

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."

October 5, 2020

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Dear Parents,

We had a lot happen over this week, so I'll recap. We had two COVID+ cases involving people at school, so those people and close contacts will quarantine. Much like students who have opted out or those that have been absent throughout the year, we have set up Google Meets for students to "attend" school as class is going on. Throughout this month, we will not have hot lunch thus a cold lunch should be provided along with cutlery and napkins. Yesterday, we decided to cancel the last two weeks of our volleyball and football seasons.

October is both Respect Life Month and the Month of the Holy Rosary, making it a providential time to pray with our Bishops to our Blessed Mother, Patroness of the Unborn, for an end to abortion and other offenses against human life and dignity. Beginning October 4th, with Bishop William Patrick Callahan, each of our five Wisconsin Bishops will have a live-streamed Pro-Life Rosary from 7:30-8:00 PM on five consecutive Sundays. The closing Rosary will be led by Archbishop Jerome ListECKI on Nov. 1, the Feast of All Saints, concluding with their invocation through the Litany of the Saints. To participate in these live-streamed Rosaries, visit www.diolc.org/live.

Our in-service last Friday was largely religious based, as we looked at our religious curriculum, the Franciscan at Home series regarding Catholic schools and listened to Father Lindner's presentation on the Blessed James Miller. Miller was born in Stevens Point and through his work in education and recognition as a martyr while in Central America, was beatified. Lindner led a 2019 trip to his Beatification Mass. The next in-service is Friday, October 23rd.

Midterms are being sent home for students in grades 5 – 8 today.

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Please make note of upcoming dates and activities:

- Wednesday, October 7th: 1 - 2 Grade Mass
- Monday, October 12th: 7 – 8 Grade Mass
- Wednesday, October 14th: 5 - 6 Grade Mass
- Friday, October 16th: Picture Retakes
- Monday, October 19th: 3 – 4 Grade Mass
- Wednesday, October 21st: 1 - 2 Grade Mass
- 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 and Friday, October 30th: **No School Fall Break**

Sincerely,

Mr. Koch, Principal

