



# St. Mary Catholic School

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## Upcoming Events

**Nov. 21:** Boys BB at Oak Grove at 5:00  
**Nov. 27-29:** No school – Thanksgiving break  
**Dec. 5:** Boys BB vs Pleasant Hills at 5:00  
**Dec. 2:** VB Practice may begin  
**Dec. 10:** Boys BB at Pleasant Valley at 5:00  
**Dec. 11:** Boys BB vs Blessed Sacrament at 5:00  
**Dec. 12:** Boys BB at Robein at 5:00  
**Dec. 13:** End of Second quarter  
**Dec. 16:** Boys BB at Hollis at 5:00  
**Dec. 18:** Boys BB vs Rankin at 5:00  
**Dec. 23-Jan. 3:** No School – Christmas break  
**Jan. 6:** No School - teachers' in-service  
**Jan. 7:** School resumes  
**Jan. 8:** VB Pekin – Rankin at 4:30  
**Jan. 9:** Boys BB vs Roanoke Benson at 5:00  
**Jan. 11:** VB Peoria Christian at 2:00  
**Jan. 13:** PTO Meeting  
Boys BB vs S, Pekin at 5:00  
**Jan. 15:** Boys BB vs Georgetown at 5:00  
**Jan. 16:** VB Blessed Sacrament at 5:30  
**Jan. 20:** No School – MLK

## *The E-Falcon Newsletter*

Nov. 21, 2024

### No Buses

Metamora Grade School is not in session on Mon., Nov. 25 or Tues., Nov. 26 due to P/T conference. They are also out on Fri., Nov. 22 at 11:30. Therefore, there will be no bus service on those days. Please find an alternate means of transportation.

### Jean Day

Tues., Nov. 26 will be a Jean Day. For a \$1 donation, students may wear St Mary's School Spirit Wear, jeans, or khaki pants. Please ensure jeans have no holes, rips, or tears and are not tight fitting. Leggings and jeggings are not permitted. If a student does not wish to wear jeans, khakis, or spirit wear, they may wear their uniform. All donations will go toward Sophia's Kitchen in Peoria. For more information, see <https://www.catholicpeoria.org/sophias-kitchen>.

### Christmas Program

Our St. Mary's Christmas Program will take place on Dec. 9th at 7:30pm at MTHS auditorium. Please have students in their seats at 7:20pm so that they are ready to perform promptly at 7:30pm. The grades performing will be Kindergarten through fourth grade.

## Lunch Menu (Subject to change)

All lunches include milk

(Nov. 25-29)

Mon., Nov. 25 – Corn dog, fries, peas, fruit

Tues., Nov. 26 – Turkey, mashed potato w/gravy, stuffing, corn, pumpkin pie

Wed., Nov. 27 – No School

Thurs., Nov. 28 – No School

Fri., Nov. 29 – No School

(Dec. 2 - 5)

Mon., Dec. 2 – Corn dog, fries, naked beans, peaches

Tues., Dec. 3 – Tacos, refried beans, salsa w/tortilla chips, mandarin oranges

Wed., Dec. 4 – Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, carrots, fruit mix

Thurs., Dec. 5 – French toast sticks, hash browns, sausage, pears

Fri., Dec. 6 – Pizza boats, broccoli, applesauce

## No School/No Newsletter

There will be no school Wednesday, Nov. 27 – 29 for our Thanksgiving break.

There will be no newsletter next week due to the short week. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving break! School will resume on Mon., Dec. 2.

## SAVE THE DATE!!

Please join us March 15th, 2025 at St. Mary of Lourdes Parish Hall. Come dressed to the nines and take a trip down memory lane at our St. Mary's Dinner Auction Gala: Celebrating 150 Years of Faith-Based Education. Help us raise funds to continue this amazing legacy and continue enriching the lives of our children and community for many years to come! Please visit our website for more details on how to donate, sponsor, attend and participate at:

<https://stmarysmetamora.schoolauction.net/2025auction> Formal invitation to follow.

## Donut Sunday

Mark those calendars and plan to join us for Donut Sunday with Santa on December 1st, hosted by the Education Commission. Join us in the school cafeteria for donuts, fellowship, meet & greet with Santa and an opportunity to make Christmas cards for Snyder Village residents & our parishioners.

## HAVE YOUR DONATIONS MATCHED 2:1 LAUNCHING DEC. 2

### **Current Caterpillar Cares Program Participants:**

In support of Giving Tuesday, the Caterpillar Foundation will provide a limited-time 2:1 match through our Caterpillar Foundation Matching Gifts Program for global employee and U.S. retiree gifts made starting December 2 - 6, 2024 (or once the 2:1 match total reaches \$2 million USD - see details below).

What you need to know:

**Gift Minimum:** The gift minimum to qualify is \$25 USD (or local currency equivalent) or more.

**Maximum Match:** Each participant can enter up to \$500 USD (or local currency equivalent) in cumulative donations in the system and the Caterpillar Foundation will match at a 2:1 ratio up to a maximum amount of \$1,000 USD. This is exempt from the standard \$10,000 USD Foundation annual cap.

**Gift Date Eligibility:** In order for your donation to be eligible for the 2:1 match, your donation must be made directly to the charity December 2-6, 2024. Gifts made prior to December 2 are not eligible.

**U.S. Gift Eligibility:** Gifts to most 501(c)(3) nonprofits and public/private preK-12 schools, as well as United Ways, are eligible for the 2:1 match.

**Outside the U.S. Gift Eligibility:** Recognized and registered with one of the following: UK Charity Commission, Charities Aid Foundation-America (Global), Australian Business Register or Canadian Charities Directorate.

**Overall Program Cap:** The Caterpillar Foundation will match up to \$2 million USD total for gifts made during this timeframe. Once \$2 million USD in match requests has been submitted, the 2:1 match will close and revert back to the standard 1:1 match with \$10,000 USD annual cap per participant. **Submission Deadline** Requests must be submitted in the Caterpillar Cares portal by Fri., Dec. 6, at 11:59pm ET.

**Additional information:** For more details, visit the Matching Gifts site during the eligibility window (December 2-6).

Thank you for partnering with the Caterpillar Foundation to make a meaningful impact in our communities!

## 150 Year Celebration

UPDATE: Celebrating 150 years is shaping up to be great! A lot has happened in that time and we are working to document our history. 🙌 As of right now, we are looking for 8th Grade Graduation Photos & Names for the 1940s, 1950s, 1960s, 1970-1974, 1983, 1987 & 1990-1993. 🙌 🙌 We already have 1946, 1949 & 1959. 🙌 If you or someone you may know has this information, please contact the school or church office. We are also looking for any photos/documentation from the 1940s school addition. Feel free to send to [Whitneyblunier@gmail.com](mailto:Whitneyblunier@gmail.com) or call the church or school to make arrangements. Thank you for your help & input!

## Winter Weather

Please be sure that your student is prepared for winter weather with coats, hats and gloves. When we get accumulated amounts of snow be sure to send snow pants and boots.