

St. Mary's School Newsletter

September 11, 2026



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Upcoming Events

TODAY!!
MIDTERMS FOR
GRADES 3RD-8TH
HAVE BEEN
POSTED. PLEASE
GO TO YOUR
FAMILY PORTAL
TO SEE YOUR
STUDENT'S
MIDTERM GRADES

September 12

Cross Country at Normal
Parkside Invite at 9:00

September 14

-Girls Basketball
Tryouts at Metamora
Grade School 6:30-7:45
a.m. (6th-8th Grade)
-AHG Meeting after
school

September 15

-Cross Country at
Germantown at 4:00
-Girls Basketball
Tryouts at MGS
3:15-5:00

September 16

Girls Basketball
Tryouts at MGS
3:15-5:00

September 17

Baseball Regional
Game at Henry-
Senachwine time TBA

Trash Bag Fundraiser
Information coming out soon!

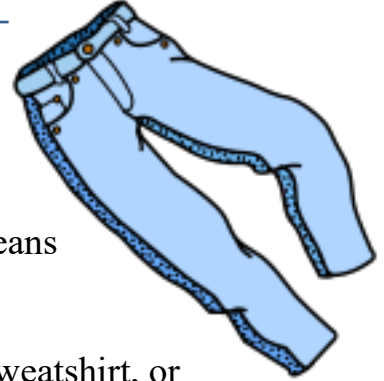
Student Council Jean Day Fundraiser– Friday, September 18

Student Council is excited to announce a Jean Day fundraiser to benefit Open Arms Food Pantry!

On Friday, September 18, students may wear jeans for a minimum \$1 donation. Acceptable attire includes:

- Saint Mary's School Spirit Wear (t-shirt, sweatshirt, or hoodie)
- Blue or black jeans
- Khaki pants

Please note that jeans must have no holes, rips, or tears, and leggings are not permitted. Uniform shorts are the only shorts permitted. Students who prefer not to participate may wear their regular uniform. All donations will support Open Arms Food Pantry in serving our community. Thank you for your generosity!



St. Mary's School Choir



Mrs. Strauss, our music teacher, is starting a school choir. Here are the details:

Open to: Grades 3-8

Starting: Monday, September 28

Time: Mondays after school until 3:50

Where: Art Room

Activities: Sing at school Masses and concerts

We sing many different types of music!

If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Wendy

Strauss at straussw@stmfalcons.com

Note: If you join the choir, we expect you to stay for the school year. More information will be given at the first rehearsal.

Lunch Account Balance

Please remember to check your students lunch balance through your family portal.

September 23
Cross Country at
Tazwood Conference
Meet at 4:00

September 25
-NO SCHOOL
-MTHS Homecoming
Parade at 2:00
- Cross Country at
Dunlap Middle
Invitational Detweiler
Invite at 4:00

September 28
St. Mary's Choir
Practice (3rd-8th) 3:00-
3:50

LUNCH MENU

September 14
Corn Dog, Baked
Beans, Chips, Fruit

September 15
Sleeping Tacos, Corn,
Fruit

September 16
Chicken Sand, Fries,
Carrots, Fruit

September 17
Salisbury Steak,
Mashed
Potatoes/Gravy, Green
Beans, Applesauce

September 18
Spaghetti, Bread Stick,
Fruit

Share the Gift of Reading with Our Pre-K Students!



We are looking for **reading volunteers** to join our Pre-K students in the **school library on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.** for a special **15-minute reading time**. Volunteers are also welcome to stay and help with lunch afterward if their schedule allows.

Please contact the school office @ **309-367-2528** if you have **15 minutes to share on a Tuesday morning**, we would love to have you join us! Your time, kindness, and love can make a lasting difference in the life of a child.

As a Catholic school, we are blessed by those who generously share their time and talents with our students. **“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”**

— Matthew 25:40

Mrs. Vasquez

Bi-Annual Parent's Night Out

Friday, October 2, from 4:00-7:00p.m., at Evergreen Brewery in Metamora. We will provide desserts and a cooler of water. (A food truck should be on site if you want to purchase food.) RSVP to the school office at 309-367-2528.

American Heritage Girls

American Heritage Girls have their first meeting September 14 after school in the cafeteria. Join us as we start our crafting badge, talk about service projects for the semester and our October bake sale. All medical forms **MUST** be turned in no later than Monday, September 14, or your daughter **CANNOT** stay for the meeting. Any questions, reach out to Sara Strong or Shay Obery.

Homecoming Parade Candy!

Student Council is asking for candy donations for the Homecoming Parade on September 25! Candy can be left in the school office.

Boys' Basketball

Any 5th-8th Graders interested in trying out for the boy's basketball team, a mandatory parent meeting and first practice/tryouts will be October 19 at 5:00 at Riverview Grade School.

If you plan to participate, you must have a current physical on file in the St. Mary's School office.





Exciting News from a St. Mary's 2015 Alumna!
St. Mary's alumna Lucinda Fitzgibbons,
daughter of St. Mary's teacher
Deborah Fitzgibbons and
David Fitzgibbons, is doing amazing
things in the world of
medicine and scientific research.

Lucinda is a student in the
Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Class of 2028
and has contributed to multiple scientific research publications,
including research published in the journal Nature Aging. She
has recently published "Emerging Roles of TMEM97/Sigma-2
Receptor in Breast Cancer Endocrine Resistance: Links to
mTOR Signaling and Cholesterol Metabolism" and is cited as
first author.

Being named first author indicates that the majority of research
and writing was conducted by that individual. It is wonderful to
see a St. Mary's alumna continuing to learn, grow, and make
meaningful contributions to the scientific community.

Way to go, Lucinda! Your St. Mary's family is cheering you
on and cannot wait to see what you accomplish next!

Lucinda's first-author research can be viewed here:

<https://www.mdpi.com/2813-3757/4/3/23>

Please let Mrs.
Schick know
TODAY if you plan
to try out.



A poster for Girls Basketball Tryouts. The title "GIRLS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS" is prominently displayed in large, bold, orange and white letters. Below the title, three orange rounded rectangles list the tryout dates and times: "SEPT 14 6:30-7:45AM", "SEPT 15 3:15-5:00PM OPEN GYM", and "SEPT 16 3:15-5:00PM". At the bottom, a white rounded rectangle states "MUST HAVE A CURRENT PHYSICAL". The background is dark grey with orange basketballs and upward-pointing triangles.

GIRLS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

SEPT 14	6:30-7:45AM
SEPT 15	3:15-5:00PM OPEN GYM
SEPT 16	3:15-5:00PM

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CLASS PARTIES