans.

All classroom party treats should be commercially prepared and individually packaged.

Teachers can put together a few Halloween specific games or activities keeping social distancing a priority.

Classroom teachers may select a starting time for their parties/activities, however no party may start before 10:00am.

No parents/guardians will be allowed in the classrooms or hallways.

School will dismiss at 11:30am, including Pre-K.

Pre-K families should check *Kinderlime* for messages and guidance, from Ms. Pantages, for Pre-K Halloween activities.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep our children safe in these uncertain times.

FYI

In case you were wondering.... St. Mary's **WILL be in session** on Tuesday, Nov. 3. Metamora high school and grade school will be out but we will have school.

What's Happening in Physical Education Class

Disc Golf has been added to the curriculum this year. Thank you to MTHS in allowing us to use their baskets and then we purchased disc. Also, thank you to the Huss family as a friend of theirs donated 23 disc. We are learning the art of throwing a disc as it is so different then throwing a Frisbee. There are three different types of disc and a specific use for each driver, mid-range, and putter. This is a great way to enjoy the outdoors in all types of weather and anyone can play with a minimal amount of equipment. We have several local courses to test your skill. Black Partridge Park has one basket, ICC has a course, and McNaughton Park in Pekin are just a few to try.

Alex Schmitt got our first ace on Wednesday. Congratulations Alex!

Need a Pie or Two for Thanksgiving?

St. Mary's homemade pies will be available for purchase. Pie baking will take place on Tues., Nov 24 and pick up on Wed., Nov. 25 just in time for Thanksgiving. Watch for orders forms in next week's bulletins and newsletter. Thank you for your continued support for St. Mary's School.

Please sure to check your email for the parent/teacher conference sign-up! It was sent out yesterday afternoon.

St Mary's PTO

Monday, April 27

7pm

Virtual Meeting

AGENDA

- Opening Prayer
- Secretary Report
 - Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
- Principal Koehler Report
- Treasurer's Report
 - Quick Overview of ins/outs
 - Budget Update/Status
 - Budget for Next Year Discussion
- Old Business
- New Business
 - Committee Updates
 - Yearbook
 - Teacher Appreciation
 - Scrip
 - Old Settler's Food Tent
 - Voting for Secretary and Treasurer
 - Garage Sale
 - Back to School Cookout
 - Other new business
- Calendar Review Upcoming Dates
- Closing Prayer