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The E-Falcon Newsletter

Oct. 1, 2020

Upcoming Events

Oct. 2: Sports Dress Day
Oct. 12: No School
Columbus Day
Oct. 13: No School -
Pilot E-Learning Day
Oct. 16: End of First
Quarter
Oct. 29: School Picture
Retake Day
Oct. 30: Halloween
parties at 2:00
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
Dec. 6: First Sunday of
Advent

Parent/Student Handbook

Quite a few parents have not read and sent in their signed handbook form that was due last week. All parents of K-8 students need to read and sign the form. Thank you.

St. Mary's School Parent/Student Handbook is located on the school's webpage—STMFALCONS.com. Go to parent resource tab at the top of the page, scroll down to parent's forms & resources, open handbook.

Please take time in the next few days to review the Parent/Student Handbook. We have attached a verification page that you can print and sign.

Busing

Even though Metamora Grade will be starting back to school on Monday, there will be no bus service at this time. They are still trying to figure out the schedule. We will let you know when it is available. Thanks for your patience.

Lunch Menu

(Subject to change)

All lunches include milk (Oct. 5-9)

- ❖ Mon., Oct. 5 – Corn dogs, fries, baked beans, apple sauce
- ❖ Tues., Oct. 6 – Chicken strips, mashed potatoes & gravy, celery sticks, banana
- ❖ Wed., Oct. 7 - Hamburger, chips, green beans, peaches
- ❖ Thurs., Oct. 8 - Fish sticks, tator tots, carrots, pineapple
- ❖ Fri., Oct. 2 – Early dismissal

Casual Dress Day

On Friday, Oct. 2, Student Council is sponsoring a casual dress day. Students will be allowed to wear casual clothing in exchange for \$1, which will go towards the Veterans Day meal that they host. Pick your favorite sports team and wear a shirt to support them. Below are the guidelines for casual dress.

1. *All clothing must be in good condition. No rips, tears, etc.*
2. *Shoes with a closed heel and a closed toe must be worn. No sandals, flip-flops, etc.*
3. *Jeans may be worn but they must be in good condition.*
4. *If the school is in the period of long pants only, this also applies to casual dress days.*
5. *Official St. Mary's Spirit-wear may be worn.*
6. *Clothing with logos must be in conformity with Catholic teaching. Clothing with logos antithetical to Catholic teaching will be grounds for disciplinary action.*
7. *No tank tops or other similar mini-shirts. Short-sleeved shirts are acceptable. The shirt must cover the shoulder, the midriff and upper arm. Shirts must also cover the waist even when a student is bending over to tie their shoes.*
8. *No sweatpants may be worn.*

Tardy

Students need to be at school before the church bell rings at 8:00 or they are considered tardy. Please have your students to school by 7:55am.

Sport Update

Baseball and Softball: Baseball and softball seasons are complete and we would like to take time to thank all our coaches, Mr. Clint Cronkhite, Mr. Tom Eckstein and Ben Eckstein for their time, talent and effort throughout the season. Thank you for your support to a great group of student athletes! To our 8th graders, we wish them good luck and know they will find success whatever they put their mind to with the same hard work and dedication they have shown these past years. Sports develop character, work ethic and friendships that can last a lifetime. The boys finished their season 6 - 5. If you have not turned in your uniform, please do so ASAP.

The girls finished their season 7 - 5 and making it to the regional championship game losing to Henry 5 - 1 in a well-played game. Thank you Mr. Scott Huss, Mrs. Toni Randall and Mrs. Ann Cowling for coaching this year. It was so great to see them improve and finish the season strong.

Cross Country: Our cross country team continues to work hard and drop personal times. The team consists of 5 students from St. Mary's: Tommy Casey, Cody Lamkin, Alex Schmitt, Ethan Montgomery and Ethan Stone. We co-op with Metamora Grade. Good luck with the rest of your season!

Auction News

Growing Faith and Community at the Outdoor Auction and Movie Night was a success! Families and friends gathered safely outdoors to celebrate and support St. Mary's Grade School. Because of your generosity, the two-part auction has a net profit of \$32,378 so far!

A special THANK YOU to the wonderful Auction Committee, Volunteers, and Sponsors for making these events possible! Gyr Falcon, Peregrine Falcon, and Prairie Falcon Sponsors: Marlene's Event Barn, Michael's Italian Feast, Teresa and Bernie Koch, Eric and Becky Bursott, Jill Wakefield Portraits, Mark and Julie Dubois, Doug and Suzanne Dubois, Adams Construction, and many friends of St. Mary's School!

Save the Date for Part II of "Growing Faith and Community" on Saturday, March 13, 2021! To sponsor, volunteer, or ask questions, please reach out to askstmarys@gmail.com

Logo Wear

Logowear orders were sent home with students this week. In addition, PTO graciously bought t-shirts for all the new students in PreK – 8th. Thanks PTO!

K of C Pork Sandwich Fry

Our Knights of Columbus pork chop fry is on for this Friday 10/2 from 10am to 6pm and this Saturday 10/3 from 11am to 2pm at Metamora IGA. We will be wearing masks and socially distancing as much as possible. If you are up for it, we'd love to see you. Come help us so we can help support your favorite charities!!!

Pilot E-Learning Day

On Tuesday, October 13, St. Mary's School will conduct a "pilot" Distance Learning Day in the event the school is required to go Distance Learning in the future. K-4 students will receive instructions via email to parents on their assignments and activities. Junior high students should log onto google classroom. Student will not be required to attend school in-person. In-person instruction will resume on Wednesday, October 14.

Parents are asked to create an appropriate learning environment and let the school know if you have internet connection problems or if a computer is needed for home loan.

Students will be expected to complete their work in compliance with individual classroom expectations.