

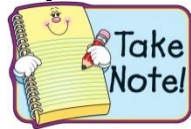
*St. Mary's School*  
*"Excellence in Education"*  
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*"We, the family of St. Mary's School, are committed to promoting Catholic values to God's children through faith, Christ-centered worship, service and academic excellence."*

February 1, 2021

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Dear Parents,

For Catholic Schools Week, we will have class color day on Tuesday, crazy hair/hat on Thursday and comfy/lounge day on Friday. Wednesday will be a regular dress day and for those with Mass, Mass dress days. Class colors are as follows: 5K turquoise and yellow, 1<sup>st</sup> blue, 2<sup>nd</sup> purple, 3<sup>rd</sup> black, 4<sup>th</sup> red, 5<sup>th</sup> gray, 6<sup>th</sup> green, 7<sup>th</sup> black and 8<sup>th</sup> red. We will also have some activities, but more at the class level as opposed to schoolwide. Thanks to the teachers and Home and School for setting up those activities. Mass from St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse celebrating Catholic Schools Week will be livestreamed tomorrow at 9. The link can be found at <https://diolc.org/schools/>.

The students have been working hard and it shows as we have many students on the honor roll and/or improving their grades over last quarter. Sixth grade honor roll students included William Bretzke, Matthew Kindlarski and Ben Stowell with high honors belonging to Natilee Hummer, Abram Jacobson, Alyssa Kraft, Sara Marek, Hailey Martin, Velda Mechelke, Mayven Schneider and Fred Tylinski. Seventh grade included Maddy Blume, Logan Gore, Martin Gruetzmacher, Leah Schulz and Taylor Schulz, with high honors Sam Altenhofen, Mylee Haehlke, Luke Hoenisch, Anika Kolka, Spencer Seubert and Blake Sternberg. Eighth grade honor roll was Gabriella Baumann, Sam Deckelman, Morgan Gore, Blake Kraft, Cody Radtke, Paige Sauter and Alyssa Sessions, with high honors Anna Chesek, Katie LeBlanc, Kiley Mader, Katherine Paul, Cayden Sapinski, Emma Scheiderer and Alyssa Stowell.

At the NERR competition, five of the top six spellers were from St. Mary's with Anika Kolka finishing second and Luke Hoenisch finishing third. Both move on to the regional competition February 17<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to those spellers.

Fill a Belly food bag delivery for students through the Fill a Backpack program has begun. If you are interested in this program, please contact the school.

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Last week, the Wisconsin State Senate voted to overturn Governor Evers' mask mandate. The Assembly was set to vote on this joint resolution but delayed the vote, possibly to this week. If they vote to end the mandate, Governor Evers could theoretically issue another executive order starting a new one and we could be in a loop where one day it's mandated and the next it's not. In any event, if the mandate is overturned, for at least the immediate period after the repeal, we would continue to require masks at school.

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

- February 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>: Catholic Schools Week
- Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>: Class Color Day
- Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Mass
- Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>: Crazy Hair/Hat Day
- Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>: Comfy/Lounge Day
- Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>: 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Mass
- Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Mass
- Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade Mass
- Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>: Ash Wednesday Mass in classes
- Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>: Regional Spelling Bee
- Thursday/Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>: **No School Marathon Inservice**

Sincerely,  
Mr. Koch, Principal

