

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."

January 4, 2021

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Dear Parents,

Hope you have been enjoying the Christmas season and the New Year. A common New Years' resolution is to get more physically fit. During the month of January, we will be having a schoolwide fitness challenge. Each day students will write down their physical activity minutes on the calendar provided in this packet and then a parent will initial each day confirming that their child filled out the form honestly. At the end of the month, add up the minutes and put the number on the total line underneath the calendar. The calendar needs to be turned in to their homeroom teacher on February 1 and then Mrs. Koch can calculate the average for each class. The class with the highest average will earn a casual day.

The January schedule for 5/6 basketball and 7/8 girls basketball were given to those students today.

Starting today, Kelley Blume will be working in the kitchen. Thank you, Kelley, for helping with the lunch program. As noted in yesterday's Remind message, there was a switch in this week's hot lunch schedule with corn dogs moving to Wednesday.

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 on Monday, January 18th, 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.

Over the break, we installed access points to help our connection to the Wi-Fi and internet at school. We previously had just two access points in the hallways per floor. This caused inconsistent internet access and at times forced students and staff to be in the doorways and walk the hallways just to get a stable connection. Now there is an access point in every classroom which has improved our connection.

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Please make note of upcoming dates and activities:

- Monday, January 11th: 7th and 8th grade Mass
- Wednesday, January 13th: 5th and 6th grade Mass
- Monday, January 18th: 3rd and 4th grade Mass
- Monday, January 18th: “Adopt-a-day” blood drive, Blood Center of Northcentral Wisconsin
- Wednesday, January 20th: 1st and 2nd grade Mass
- Thursday, January 21st: End of Quarter 2
- Friday, January 22nd: **No School, Marathon In-service**

Sincerely,
Mr. Koch, Principal



NEW YEAR PRAYER

Thank you, Lord for giving me the brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should as each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom that I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage so a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty help me fill it with good things.
Each new day filled with joy and happiness it brings.

Amen. (Author Unknown)