

## St. Mary Catholic School

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#### **Upcoming Events**

Apr. 17: Sch Bo at R-B at 4:30

Track at Prairie Central at

Apr. 18-21: No School Easter Break

Apr. 22: Sch Bo vs Georgetown at 4:00

**Apr. 24**: Track at El Paso at

1:45

Apr. 26 Track Conference Meet

Apr. 30: Scho Bo Regional

at St. Pats

May 3: STM Relays Track at Pekin high at 7am

May 4: First Communion at 11:00

May 5: Track vs Eureka at MTHS at 3:20

May 8: Track at Dunlap

Middle at 3:00

May 12: Track vs Dunlap Middle at MTHS at 3:20 Riverview Awards night @6pm

May14: Tentative Field

May 15: No 8<sup>th</sup> graders

May 16: End of 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Graduation

May 17: Track Sectionals May 23: Last day if no snow days used

## The E-Falcon Newsletter

April 17, 2025

#### No School

There is no school on Friday, April 18 due to Good Friday and no school on Monday, April 21 in observance of Easter Monday. He has Risen!!!

#### **Wearing Shorts**

Students will be able to start wearing shorts May 1. Please refer to the school handbook for rules and regulations. Any questions, call the school.

#### Last day to order Sesquicentennial Book

The last day to order the St. Mary's Roord Book is tomorrow, April 18. A card on ordering instructions was sent home with students today. The only way to get this book is by pre-ordering so call the rectory now at 367-2528. . Please don't miss your chance to purchase this wonderful book full of St. Mary's memories.

#### Lunch Menu (Subject to change)

All lunches include milk

**April 21-25)** 

Mon, Apr. 21 - No School

Tues., Apr. 22 – Geo's pizza, corn, fruit

Wed., Apr. 23 – Chicken fajitas, fries, carrots, fruit

Thurs., Apr. 24 – Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes w/gravy, peas, fruit

Fri., Apr. 25 – Pizza boats, broccoli, fruit

(Apr. 28-May 2)

Mon, Apr. 28 – Hot dog on bun, fries, corn, fruit

Tues., Apr. 29 – Pizza boat, broccoli, fruit

Wed., Apr. 30 – Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, fruit

Thurs., May 1 – Lasagna roll-up, carrots, fruit

Fri., May 2 – Grilled cheese, tomato soup, Goldfish, fruit

#### **PTO**

Several of the current PTO officers will be finishing their terms of office at the end of this or next school year. PTO needs some fresh faces to keep our organization going strong! Parents, please consider stepping into an officer position or shadowing one of our current officers for the next school year. We will be happy to show you the ropes. Any of the current officers can be contacted if you have any questions. Deanna Casey-President, Chrissy Grebner-Vice President, Sarah Pullen-Secretary, Therese Wise-Treasurer. Thank you!

#### **Track Concessions**

St. Mary's Boosters will be providing concessions for two track meets this Spring at the MTHS track. Our terrific St. Mary's Relays on Saturday 5/3/25 and the IESA Class 1A Sectional meet on Saturday 5/10/25. Our families that have students participating in any of our school's extracurricular activities are expected to work one or both and have already been contacted, but we would LOVE the help from any other families that would be willing to join us. Please contact Deanna Casey or Mrs. Cowling if you have any questions! Thanks!

#### **Library**

The last week of library will be May 5 - 9. All library books are due back by May 16.

# John Lancaster Spalding Scholarship Fund Protocols and Procedures: 2025-2026 <u>Deadline Date: Friday, April 25, 2025</u> PROTOCOLS:

A family applying for Spalding Scholarship assistance must be an active member in good standing of a parish in the Catholic Diocese of Peoria.

The student[s] for whom the aid is being sought must be enrolled in good standing [or seeking to be enrolled] in grades K through 12 in a Catholic school located in the Diocese of Peoria.

All scholarship assistance will be based on a family's financial need objectively assessed. The diocese will use FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment Services to determine financial need.

All scholarship assistance will also be dependent upon the recommendation of the pastor that the family is an active member of the parish in good standing If a student changes schools during a school year, tuition assistance grants will follow the student as long as the student is enrolled in and in good standing in a Catholic school in the Diocese of Peoria and the family is a member in good standing of a parish in the Diocese of Peoria.

All awards are for one school year only. A family must apply for Spalding Scholarship assistance each school year.

The number of grants and the amount of each grant for the school year will be dependent upon the funds available and the size and need of the applicant pool. Payment of Spalding Scholarship Grants will be made twice a year directly to the Catholic school a student attends. These grants will be applied to the family's tuition obligation. It is anticipated that tuition assistance grants will be announced in early June 2025.

#### PROCEDURES:

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance from the Spalding Scholarship Fund must complete an online FACTS Grant & Aid Application at <a href="mailto:online.factsmgt.com/aid">online.factsmgt.com/aid</a>. The application and required supporting tax documents must be received online by FACTS by the application deadline date of Friday, April 25, 2025.

The FACTS application, payment of the application fee, and any required supporting documents are to be transmitted online to FACTS according to their directions. Families must also request the pastor submit a recommendation to the Office of Catholic Schools verifying good standing in the parish.

The application process is complete only when the pastor's recommendation has been submitted to the Office of Catholic Schools and when a completed parent financial aid application, required supporting documents, and the application fee have been uploaded and submitted to FACTS. Only completed applications, which include supporting documents, submitted on or before the Friday, April 25, 2025 deadline will be considered when Spalding assistance awards are determined. A checklist for a Spalding Scholarship Application, as well as a downloadable version of these Protocols and Procedures can also be found on the forms below.

### I Pledge 150

Our "I Pledge 150" campaign has completed in honor of St. Mary's 150th year of Catholic Education. Our students gave over 3,330 minutes of community service this year in acts of kindness, learning & spiritual growth. We are so proud of the meaningful impact they have made on our community!

