

*St. Mary's School*  
*"Excellence in Education"*  
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*"We, the family of St. Mary's School, are committed to promoting Catholic values to God's children through faith, Christ-centered worship, service and academic excellence."*

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Dear Parents,

As we have moved into a new calendar year, we begin to look forward to our next school year. Current 8<sup>th</sup> graders are receiving a blue student registration form from Marathon School District in this packet. If they plan on going to Marathon High School next year, parents will need to fill out the blue form and return it to St. Mary's by Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. If you are out of district, you will need to apply for open enrollment through the DPI website starting February 1<sup>st</sup>. On Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Aune from the public school will meet with 8<sup>th</sup> graders at St. Mary's and explain course offerings. She will give them a sheet to fill out with the courses they hope to take as Freshman, which is due back at school by Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. Last Friday, registration cards were mailed out to parents of prospective 4K and 5K students to join St. Mary's next year. If you know of others who may be interested in St. Mary's, please contact us.

The second quarter ends next Thursday, the 21<sup>st</sup>. Our students have been doing well and we want them to continue doing well these next two weeks, so they get the best grades possible. Also, we have four extracurricular teams practicing and all those participants need good grades to remain academically eligible for those activities.

Last week, we welcomed Aaron Schumacher to our custodial staff, replacing Jayni Garcia. Thank you to Aaron for joining us and Jayni for helping us over the last couple of years.

St. Mary's will have an "adopt-a-day" blood donation drive at the Blood Center of Northcentral Wisconsin fixed site, 211 Forest Street, in downtown Wausau next Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM – 6:30 PM. There is a great need for blood donations, so we encourage you to donate blood on that day if you are able.

We have several current student contests. The fitness challenge was explained last week. Many students in grades 4 – 8 are working on their Catholic Daughters of America contest entries in the areas of essay, poetry,

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art, computer art, music and photography. Those entries are due to their homeroom teacher by next Thursday, the 21<sup>st</sup>. An internal contest for all students is creating a marketing (tour) brochure which includes pictures, stories, drawings and/or information about St. Mary's School. In the past, we have had student contests for such things as our school logo and students have come up with very good entries. There is not a brochure page limit, but two pages (1 page on front and 1 on back) would probably be the best. It will be given largely to parents who are touring the school and thinking about sending their child here so current students might want to keep that in mind when they put the brochure together.

We had our spelling bee by classroom last week with the following students moving on to this Friday's schoolwide competition:

**Please make note of upcoming dates and activities:**

- Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Mass
- Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade Mass
- Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>: "Adopt-a-day" blood drive, Blood Center of Northcentral Wisconsin
- Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Mass
- Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>: End of Quarter 2
- Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>: Deadline for Catholic Daughters of America contest entries
- Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>: **No School, Marathon In-service**
- Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>: 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Mass
- Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Mass
- February 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>: Catholic Schools Week
- Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade Mass
- Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>: Deadline for fitness challenge and tour brochure contests
- Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Mass

Sincerely,  
Mr. Koch, Principal

**Nobody is a Christian  
for oneself alone.**

**The gift of faith  
is given to us so that  
by word and example  
we may become witnesses  
before others.**



Saint Pope John Paul II