

ST. MARY PARENT NEWSLETTER

August 30, 2017

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Guild Officers for 2017-2018:

- Sara Shuter, President
Theresa Hall, Vice President
Kasey Bohlander, Secretary
Karen Sayre, Treasurer
Free dress Tuesday, August 22nd for parent guild attendance

Other News from the Guild

- August 24: Mum orders must be returned
Next School Guild Meeting, Tuesday, September 12, 2017 @ 6:30pm

Thank you to the Parent Guild and all the parents for your continued academic and spiritual support of our school, teachers and students!

Box Top popcorn party: Wednesday, August 30, 2017!

School Choir: Sunday school choir is now open to students in grades 1st through 8th.

To Volunteer in any capacity for the school (including sharing school lunch), each person must complete Safe and Sacred Protocol Training as mandated by the Diocese.

https://safeandsacred-dol-in.org

Click on the web address, create an account, and complete, "Protecting God's Children in the 21st Century".

\*\*\*Please click the box for a criminal history check!!!! Criminal history checks may take up to two weeks to complete.

A Note from the Principal One of my favorite activities of the new academic year is greeting the students as they arrive in the morning. I enjoy seeing their smiling faces as they enter the school! It is my goal to be outside to greet the student's as often as possible. If I am not outside to greet the students, then that means that I am dealing with an important issue inside of the building! I promise I will try to be there during sunshine, rain, sleet or snow!

Today is day two of NWEA testing. It is important that your child be present during the testing period. Please try to reschedule appointments after this week. To help your child be successful during testing, they should be well rested and eat a nourishing breakfast!

If your child is a recipient of a Choice Voucher, please stop by the office to sign the Endorsement Form as soon as possible. The State has a narrow window for submission. I am hoping this is the last form the State requires!

The Parent Guild would like to invite all school families to join us for "Who's Coming to Dinner" on Thursday, September 7th, 2017, in Zimmer Hall. The menu will be catered by Fazoli's! Child care will be available! MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FUN! PLEASE RSVP as soon as possible so we can determine the menu count! Please RSVP to the office at 765-724-4459.

Thank you for sharing your children with us and trusting us to provide a Christian Catholic Education! Many blessings!

In Christ, Mrs. Budzenski (Mrs. B.)

St. Mary's Faculty and Staff:

- Rev. Dan Duff, Pastor
Marca Budzenski, Principal
Robyn Stinson, Pre-K
Rachel Duckworth, K, 5/6 Math, 7/8 Science
Mary Tocci, 1st/2nd Grade
Marcie Greenlee, 3rd/4th Grade
Linda Ellis, 5th/6th Grade
Kim Terry, 7th/8th Grade, 4th grade Reading
Becky Rice, Music, 3rd-8th Religion
Scott Rowland, P.E., Health, Technology 2nd grade Reading
Michelle Haas, Library
Jodi Lever, Paraprofessional
LuAnn Latchaw, Title I
Cindy Conrad, Cafeteria
Jack Woods, Bud Beemer, Maintenance

Technology Update:

We have transitioned to the cloud for server storage and our new IT company, KSM Consulting, will be reimagining the computer lab and hopefully we will have all the kinks worked out soon!

With the new transition, Harmony should be assessible. To view Harmony, you must use either Chrome or Firefox browsers.

We are experiencing difficulties with the teachers' access to Harmony but we hoping that has been resolved.

DETENTION: Detention will be held for all grades Wednesdays from 2:50 pm-4:00pm.

Students in 5th - 8th Grade: Teachers may request students stay after school on any given day if work is not completed! The was outlined in classroom policies and expectations!

Transportation is the responsibility of the parent.

CHOICE SCHOLARSHIP VOUCHER RECEPITANTS

Endorsement Forms have arrived from the INDOE Choice Scholarship. If your child was approved for a voucher, you MUST STOP BY THE OFFICE TO SIGN THE ENDORSEMENT FORM. (Sorry but another piece of paperwork to sign).

This form must be submitted to the INDOE by the first week in September. Please stop by the office to sign your form ASAP!

Office Hours:

- M: 7:30am-5:30pm
T: 7:30am-5:30pm
W: 7:30am-5:30pm
TH: 7:30am-5:30pm
F: 7:30am-4:00pm
Or by appointment

Carpool: Drop Off/Pick Up Reminder: Door open at 7:30am

- Drop Off- if you must exit your vehicle to assist your child, please park on the basketball court; walk your child to the school. Drop Off needs to be fluid and moving.
Pick Up- if the Pick-Up Line is at the street you MUST pull off the street and begin the line within the parking area along Fairview St.
Per City Regulations, - Under NO circumstance can we be stopped in the street nor wrapped down Monroe St.

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- Open to all students in Grades K-8
- Monday/Wednesday 3:00pm-3:45pm
- (snack provided)

Drama Club

- Open to all students in grades 1st-8th
- Thursday 3:00-3:45pm
- \$10.00 Fee
- Will meet in Zimmer Hall
- Parents pick up at Zimmer Hall

Mid-Term, reports will go home in the August 31, 2017, Wednesday folder.

Teachers are working with their new computers and should have grades in Harmony!

NWEA Testing dates: Tuesday, August 29-Friday, September 1, 2017. Please make sure your student is present. IF possible schedule appointments and early pick-ups after the week of testing.

September 29<sup>th</sup>, end of Period 1 Grading.

Parent Conferences: Wednesday, September 27 and Thursday, September 28.

**Tax Credit Scholarships:** Please remember we need donations to the Tax Credit Scholarship Fund (\$25,000). Personal/business donors are eligible to take advantage of a 50% TAX CREDIT against their state tax liability. [www.i4qed.org/sgo/donors](http://www.i4qed.org/sgo/donors)

WHO'S COMING TO DINNER?

The Parent Guild will be hosting "Who's Coming to Dinner?" on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in Zimmer Hall. The menu will be catered by Fazoli's! Child care will be available! MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FUN! PLEASE RSVP ASAP!



**BOARD GAME NIGHT:** Join the Parent Guild and St. Mary's as we host Game Board Night, Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:30pm-8:00pm in Zimmer Hall. Bring your favorite board game, a snack and drink to share! Join the fun! Baby-sitting will be available. If you have a teenager who would be willing to help sit and play with the younger children, please contact the school office at, 765-724-4459.

Students are required to follow uniform guidelines. We are experiencing infractions with sock color. Please read uniform policy! Uniform infractions will be enforced. Students will be assigned to Wednesday detention and not allowed to participate in free dress days if they do not comply with the uniform guidelines. A copy of the uniform policy is included in the Wednesday folder. Only certain shirt colors and certain short/pant styles are permitted. Please refer to the guidelines for appropriate dress.

Quick Uniform Check:

- MONDAY: students can wear any St. Mary t-shirt and jeans or jean shorts (months shorts are permitted). Jeans/jean shorts must follow uniform rules with length etc.
- TUESDAY: "when" the student earns free dress (lunches, participation in fundraisers, etc.) it will be on Tuesdays. Please look for these days listed on your monthly calendar that will be sent home in your Wednesday envelope. Other Tuesdays will be uniform days.
- WEDNESDAY: regular uniform
- THURSDAY: regular uniform
- FRIDAY: dark blue- light blue combo day. Students will wear their light blue/navy polo and uniform shorts or pants. The students will have All School Mass on Friday morning and it is nice to look out and see all the kids in a sea of blue.

We would like to extend an invitation for all parishioners, parents and friends to join us in celebrating our faith!

Schedule:

- Tuesday: 8:00am, Pray the Rosary or the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Wednesday: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month-PK-K; 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month grades 1-2/3-4; 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month grades 5-6/7-8
- Thursday: All school Communion Service
- Friday: All School Mass
- Holy Days that fall during the week: All School Mass

Clarification on Free Dress: Students are permitted to wear regular clothing on free dress days. It is our goal for the students to earn and enjoy the work put into earning free dress.

Free dress must follow uniform guidelines regarding:

- Type of shorts or pants (appropriate blue jeans may be worn), no cargo shorts or cargo pants, no yoga pants, no sweat pants, no pants or shorts with tears.
- Length of shorts must meet uniform guidelines.
- Length of skirt must meet uniform guidelines.
- Appropriate shirts/ t-shirts may be worn. Shirts do not have to match uniform colors or style. Tank tops or sleeveless shirts are not permitted.
- Sandals or open-toed shoes are not permitted to be worn to school. This is a safety issue.
- No hoodies are permitted to be worn. This is a safety issue.
- Loud bright color socks/tights are not permitted. There will be fun days that I will allow loud or bright tights and socks. this will be announced in advance

**FOOD FOR THE POOR WILL BE COLLECTED AT FRIDAY MASS, AUGUST 25, 2017**

NEW ON-GOING SERVICE PROJECT:

- St. Mary School will once again collect aluminum soda/pop tabs. Place collected tabs in a baggie and drop off at the office!