



St. Mary Catholic School

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Upcoming Events

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

May 13: Awards Night at church at 6pm

May 14: [Tentative Field Day](#)

May 15: No 8th graders

May 16: [End of 4th quarter 8th Gr. Graduation](#)

May 17: Track Sectionals

May 23: [Last day of school – Dismissal after Mass](#)

The E-Falcon Newsletter

April 24, 2025

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.

It's Time to Order Yearbooks

If you would like to order a 2024-2025 yearbook, please complete the order form in the attachments and send it to school along with your \$25 payment (per book) payable to St. Mary's Grade School. Orders are due by Friday, May 9. Yearbooks are published during the summer and delivered at the beginning of next school year in August.

Yearbook Editor Needed

We are in need of someone to take over the creation and editing of the yearbook. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. DuBois.

Lunch Menu (Subject to change)

All lunches include milk

(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

(May 5-9)

Mon, May 5 -

Tues., May 6

Wed., May 7 -

Thurs., May 8 -

Fri., May 9 -

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.

Summer is Coming - Save the Dates

This year's Metamora Old Settlers Days activities will occur from June 18-21. St. Mary's provides the main food tent on the square during Old Settlers, and we need all hands on deck to make it happen. This fundraiser brings in about \$23k each year for the PTO, and the funds are spent on events for the kids (i.e. field day, back to school picnic), Catholic Schools week, special lunch days, and valuable grants to our teachers for classroom supplies. We will need help from Tuesday evening the 17th for setup all the way till the end, late Saturday, June 21st. Please mark these dates down on your calendars and plan to help out. As a general guideline, we look for each family to pick up several shifts. We have over 300 spots to fill! It really is a great way to meet new people. Sign-ups will be coming out soon. Grab the family calendar and circle the dates, June 18-21!!

Athletic Awards

Mark your calendars now as we will celebrate our 5th - 8th grade extracurricular program for students along with their parents. This will take place at St. Mary's church on Tuesday, May 13 @ 6:00 PM. Awards will be given to students who participated in golf, softball, baseball, cross country, basketball, cheer, lego league, chess, volleyball, scholastic bowl and track. Hope to see everyone as we celebrate another year of accomplishments for our St. Mary's student athletes.

John Lancaster Spalding Scholarship Fund Protocols and Procedures: 2025-2026 Deadline Date: Friday, April 25, 2025

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 online.factsmgt.com/aid. 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.

