

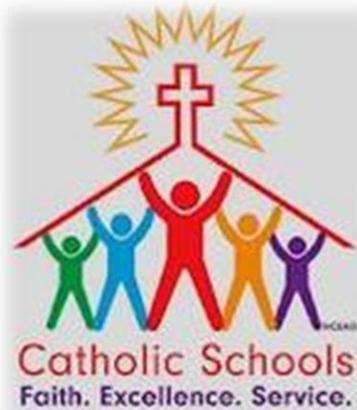
*St. Mary's School*  
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*"We, the family of St. Mary's School, are committed to promoting Catholic values to God's children through faith, Christ-centered worship, service and academic excellence."*

January 18, 2021

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Dear Parents,

The second quarter ends this Thursday, the 21<sup>st</sup>. We have two possible P-S-T conferences, the mandatory one we already had after quarter one and an optional one after quarter three midterms on Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. There are not conferences after quarter two, but you can continue to check in with teachers and ongoing grades are on Sycamore for grades 5 – 8.

St. Mary's is having an "adopt-a-day" blood donation drive at the Blood Center of Northcentral Wisconsin fixed site, 211 Forest Street, in downtown Wausau today from 8 AM – 6:30 PM. There is a great need for blood donations, so we encourage you to donate blood today if you are able.

We had our school wide spelling bee last week with the following students moving on to next week's NERR competition: Alternate: Kiley Mader, 5<sup>th</sup>: Martin Gruetzmacher, 4<sup>th</sup>: Chayce Westfall, 3<sup>rd</sup>: Anika Kolka, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Hailey Martin and St. Mary's champion: Luke Hoenisch. Congratulations to these students.

There is a flyer for registering for the 2021 Marathon Youth Boys Baseball and Girls Softball Summer Season in this packet.

First Reconciliation, for second graders, will be Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM, but we will not have a Shepherd Day retreat this year. Also, we will not hold a Mission Carnival.

What we will be doing for Catholic Schools Week is limited compared to past years. We will have dress up days (comfy, class color and crazy hair/hat) and some smaller activities, but our traditional activities like roller skating and in-person grandparent's day will not occur.

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We haven't had a lot of snow this winter yet, but a reminder that through 4<sup>th</sup> grade, students should have winter coats, hats, gloves, boots, and snow pants. For grades 5 and up, the snow pants are optional, but students should have on the rest of this clothing. We have a handful of snow days built in this year, so, at least originally, if we have snow days there will not be any virtual classes that are required of students to attend on those days.

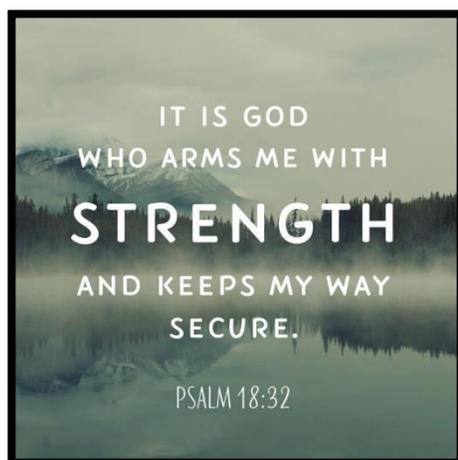
This Thursday, the 21<sup>st</sup>, will be another casual day where students can wear Packer gear as the Packers get ready for the NFC championship. Students can also wear outfits from other sports teams if they choose that day.

The book sale through Collective Goods, formerly Books Are Fun, is currently taking place. You can place orders at [order.collectivegoods.com](http://order.collectivegoods.com). Please place your order by Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, at 6PM.

Over the weekend, Governor Evers extended the mask mandate for an additional two months which we will continue to enforce. Father had an insert in the parish bulletin regarding the COVID vaccine twice this month. There is no mandate regarding the COVID vaccination. As the latest insert indicated, that is an individual decision. We have been largely COVID free since Thanksgiving but recently have had some in quarantine and isolation. We will continue to monitor and adjust as we have throughout the year.

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

- 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