

# St. Mary's Catholic School Newsletter February 27, 2026

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## Upcoming Events

### March 6

End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

### March 13

**NO BUS SERVICE**

Report Cards Sent  
Home

### March 30-April 6

Spring Break

### April 7

School Resumes

### April 17

**NO BUS SERVICE**

## Lunch Menu!!

### March 2

Hot Dog, Baked  
Beans, Fries, Fruit

### March 3

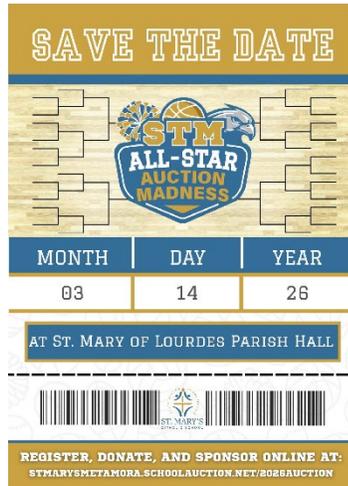
Sleeping Tacos,  
Corn, Fruit

### March 4

Chicken Fillet Sand,  
Chips, Green Beans,  
Fruit

### March 5

French Toast Sticks,  
Hash Brown,  
Sausage, Fruit



## **ONLY 2 WEEKS AWAY!**

### All-Star Auction Madness-Tickets on Sale!

March 14, 2026! This March Madness-themed fundraiser supports St. Mary's Catholic School and promises a fun night of dinner, entertainment, and live auction excitement.

Families can support the auction in many ways—by attending, becoming a sponsor, donating auction items, or giving monetarily.

**Learn more, purchase tickets, or support the auction at:**

**[www.stmarysmetamora.schoolauction.net/2026auction](http://www.stmarysmetamora.schoolauction.net/2026auction)**

### Mrs. Noble's Noisy Bucket Almsgiving!

In the middle school hallway, Mrs. Noble will have a metal bucket either hanging on her door or next to her door (depending on if it is open or not) for students to donate any spare change during the Lenten Season. Last year when her 3/4 Religion class heard the story about her priest having a Noisy Bucket Collection, they wanted to participate. So, any student is welcome to bring money to donate and have an opportunity to participate in almsgiving this Lenten Season. Last year we gathered almost \$30! Can you help us beat it this year?

### Donut Sunday!

Join us for Donut Sunday on March 1! We're looking for students and families to sign up for volunteer roles at both mass & in the cafeteria. Stay for our Faith in Action Scavenger Hunt, a fun way to grow and serve together as a community! Link below to sign-up. All K-8 students & families welcome.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B45ABA92CA7FA7-62413297-march>

### Butter Braids

The 8th grade class at St. Mary's School is selling Butter Braids, Cookie Dough, and Frozen Pizzas to raise funds for their class trip this Spring. Orders with payment are due on Tuesday 3/10/26 and delivery is on Tuesday 3/24/26. Please contact any 8th grade student or Deanna Casey at 309/231-9656 if you would like to order or have any questions. Thank you!!

### **March 6**

Grilled Cheese,  
Tomato Soup,  
Goldfish, Fruit

### **March 9**

Corn Dog, Baked  
Beans, Fruit

### **March 10**

Pulled Chicken  
Sandwich, Green  
Beans, Fruit

### **March 11**

Salisbury Steak,  
Mashed  
Potatoes/Gravy,  
Applesauce

### **March 12**

Chicken Nuggets,  
Salad, Lays Potato  
Chips, Oranges

### **March 13**

Nacho and Cheese,  
Salsa, Banana,  
Chocolate Chip  
Cookie

**John Lancaster**  
**Spalding**  
**Scholarship Fund**  
**2026-2027**

*Application Deadline:*

*April 24, 2026*

*Submission Deadline:*

*May 8, 2026*

**SEE ATTACHED**

### **American Heritage Girls**

Our next AHG meeting will be on March 2<sup>nd</sup> right after school in the cafeteria. Please be sure to bring your uniform and badge book, as we will be starting to work on our first badge of the year! **Last call to turn in your medical forms and pay troop dues.** Dues can be paid online on the church website or in person at the St. Mary's church office. If you need an additional medical form or would like to join our troop, please contact Shay (309-678-3381) or Sara (309-361-1990).

### **ATHLETICS**

#### **Softball Open Gyms**

March 8 and March 21, 2:00-4:00, Grades 4-7 at St. Mary's Gym

#### **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Regionals**

**All games played at St. Mary's Pontiac, 414 N. Main Street, Pontiac**

##### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

March 2 at 7 p.m.

If we win on March 2, we play March 3 at 6:30 p.m.

If we win on March 3, we play on March 4 at 5:30 p.m.

##### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

March 7 at 1:00 p.m.

If we win on March 7, we play on March 10 at 6:30 p.m.

If we win on March 10, we play on March 11 at 5:30 p.m.

#### **Emmie's 8th Annual Easter Baskets**

Each year, in memory of sweet Emmie Tintori, her family puts together Easter baskets for the children at OSF Children's Hospital. These baskets go to children of all ages, from the tiniest NICU babies all the way up to age 18 for both boys and girls. As you're putting baskets together, please keep in mind they are in a hospital setting.

We kindly ask: • No food or drinks (due to allergies and dietary restrictions)

• Age-appropriate items • Please label each basket with the age group

• Wrap baskets in clear cellophane for easier transport and delivery

Great ideas include: • Small toys • Coloring books & crayons • Stuffed animals •

Activity books • Stickers

Little Comfort Items Baskets are needed by Palm Sunday (March 29th) as these are delivered the week of Easter.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and thank you to the Tintori Family for putting together this beautiful opportunity!



# St. Mary's Grade School



Presents

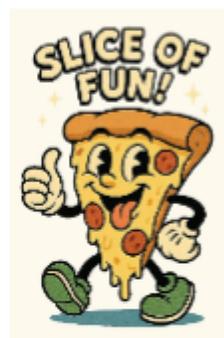
## Book Tasting Night at The Blue & Gold Bistro

St. Mary's Grade School invites all K–8 students and their families to join us for a special afternoon of reading and fun!

 Tuesday, March 3rd

 3:15 PM – 4:30 PM

 School Cafeteria



Come explore exciting books “served up” for every reading appetite! Meet our wonderful **librarian** and our amazing **head cook** as we mix literature and a taste of fun.

 Sample great stories

 Discover new favorites

 Enjoy time together as a family

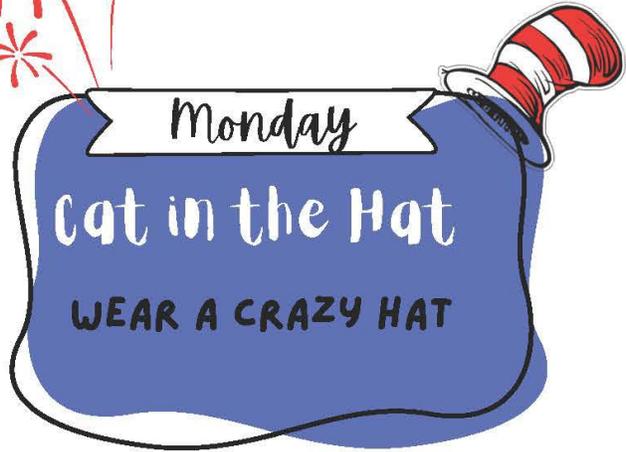


We can't wait to see you there for an afternoon full of books, bites, and big imaginations!

**For K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Students!!**

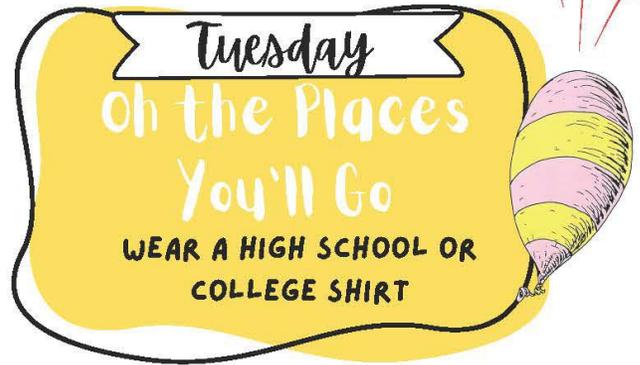
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**\* Across America \***



**Monday**  
**Cat in the Hat**  
**WEAR A CRAZY HAT**

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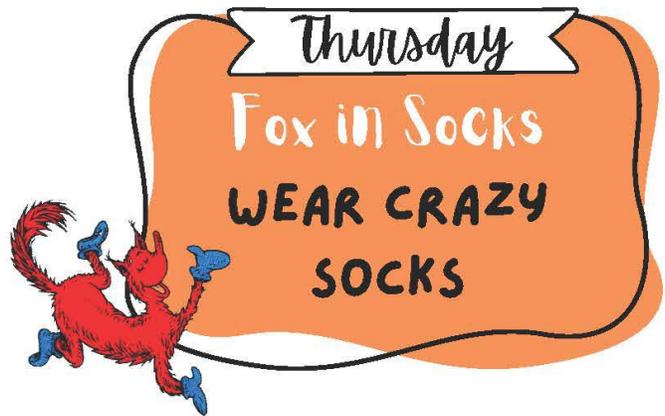
**Tuesday**  
**Oh the Places You'll Go**  
**WEAR A HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE SHIRT**

A yellow speech bubble with a white banner at the top. A hot air balloon is on the right side. The text inside is white and black.



**Wednesday**  
**Wacky Wednesday**  
**WEAR MIX MATCHED PATTERNS**

A purple speech bubble with a white banner at the top. A small red creature is on the left side. The text inside is white and black.



**Thursday**  
**Fox in Socks**  
**WEAR CRAZY SOCKS**

An orange speech bubble with a white banner at the top. A red fox is on the left side. The text inside is white and black.



**Friday**  
**Green Eggs & Ham**  
**Wear a green shirt**

A green speech bubble with a white banner at the top. The Cat in the Hat is on the left, and a yellow creature is on the right. The text inside is white and black.

**MARCH 2- 6 (GRADES K-3)**

# Spirit Week

In honor of Dr. Seuss, grades K-3 will be dressing up based on his books during the week of March 2-6. Students are expected to wear uniforms most days.

- Monday: Crazy hat with uniform
- Tuesday- College/High School Shirt with uniform bottoms
- Wednesday- Crazy outfit (no leggings as pants)-mix patterns, different shoes, backwards clothes, etc
- Thursday- Silly Socks with uniform
- Friday- Green shirt with uniform bottoms

# SEÑORA RUSTMAN'S SPANISH RECAP

We spent the month of February growing in our knowledge of Spanish with a theme focused on AMOR (love)!

**7th & 8th:** Students had to write down or draw details from a story read aloud and then added to it once they got to see the actual words. Soon they will be writing their own stories to share with the class for comprehension

**6th-3rd Grade:** These classes completed a Mad Libs to describe their Ideal Valentine. The older groups switched stories so their classmates had to translate and show their understanding with a drawing. The younger groups did their own drawings and got points for illustrating their “loves” correctly.



**1st & 2nd Grade:** We are still having fun learning and practicing vocab! We have been talking about our perfect pizza toppings using the vocab for a little, a lot, with or without! Pizza making has started!

**Kindergarten:** We finished up our unit on the farm! To celebrate we went to the gym to match up spanish names, animal sounds, and vocab with the animals! We had fun playing “pato, pato, pollito” (duck, duck, chick)!

