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## **Upcoming Events**

**Jan. 26:** VB at Washington Central at 4:15

**Jan. 28:** Boys BB 8<sup>th</sup> gr. Regiona game  
Activity fair for incoming freshman at MTHS from 5:30-6:30 Freshman & parent orientation at 6:30 at MTHS

**Jan.,29:** Catholic Schools Week begins

**Jan. 30:** Boys Regionals VB at Washington Middle at 4:15

**Jan. 31:** Boys BB 8<sup>th</sup> gr. Regional game

**Feb. 2:** VB at Lowpoint-Washburn at 4:30

**Feb. 3:** Midterms

**Feb. 4:** School Carnival VB 7<sup>th</sup> gr. Tournament

**Feb. 6:** Boys BB 8<sup>th</sup> gr. Regionals

**Feb. 14:** Valentines parties at 2:00

**Feb. 20:** No School – President's Day

**Feb. 23:** Scho Bo at St. Vincent at 3:45

## ***The E-Falcon Newsletter***

**Jan. 26, 2023**

### **Kindergarten 2023-2024 Registration Night**

Parents of children entering Kindergarten next year should plan to attend Registration Night on Monday, February 13 from 5:30 - 7:00 in the Kindergarten room. Children who will be five years old by September 1 are eligible to register for the 2023-2024 school year. Registration night is Open House format, with children welcome. Come explore the classroom and see new friends. Registration packets will be distributed that evening and the final steps towards getting your child enrolled will take place. Our class for next year is filling quickly, so be sure to attend to secure your child's place on the roster.

### **Preschool**

If you are interested in getting your child's name of the wait list for the 2023-24 preschool class, please call the school office. Note that lists are forming for future classes as well and they fill up quickly.

## Lunch Menu (Subject to change)

All lunches include milk

(Jan 30-Feb. 3)

Monday, Jan. 30 – Corn dogs, chips, corn, fruit

Tuesday, Jan., 31 – Chicken nuggets, fries, peas, fruit

Wednesday, Feb. 1 – Pulled pork sandwich, hash brown, carrots, fruit

Thursday, Feb. 2 – IGA fried chicken (limit 2 pieces- leg & thigh), mashed potatoes & gravy, cole slaw, fruit

Friday, Feb. 3 – Tomato soup, grilled cheese, crackers, fruit

(Feb. 6-10)

Monday, Feb. 6 – Pizza bread, corn, fruit

Tuesday, Feb. 7 – Hot dog, chips, green beans, fruit

Wednesday, Feb. 8 – French toast, sausage, hash brown, fruit

Thursday, Feb. 9 – Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, peas, fruit

Friday, Feb. 10 – Macaroni & cheese, carrots, fruit

## Men's Club Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

The Lourdes Men's Club will sponsor a Pancake & Sausage Breakfast at Lourdes Hall on Sunday, Feb. 12 from 7am-12pm. If you wish to pre-order sausage, please contact Bill Kessling at 309-645-7795. The price is \$4 per pound for bulk or link. Last day to preorder is February 5. Sausage must be picked up Feb. 12 by 12:00pm.

## No Buses

There will be no afternoon bus service **TOMORROW**, Friday, Jan. 27 as Metamora Grade School has an early dismissal. Please plan for transportation for your students in the afternoon on that day.

## What's Happening in Art

Stick together art is happening in all art classes. Students are creating a colorful collaboration one sticker at a time and that's 4000 stickers! This stick together group activity is a fun, shared activity with a beautiful reward. When all the stickers are applied, an eye-popping image is revealed. Check out the final design during Catholic Schools Week located in the cafeteria.

## Save the Date - OSD - June 21-24

This year's Metamora Old Settler's Days activities will occur from June 21-24 and the PTO is asking for help to support our main fundraiser of the year. During the Old Settler's Days in Metamora, we provide the most popular food tent on the square. This endeavor takes many hands to pull it all off and we have many jobs that we need your help to fill. Last year this fundraiser brought in over \$20K in profit for the PTO, and all that money goes back to supporting the students and teachers. We will need help from Tuesday evening the 20th for setup all the way till the end, late Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. **Please mark these dates down on your calendars and plan to help out.** We have over 300 spots to fill, so as you can imagine with our small school everyone helping out is the only way we can be successful. As a general guideline, we look for each family to pick up multiple shifts. Have no fear, if you are not able to work during the event, we have other jobs leading up to the event we can use help with as well.

So please, before you scroll past this announcement, **grab the family calendar and circle the dates from June 20 to the 24<sup>th</sup> for some St. Mary's fun and fellowship.** More details to come over the next few months on what the various jobs are and how to sign up in May. Finally, if you are new to Saint Mary's or the Metamora area and have never been to the food tent, here are some figures to provide an idea of the size of this operation: Last year we sold over 11,600 different items. The biggest seller was fries at 2,157 orders. The second biggest seller was slices of pie at 1,516 slices. It takes a village!

## St. Mary's School Carnival

Here is the link to sign up for the St. Mary's School carnival that will be on Saturday, Feb. 4 in the school cafeteria and gym. Please sign up to help out our students

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F44A9AE2EA0F49-stm2023>

## What's Happening in PE Class?

Our students in grades 5th - 8th are taking aim and working on their archery shooting skills. Our students take part in NASP (National Archery In The Schools Program) during physical education class. After completing 10 hours of instruction they will be qualified to participate in the NASP State Tournament which will take place on Mar. 24 - 25 in Champaign at Champaign Centennial High School. Also all students K - 8 have been working hard on their juggling skills. During Catholic Schools Week check out their skills while enjoying muffins and donuts.

## Sports Update

**Boys BB:** Basketball season is winding down for our 7th and 8th grade co-op with Riverview. 7th grade lost on Saturday to Fieldcrest to conclude their season. 8th grade plays this Sat., Jan. 28 at Henry taking on Putnam County at 10:00 am. Good Luck!

**VB:** Volleyball season is upon us as the girls continue to work hard and improve each match. Come check out the action as we have a very busy week ahead and some great entertaining volleyball will be played.

## KC Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

Don't forget to attend the All You Can Eat Pancake & Sausage Breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Altar and Rosary Society that will be held on Sunday, January 29 from 8:00am-11:00am. This is the kick-off for our Catholic Schools Week.

Congratulations to our KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS poster winners! See attachment!

## Catholic Schools Week

Please check the St. Mary's website and the St. Mary's Parents Facebook page for information on the daily events for Catholic Schools Week.

# 2023-24 Application Resources For Empower

Questions from families about the reservation or application process can be directed to our Scholars Helpline (800-616-7606, [scholars@empowerillinois.org](mailto:scholars@empowerillinois.org)).

## English

- [About Empower Illinois & the Program](#)
- [Income Documentation Scenarios](#)
- [Login Instructions](#)
- [Reservation and Application Preview](#)
- [Scholarship Application FAQs](#)
- [Step by Step Instructions](#)
- [Tax Credit Scholarship Program FAQs](#)
- [What You Need to Know](#)

## Spanish

- [Acerca De Empower Illinois Y El Programa](#)
- [Escenarios de documentación de ingresos](#)
- [Instrucciones Para Iniciar Sesión](#)
- [Vista Previa de la Solicitud](#)
- [Solicitud De La Beca Preguntas Frecuentes](#)
- [Instrucciones Paso a Paso](#)
- [Programa De Becas De Crédito Tributario Preguntas Frecuentes](#)
- [Lo Que Necesita Saber](#)

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### ***January 27: Recommended Application Due Date***

We recommend that families complete their application for the 2023-2024 school year by January 27 for the best chance at receiving a scholarship.

### ***February 21: Final 2022-2023 SY Payment***

This payment will include 100% of the scholarship amounts for students who reached Funding Confirmed status after January 6, 2023. Please make sure you have submitted your most recent Attendance Report in order to receive an accurate payment.