

St. Mary's School
"Excellence in Education"
716 Market Street ~ PO Box 102
Marathon WI 54448

"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."

October 19, 2020

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Dear Parents,

Included in this packet is a letter in regards to the Circle of Joy and their Christmas Giving Tree.

The Marathon Knights of Columbus Council would like to invite you to participate in Eucharistic Adoration at church beginning Monday, November 2nd, after the 8:00 AM Mass and concluding on Tuesday, November 3rd, at 10 PM. Benediction will be at the beginning and end of Adoration. You can attend at any time, but they would like two people minimum at Adoration each hour. Sign up for Adoration times can be done through the parish website:

<https://stmarysmarathon.weconnect.com/>. The Knights also pray the Rosary in church each Wednesday at 7:00 PM to pray for the needs of our country and they invite all families to attend.

October is the Month of the Most Holy Rosary. We usually pray a schoolwide Rosary in church, but instead will be praying the Rosary in classrooms this Thursday as we head into a three day weekend.

Thursday, October 29th, will mark the one year anniversary of Kolton Kramm's death. School is not in session that day, but on Wednesday, the 28th, we will ask students to wear blue. Some classes will also have special remembrances. On Thursday, the 29th, there will be 8 AM Mass with a dedication to Kolton. We will then proceed to his grave at St. Francis Cemetery in Knowlton for a short prayer and to lay memorials at his grave. All are welcome to attend on the 29th.

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We don't have school next Thursday, the 29th, and Friday, the 30th, as this is Fall Break. Also, we do not have school this Friday, the 23rd, as it is a Diocese of La Crosse in-service.

The ability to opt out of face to face instruction at St. Mary's and instead learn virtually for a period of time, remains an option. The bus company had a policy that if you decided to opt out, your child(ren) would not be able to ride the bus until the second semester. Last week, they revised this policy and are asking that you call the bus company prior to opting out to discuss the effects of being able to ride on the bus. The opt out form on our website has been updated to reflect their change.

We had many people return to school from quarantine last week and many more scheduled to return this week. I'm assuming we will have a similar ebb and flow throughout the year and as that happens, we will adjust accordingly. Marathon County will be starting to host weekly COVID-19 testing tomorrow, October 20th. Testing is on a first come, first serve basis. Testing will be limited to individuals experiencing symptoms or close contacts to a positive case. The flyer is on the home page of our website.

Parent-Student-Teacher conferences are Thursday, November 12th. We are deciding if they will be done in person or via phone/Google Meet. Either way, you can sign up in Sycamore or call the school to reserve a conference time. If you currently have 3 or more children at St. Mary's (whether virtual or in person), please sign up today. We are opening it to just those families today so they can more easily block time together. Tomorrow, we will open it up to all families. The following is a review on how to sign up via Sycamore:

1. Log into Sycamore
2. Click on My School on the left side.
3. Under My School, select my P/T Conferences
4. Select your student from the drop down and then click on any available green box for the teacher(s) you would like to see. You do not need to sign up for each teacher listed, just your HR teacher, you can optionally sign up for additional teachers (see below). You will be able to sign up for conferences for each of your students. Once you confirm the time, you will need to contact St. Mary's if you need to change it.

Book a conference below. Each conference will be 25 minutes. Green indicates an available time.

Teacher	8:00am	8:30am	9:00am	9:30am	10:00am	10:30am	11:00am	11:30am	12:00pm	12:30pm	1:00pm	1:30pm	2:00pm	2:30pm	3:00pm	3:30pm	4:00pm	4:30pm	5:00pm	5:30pm	6:00pm	6:30pm	7:00pm	7:30pm	8:00pm	8:30pm	8:00pm	
N. Schwack	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
J. Bohling	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Green	Green																
D. Cox	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green

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Please make note of upcoming dates and activities:

- Wednesday, October 21st: 1 - 2 Grade Mass
- Thursday, October 22nd: Rosary in classrooms at school
- Friday, October 23rd: **No School, Diocese in-service**
- Monday, October 26th: 7 – 8 Grade Mass
- Wednesday, October 28th: 5 - 6 Grade Mass
- Thursday, October 29th: Kolton Kramm remembrance (Mass at 8 AM, followed by memorial at St. Francis Cemetery)
- Thursday, October 29th and Friday, October 30th: **No School Fall Break**
- Monday, November 2nd: 3 - 4 Grade Mass
- Wednesday, November 4th: 1 – 2 Grade Mass, Celebration of Saints
- Monday, November 9th: 7 - 8 Grade Mass
- Wednesday, November 11th: 5 - 6 Grade Mass
- Thursday, November 12th: PST Conferences 3 – 9 PM
- Friday, November 13th: **No School, Marathon in-service**

Sincerely,

Mr. Koch, Principal



Starting on October 20th!



**COVID-19 Testing
on Tuesdays
from 8am-4pm***

1308 West Street, located
on Wausau's west side
near Marathon Park

- WI Residents, ages 5 & up
- Drive-thru outdoor event, no public restrooms available
- No appointment necessary

***Testing is first-come, first-serve, and limited to those with symptoms or close contacts only**

Symptoms include: Fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, head & body aches, new loss taste/smell, or vomiting, nausea & diarrhea

Pre-register at register.covidconnect.wi.gov