



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

135+ Years of Tradition

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Oct. 4, 2018

Events

Oct. 6: CC Sectional

Oct. 8: *No School –*

Columbus Day

Oct. 9: *No School*

Teachers Inservice

Oct. 12: *End of 1st*

Quarter

Oct. 13: CC State

Oct. 19: *Report Cards*

go home

Oct. 20 *Trunk n Treat*

Oct. 23: *Picture retake*

day

Oct. 25: *11:30*

Dismissal Parent

Teacher Conferences

1:00-7:00

Oct. 26: *No School*

Parent Teacher

Conferences 9-12

Oct. 23: *Picture Retake*

day

Oct. 31: *Halloween*

parties – 2:00

Nov. 11: *Midterms*

Nov. 21-23:

Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 17: *Christmas*

Concert at 7pm

The E-Falcon Newsletter

8th Grade Trivia Night

The 8th grade class at St. Mary's is fundraising to help with graduation activities later in the school year. They would like to invite you to join them on November 17th for a night full of fellowship and fun as teams compete against each other in an epic Trivia battle. More details and sign up information can be found at www.stmfalcontrivia.weebly.com

No School

Please mark your calendar that there will be no school on Monday, Oct 8 for Columbus Day, and Tuesday, Oct., 9 for Diocesan teachers inservice. Also there will be an 11:30 dismissal on Thursday, Oct. 25 and no school on Friday Oct. 26 due to Parent/Teacher conferences.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

This week, parent/teacher conference sheets went home with the youngest/only child in the family for students in K-8. Check with your child to see the time that is scheduled for you to meet with their teacher. Please return the sheet by Oct. 12 so that we can finalize the times. Thank you.

Lunch Menu

(Subject to change)

All lunches include milk (Oct. 8-12)

- ❖ Mon., Oct. 8 – No School – Columbus Day
- ❖ Tues., Oct. 9 – No School – Teacher’s Inservice
- ❖ Wed., Oct. 10 – Corn dogs, potato smiles, carrot sticks, pears
- ❖ Thurs., Oct. 11 – Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes w/ gravy. Green beans, peaches
- ❖ Fri., Oct. 12 – Tuna fish sand, peas, pudding

Junior High Math and Religion

In sixth grade, students are learning about horizontal and vertical number lines, they will expand this understanding to include negative numbers on the number line and in real life. Seventh graders have been working hard understanding adding and subtracting negative numbers and will learn how to multiply and divide negative numbers. They begin each new integer task with a number line. They move Lego people on the number line to represent adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing. Algebra class is finishing up their chapter on writing and graphing linear equations and will next be working on linear inequalities. Pre-Algebra is working on understanding numbers in Scientific Notation, transforming numbers from Standard Notation to Scientific Notation, adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing numbers in scientific notation.

In religion class, the entire Junior High will be working on gaining a deeper understanding of the Mysteries of the Rosary, during this Month of the Rosary, by praying a Scriptural Rosary each week.

BOOKIT

The Bookit Program reading incentive program started for students in grades K-6 on Oct. 1 and run through March 31. Teachers set a monthly goal for each student in the class to read a certain amount of books. When the student has met the monthly goal they will earn a certificate for a free personal pan izza from Pizza Hut. Students can take the certificate to a participating Pizza Hut where they are given a free one-topping pizza. On the first visit, students are recognized with a one-topping personal pan pizza. Good luck earning your certificates and free pizzas!!!!

Trunk or Treat 2018

Please join us on Saturday, October 20th for St. Mary's Trunk or Treat activity. The evening will be full of games, a meal and of course Trunk or Treating. A gourmet bbq and hotdogs meal is available from 5-7 in the cafeteria for a small fee, and Trunk or Treating will take place from 5:30 to 6:30 behind the school. Everyone is invited old, young, ghost and ghouls with trunks being decorated in any theme from Halloween to Fall Harvest to Sports Teams, etc... Setup is allowed to start any time after 4:30, but please don't setup prior to this to avoid confusion with the parking for 4pm mass. Additionally this year there will be inflatables and other games as well for the kids. Open to St. Mary's and the community. Questions please contact PTO officers or the school.

Saintly Kindergarten

The kindergarten kiddos started the month of October off right by learning about the many saints that fill the last week of September and the first week of October. They began with St. Therese and learned all about her "little way" to heaven (which was perfect for them, because they're little too!). They were excited to know that the little things they do for each other every day can help them grow in love for Jesus. Then they learned about powerful St. Michael and the other guardian angels that protect them. They made a St. Michael shield and began learning the prayer to St. Michael. St. Francis was another great saint they learned about this past week. He was extra special because he is the patron saint of the kindergarten room (maybe because it's the monkey room?). The kiddos learned all about his love for all of God's creation and his beautiful, peaceful life. Lastly, they honored Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary. They made a special little ten-bead rosary (maybe to use as sacrifice beads like St. Therese) and they made an edible rosary from chocolate chips and marshmallows! Yum! What a great way to begin the month of the rosary! I think our kinder kids are well on their way to becoming little saints!

8th grade Pork Chop Fundraiser

The 8th grade class of St. Mary's School is will be hosting a Pork Chop Sandwich Sale this Friday, October 5 from 4-7 pm and Saturday, October 6 from 10-2 at the Metamora IGA. Funds raised from this event will go towards end of the year activities for the graduating class of 2019. Thank you in advance for your support.

A Big Thank You

Student Council would like to thank Ken and Judy Eckstein for providing the trailer for the St. Mary's float in last Friday's parade and Metamora Motors for pulling the trailer. We would also like to thank Cathy Burnett for all of her help with the float. In addition a big thank you to all of the St. Mary's families who donated candy which was given out at the parade.

Saturday, September 29th, the Student Council raised over \$130 from the Craft Sale. Thanks to the many families who donated baked goods and also to Anna Schnetzler and Bayleigh Matthews who worked the table.

General Mills Box Tops for Education

Turn in any box tops that you may have at home in the next couple of weeks. We will be sending them in soon. Keep saving after that and turn in throughout the year for the next send in date. Thanks to all who save these for our school. It is greatly appreciated.

Author Visit at the Illinois Prairie District Public Library

Author and illustrator Donna Carr Roberts will be visiting our local libraries on Tuesday, October 9. She will be at the Metamora Branch at 11:00, the Roanoke Branch at 1:00, and the Germantown Hills Branch at 4:00. Her book, *The Adventures of Mr. Fuzzy Ears*, is about a former shelter dog who is looking for a furry friend. All of the proceeds of this book benefit the Peoria Humane Society. Come meet Mrs. Roberts and hear all about this sweet dog's adventures in Peoria.

Sports Update

Boys Basketball: Boys basketball is having a parent meeting Thur., Oct. 4, 2018 at Riverview at 6:00 pm. All boys planning on playing basketball are encouraged to have a parent present. Players are also welcome. If you are unable to attend, Amy Eckstein is attending and will be picking up all the information.