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Upcoming Events

Oct. 20: Girls BB vs Germantown at 4:30
Oct. 24: Girls BB at Broadmoor at 4:30
Oct. 25: Girls BB vs Washington Middle at 4:30
Oct. 27: **Picture Retake Day**
Girls BB at Peoria Christian at 4:30
Oct. 29: **Truck or Treat**
Oct. 31: **Halloween parties at 2:00**
Nov. 1-3: Boys BB at Robein Tournament at 4:15 & 5:30
Nov. 3: **11:30 Dismissal – P/T Conferences**
Girls BB at Tremont at 5:30
Nov. 4: **No School P/T Conferences**
Nov. 5: Girls BB vs Brimfield at 10:00
Nov. 8: Girls BB vs Dunlap at 4:30
Boys BB at Norwood at 5:00
Nov. 10: Girls BB at E. Peoria Central at 4:30
Boys BB vs Parkview at 5:00
Nov. 11: **Midterms**

The E-Falcon Newsletter

Oct. 20, 2022

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent teacher conferences will be Thursday Nov. 3 from 1:00pm – 7:00pm and Friday, Nov. 4 from 9:00am - 11:45pm. Please remember that if you have multiple children in school, you need to sign up for each child's teacher. An email was sent out last Friday with information. If you have any question, please call the school office.

Halloween Parties/Jean Day

Halloween parties will be on Monday, Oct. 31 starting at 2:00pm. (PreK will have a different time). All student in grades PreK-8 will be allowed to wear jeans or khakis with a black or orange shirt. Only grades PreK – 4 will be allowed to change into costumes before the parties. Only two room parents per room for parties.

Lego League

Please see the attached flyer for information on an exciting new program that that the school is promoting for students in grades 4 – 8. Forms need to be turned in by tomorrow, Oct. 21.

Lunch Menu (Subject to change)

All lunches include milk

(Oct. 24-28)

Monday, Oct. 24 - Corn dogs, fries, green beans, fruit

Tuesday, Oct. 25 – French toast sticks, hash brown, sausage, fruit

Wednesday, Oct. 26 – Chicken nuggets or strips, mashed potato/gravy, fruit

Thursday, Oct. 27 - Geo's Pizza, chips, applesauce

Friday, Oct. 28 – Sea shapes (fish nuggets), sweet potato, peas, fruit

(Oct. 31-Nov. 4)

Monday, Oct. 31 – Mummies, chips, corn, fruit

Tuesday, Nov. 1 – Chicken sandwich, fries, peas, fruit

Wednesday, Nov. 2 – Pizza boats, carrots, fruit

Thursday, Nov. 3 – No lunch -11:30 Dismissal

Friday, Nov. 4 – No School

Picture Retake Day

Picture Retake Day is scheduled for Thursday, October 27 after Mass. Retake day is open to students who were absent for our first picture day and for those who wish to have another picture taken to replace the first. If you are taking a second picture, the first picture packet **must be returned** on the day of retakes in order for another photo to be taken. Any student getting a photo taken on retake day may dress out of uniform for the photo, but must bring a uniform to change into for the rest of the day. Please contact the school office if your child will be getting a photo taken on picture day so we have a head count and can make sure all students are called down to the photographer.

Trunk or Treat

There is still time to sign up for trunk or treat to decorate your car for the kiddos. We are also still taking candy to pass out. If you have any question, please call Whitney Blunier at 309-657-5384.

Hurricane Relief Collection

Thanks to all who were able to donation to the Hurricane Relief fund yesterday with our jean day. Because of you, we were able to send \$581.01 to St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Port Charles, Florida. Your generosity was greatly appreciated.

Book Blast

Our Book Blast event has just a few days left. The response has been amazing. Within just 48 hours our school had received \$3,700.00 in contributions. Thank you! So far, we have had 2 Treasure Chest winners: Krue Ford and Siena Stone with 2 more Treasure Chest to be won. Winners will be announced Thursday and Friday. There's still time to get in on the fun. Keep those contributions coming!

What's to come: iPad drawing for 1 lucky winner in our school. (announced 10/24) \$100 Book Blast shopping sprees!

If you have not registered, and still want to or want to add additional contacts, click the link below. Remember, you need 10+ contacts to be entered into the iPad drawing.

<http://bookblast.booksarefun.com/StMarySchool-IL>

Due to the overwhelming participation has caused the prizes to be delayed. Students will receive prizes as soon as they are available.

If you would like to donate to the cause you can send a check to the school made payable to the school.

The Book Blast provides an opportunity for you and others in our community to help build up the home library of each student at our school and to help our school receive new books and educational resources. Every dollar you contribute will go toward books and educational supplies for our students and staff!

Know that whether you contribute \$10 or \$100, you are making an impact in the life of a student. Here's how you can contribute to our Book Blast:

By 10/28/2022

Contribute online at: <https://bit.ly/3QVy1iyStMarys>

Sports Update

Cross Country: Congratulation to Ethan Stone who ran at the cross country meet this past Saturday at Maxwell Park in Normal. Ethan ran the two mile course in 12:37.1 placing 132 out of 234 runners in Class 2A. The team placed 13th out of 27 teams that made state. Ethan's team mate Zach Born placed first.

Congratulations to all our runners and good luck in high school as the future looks bright for the future Running Red.

BOYS BASKETBALL: Boys basketball practice started Monday and we have 7 boys participating from St. Mary's. The boys practice at Riverview with their first game Tues., Nov. 1, 2022 in the Robein Tournament. Good Luck boys with the up and coming season.

Bags for Bucks

Thank you for your patience! We are still waiting for the shipping date for our school's order. We will update all as soon as we can. We are hopeful for a date next week.

STM Education Commission Committee Reports

In order to better spread the word on the amazing and hard work our volunteers are constantly doing to support our school, the monthly committee reports from the Education Commission will be published in our newsletter and made available at both St. Mary's parish and Lourdes parish. If you have any questions about the work the EC and its committees do, please reach out to Father Kipfer, Principal Kiesewetter, or any of the other commission members. Please see the following report:

Education Commission September Committee Reports:

Marketing: Donut Sundays have been going well. There will not be a Donut Sunday in October due to the conflict with the Lourdes parish pancake and sausage breakfast. They will be moving inside as of November and coffee will be available. A basic marketing plan has been created and presented to the Commission for review/comments.

Fundraising and Development: Planning for the 2023 School Auction is underway. The selected theme is Rock and Roll. The Bags for Bucks fundraiser is underway now. There are open needs on the committee currently. Please contact Christen Bergstresser if you would like to volunteer.

Planning and Assessment: Will be working with Principal Kiesewetter on the handbook review. Will be responsible for review of the strategic plan at each meeting with the Commission to assure there is progress toward the plan goals.

Budget and Resources: no past activity this month. A meeting with Father Kipfer will be scheduled to work on a communication plan with the parish Finance Committee.

Facilities: Drawings are being created to obtain cost proposals for replacement of gutters and downspouts, and for a new fall zone for the new swing set. The swing set is due to be shipped in September, but the installation will likely occur in the Spring to coincide with the installation of the fall zone.