

St. Mary's School Activities Summary

A brief list of the many activities happening throughout the school year and beyond. Most have many ways for parents to volunteer their time and talent.

First Semester

Back to School Picnic – Held in August on a weekend evening prior to the first day of school at a local park. Generally, a potluck format for the meal with mixer games to get to know others. A great way to meet new families at the school.

Unpack the Backpack Night – Held in August the night before the first day of school. Bring your student's school supplies early, meet their teacher, and see their classroom. Teachers provide a brief outline of their expectations and schedule for the school year. Sign up sheets for class room parents, treats and drinks available.

Curriculum Night – Held in September, usually after 6 weeks or more of school completed. An opportunity for parents to visit their student's classrooms again and see how the year is progressing.

MTHS Homecoming Parade – St. Mary's School sponsors a float showcasing our school and students. Help in constructing the float, a few adults to walk along with the students, and donations of candy always welcome.

Fall School fundraiser – Generally in September. Most recent example is the "Bags for Bucks" trash bags program.

Parent-Teacher Conferences – Held in October, a one-on-one update with your child's teacher to discuss their progress and address any concerns, as needed.

School Carnival – Held in October on a Saturday evening in the gym. Food and many games suitable for all ages. A few examples are football toss, pick-up a duck, plinko, and a cake walk.

Trunk or Treat – Held on a weekend in October near Halloween in the school parking lot. Volunteers decorate their cars and pass out candy to all the trick-or-treaters.

Halloween class parties – Held on or near Halloween. Grades pre-K through 4th encouraged to wear costumes. Room parents plan games and treats for the class.

St. Mary's Pie Sales – Held in November near Thanksgiving. A fund-raiser for St. Mary's School. Our famous pies from the OSD tent are again available for purchase. Advance sales only.

St. Mary's Craft/Vendor Fair – Held in November on a Saturday in the gym. A fund-raising activity to benefit St. Mary's School. Various vendors rent booth space and offer their items for sale to the public.

Kris Kringle – Held in December the last full week of classes prior to the Christmas break. Students and teachers select another's name and each day secretly give their person a small item and a clue to their identity. The days have a theme: Monday-desk decoration, Tuesday-card, Wednesday-cookie, Thursday-bookmark, Friday-candy bar. An all-school assembly is held on Friday where everyone will find out the identity of their Kris Kringle.

Christmas Concert – Held in December at MTHS on a weeknight. A Christmas program featuring all grades pre-K through 8th.

Christmas class parties – Held on the last day of school prior to Christmas vacation. Room parents plan games and treats for the class.

Second Semester

Chili-Bingo Night – Held in January on a Saturday evening in the gym. A light meal of chili and hot dogs followed by bingo. The prizes are collected from late November - early January through donations of gently used toys, books, etc. The donations can be sent to school with students. Each classroom has a tub for the donations.

Catholic Schools Week – The last full week in January. A week of various activities for the students to celebrate our school and our faith. Some activities have included school speakers, a movie day, opportunities to serve others in our community, a canned food drive, etc.

Valentine's Day class parties – Held on or near Valentine's Day. Room parents plan games and treats for the class.

St. Mary's School All-Family Dance – Held in February on a Sunday evening in the school gym. Similar to a Daddy/Daughter or Mother/Son dance but open to all family members. A D.J. and light snacks offered.

Laser Tag/Bowling - Held in February or March on a Sunday afternoon at Plaza Lanes in Washington IL.

School Auction – Held in March on a Saturday night. A fund-raising night to benefit St. Mary's School. Tickets are purchased in advance. A meal and both a silent and live auction are held.

Spring School fundraiser – Generally in March. Recent example is the sale of Butter Braids.

Field Day – Held in May prior to the last day of school. A day of all school friendly competition. The 8th grade students captain a team with a mix of students from all grades. Games include a scavenger hunt, balloon toss, etc. The day finishes with the annual 8th grade versus teachers kickball game.

Old Settler's Days Food Tent – Held the 3rd week of June in the Metamora Square. A fund-raising event for the school from Wednesday evening through Saturday night where a full menu including burgers, pork chops, fries and our famous pies are sold to the public during the town carnival.

Old Settler's Parade – Held on the Saturday morning in June of the carnival. St. Mary's School sponsors a float in the parade showcasing our school and students. Help in constructing the float, a few adults to walk with the students, and donations of candy are always welcome.

St. Mary's School Golf Outing – Held in August on a Friday at Metamora Fields golf course and local banquet hall. A fund-raising activity to benefit St. Mary's School. Tickets are purchased in advance. A round of golf, a meal, and several raffle baskets are some of the activities.