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# St. Mary School

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Dear Parents of St. Mary School,

We are off and running! I want to thank all who made the start of the school year a success. It was nice to see so many of you at the Back-to-School picnic. If you did not get the chance to meet me and would like to please stop by the office any time. I would also like to make sure that I have correct email addresses for all school families, so I will send out an email on Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> to test them. If you do not receive an email please send me an email on Friday so I can get it corrected in the system. I want to assure that everyone has access to my emails at home. Thanks again for a great start to the year.

Sincerely,

Steve Castrogiovanni

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## NEW FACES

We would like to welcome some new faces to our building!

### **Teachers**

Technology: Ms. Katherine Wurtz

5<sup>th</sup> grade: Ms. Rebecca Calvagna

6<sup>th</sup> grade/MS Science /Religion: Ms. Stephany Maddock

7<sup>th</sup> grade/MS Math/ Social Studies: Mrs. Alissa Pryne

### **Students**

PK3: Annabelle Bartz, Reagan Boatman, CiCi Brown, Gianna Coleman, Emma Field, Joseph Fritsche, Ivanna Guaderanna, Connor Harper, D'angelo Lopez Suarez, MaKenzie Markham, Jack Nath, Ben Schieve, Remington Combs, Wyatt Long

P4J: Alexander Bills, Jarrett Cutill, Crystal Erickson, Aleksia Larson, Sam Newby, Johnathan Pearson, Spencer Phoenix-Rest, Julian Ramirez, Mason Schultz, Nixon Schultz, Lola Sheehy, Blake Wixom

Kindergarten: Danielle DeBartelo, Valerie Guaderanna, Josiah Johnson, Alice Macek



## Upcoming Events

### September 8<sup>th</sup>

- Home and School Association meeting 6:00PM

### September 8<sup>th</sup>

- 8<sup>th</sup> grade Kayak trip

### September 9<sup>th</sup>

- Mandatory Parent meeting 6:30PM

### September 18<sup>th</sup>

- Taste of St. Mary's Parish Festival 9:30-2:00

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## Prayer

Loving Father, through our baptism you call us to serve each other as your children. Help us see that we must be the best we can be so others can be the best they can be. This means following you in faith and love and service. Thank you for welcoming us into your family. May we always use the gifts you have given us to serve you and others.

Amen.

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First Grade: Evan Hoff

Fourth Grade: Bardot Sheehy

Fifth Grade: Tavyne Schnuck

Seventh Grade: Joey Ortega-Nieves

Welcome to all our new staff and school families!

#### **PICK UP AND DROP OFF**

As we all know pick up and drop off is a very busy time. We want to keep our students as safe as possible. Knowing this I wanted to remind all parents picking up and dropping off to watch carefully for children when driving away. If you pick up in the back parking lot and you arrive early, while there are students having class outside, please wait until students have gone in before pulling into the parking lot. There are many little ones after school looking for their ride home and teachers want to keep them safe, so we ask that once your child has found you please keep track of them and don't allow them to run around and add to the confusion. Finally, we have begun a safety patrol this year. Students in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be assisting with keeping the front of the building safe. They will be wearing orange vest in order to be as visible as possible. With a little bit of effort we can make drop off and pick up as safe as possible.

#### **ST MARY'S FALL FESTIVAL**

This year's Festival will be held on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 9-2. Which is a great time to come and meet other parishioners, enjoy some tasty food, purchase some crafts and raffle tickets, be serenaded by past and present members of the St. Mary band and enjoy the auction for garden chairs (one of them was created by the class of 2016). So please plan on joining us and supporting our parish

#### **BACK TO SCHOOL ENVELOPES**

If you have not returned the forms from your back to school envelopes please do so ASAP so that we can update our records.

#### **ATHLETICS**

Cross Country is well under way. Our runners have been practicing hard for this season. Below is the schedule for this month. Please come and cheer on our runners.

Fri. 9/9 **St Paul Invitational – Youth Sports Park - Time TBD**

Mon. 9/12 Practice – Palmer Park

Wed. 9/14 Practice – Optimist Park

Thur. 9/15 **Optimist Classic – Optimist Park - Time TBD**

Tue. 9/20 **Oaklawn Invitational – Oaklawn Academy – Time TBD**

Thur. 9/22 Practice – Blackhawk GC near practice area

Sat. 9/24 **Midwest Invitational – Blackhawk GC – Time TBD**

Mon. 9/26 Practice – Palmer Park

Wed. 9/28 Practice – Palmer Park

Fri. 9/30 **St Mary Invitational – Palmer Park- Time TBD**

