



# ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

135+ Years of Tradition

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## Upcoming

**Dec. 9:** Boys BB vs Peoria Quest at 5:00  
**Dec. 11:** Boys BB at St. Thomas at 5:00  
**Dec. 12:** Boys BB at Pleasant Hills at 4:30  
**Dec. 13:** *End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter*  
**Dec. 16:** *Christmas Concert*  
**Dec. 16:** Boys BB vs St. Jude at 5:00  
**Dec. 20:** *11:30 Dismissal with Christmas parties at 10:00 and students be able to have non-uniform day.*  
**Dec. 23-Jan. 3:** *Christmas Break*  
**Jan. 7:** Boys BB at Hollis at 5:00  
**Jan. 8:** Boys BB vs Roanoke-Benson at 5:00  
**Jan. 9:** VB at Blessed Sacrament at 5:30  
**Jan. 11:** VB at Peoria Christian at 10:30  
**Jan. 13:** Boys BB vs S.Pekin at 5:00  
*PTO Meeting at 7pm*  
**Jan. 14:** Boys BB at Bartonville at 5:00  
**Jan. 15:** Boys BB (8<sup>th</sup> grade night) vs St. Pat's at 5:00  
**Jan. 20:** *No School MLK*

## The E-Falcon Newsletter

Dec. 5, 2019

### Welcome Our New Families

Since the start of school, we have had several new students and would like to welcome them and their families to St. Mary's. Aidan(7) & Dayton(5) Miller and their parents Stephen & Tamera; Alice (K) Jackson and her Mom, Candice, Drew(6) Buss and his parents Dave & Sarah; and Noelle(7) & Ava (5) Jones, Cassidy (2) Feeney and their parents Ryan & Stephanie. Please take the time to reach out to these new families.

### School Financial Support

Thank you for your prayerful consideration regarding financial support to the future of Catholic Education at St. Mary's School. So far, over \$33,000 has been gifted or pledged. Please submit your gift or *pledge* by December 31, 2019.

### Upcoming SMAC Meetings

The following is a list of the upcoming SMAC meeting so that you can get them on your calendars. These will all be in the school cafeteria. All are welcome to come and join any committee or just listen! Spread the word!

Thursday, December 12th @ 6pm

Tuesday, January 14th @ 6pm

Thursday, February 6th @ 6pm

## Lunch Menu

(Subject to change)

All lunches include milk (Dec. 9-13)

- ❖ Mon., Dec. 9 – Chicken fillet sandwich, Fritos, green beans
- ❖ Tues., Dec. 10 – Corn dog, fries, peas, pineapple
- ❖ Wed., Dec. 11 – Cheeseburger on bun, baked beans, corn, applesauce
- ❖ Thurs., Dec. 12 – Spaghetti, garlic bread, mixed fruit, cheese sticks
- ❖ Fri. Dec. 13 – Pancakes, tator tots, mixed berries

## Sports Update

**Boys BB:** Please mark Thurs., Jan. 16, 2020 on your calendar as this is 8<sup>th</sup> grade night as we celebrate our two 8<sup>th</sup> grade players along with their parents.

**Girls Volleyball:** PARENT/PLAYER MEETING THURS., Dec. 12, 2019 at 5:15!

Practice began this week as we practice Monday through Thursday during the month of December when school is in session until 5:30. During break, we will practice at MTHS with days and time TBD. It is important that your daughter attend as we will be practicing on an official sized court and we put our defense and offense in place. Thank you for all our time and effort that goes into our season. Games will begin on Wed., Jan. 9, 2020 at Morton Blessed Sacrament. GO LADY FALCONS!

**4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade Boys Basketball:** For those boys who want to play on 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball team, there will be a mandatory parent meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 6:00pm in the Riverview gym. There will be information on practices and games and the coaches will be introduced.

## Early Dismissal/Bus Schedule/Non Uniform Day

There will be an 11:30 dismissal on Dec. 20. Since MTHS and MGS are also out early, there will be the usual scheduled bus transportation on that day. Although since it is a half day, we will have no After Care.

Dec. 20 will also be non-uniform day with students able to wear Christmas attire. No leggings or tight fitting clothing. Please see handbook or call the school if you have questions.

## Uniforms

If anyone has shirts or pants that your child has outgrown that they would like to donate to the uniform rack in the cafeteria, please send them to school. We are especially in need of sizes 8 & 10. Thank you!

## End of Quarter

Don't forget the end of the quarter will be on December 13. All assignments must be turned in to the teacher by the end of the day. Report cards will go home with students on Friday, Dec. 20.

## Kris Kringle Starts Soon

Kris Kringle will be starting the week of Dec. 18 for K-8 and names will be drawn next Friday. Kris Kringle gift exchange this year will be as follows: Monday – Desk decoration, Tuesday – Christmas card, Wednesday - bookmark, Thursday – cookie and Friday - candy bar, which will be given at the assembly. Each day each student will bring the designated item with a clue as to their identity such as the color of eyes or hair, boy or girl, older or younger, etc. but don't give good clues so that the person has to really think about your identity. It is suggested that all items be homemade. Please mark the name of the child (that the gift is going to) on the item. The clue can be written on the tag that identifies the child that they have. The items will secretly be placed in a box outside then classroom door. If for some reason your child cannot make it to school or will be late, please send the item to the school office so that Mrs. Harper can take care of getting it where it goes. On Friday, Dec. 22, the students will have an assembly and reveal the person who they have. It is lots of fun for all, but please don't forget your gifts each day so that the person that you have will not be left out. It is suggested that you put all the items in the child's book bag on Monday for the entire week so that they are ready. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Harper in the school office.

## Energy Fair

Students in grades 6, 7, and 8 are finishing up their note cards and beginning their research papers for their energy projects. These papers are due before Christmas break. The experimental write up begins after Christmas. The Energy Fair judging will be Jan. 24th, with classroom grading earlier in the week. There is one correction to the general info and due dates info that was sent home. On Sunday, Jan. 26th, the day of public viewing of the projects, it was requested that students arrange to have their projects taken home. Since the Confirmation retreat is that Sunday, students may take their projects home Monday, Jan. 27th.

Students in grade 5 will be working on their papers next week with Miss Boucek in class.

## FYI Information

1. Monday, January 6th **school resumes**. No AM or PM bus service. Aftercare is available.
2. **MAP testing** for grades 5-8 will be on January 8th and 9th, January 22nd and 23rd for grades K-8 will be January 13th-17th.
3. Monday, January 13 @ 7:00 PM our **PTO** will be meeting in Mrs. Eckstein's 8th grade classroom. All new parents are encourage to get involved.
4. Tuesday, January 14 @ 6:00 PM STM **S.M.A.C. Advisory Committee** will meet in the school. Highly recommended to attend.
5. Monday, January 20--**No School**--MLK Day.
6. Sunday, January 26 through Friday, January 31 STM school will be celebrating **Catholic Schools Week**.
7. **All school Rosary and Adoration** will be @ 2:15 on Friday January 10, 17, 24, 31. All parents are welcome to attend.

## Christmas Concert/How the Grinch Found Christ in Christmas: Food Donations

St. Mary's School PreK – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Christmas Concert will be held on Monday, December 16 at 7pm in the Metamora Township High School auditorium. It is fast approaching, and the entire school is getting involved!! We are so excited working on songs, on our acting, practicing our musical instruments, and Mrs. Noble and her family are working hard on costumes and little set pieces. If you want to get involved or help out in anyway, please feel free to email Mrs. Noble directly, but the best way to help out is to send in boxed food. Since our Grinch is going to need to steal Christmas (just a little bit!) he needs small boxes to put into his sack so we're asking for nonperishable boxed food that our students can wrap to look like presents and put under the tree. After the show we will be donating everything to the local food pantry. Any extras that we receive will be displayed in front of the stage or might even make a separate appearance in the show!! Students will need to be at the high school by 6:30. Come see us Monday December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00! We're so excited to share our show with you!