

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."

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Dear Parents,

We are handing out mite boxes as part of our annual Lenten collection. Donations can be placed in the mite boxes and returned to homeroom teachers throughout the Lenten season until Friday, March 26th. The mite box program is an outreach of the Missionary Childhood Association (MCA), one of the Pontifical Mission Societies represented in the Mission Office. MCA was formed to encourage children to help other children and helps finance roughly 3,000 projects worldwide. Projects include assisting children in orphanages as well as homes for the disabled, refugees and those living on the streets. We dedicate funds to MCA for our sister parish in Bolivia and Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II orphanage.

Bishop Callahan's Lenten message can be found here: youtu.be/tN3ivPPH3x0. We plan on taping the 8 AM Mass on Ash Wednesday so that all students can watch the Mass later in the school day.

Last week, as many K-12 students in the country continue to learn virtually with no in-person option, we celebrated our 100th day of in-person instruction. Our younger students typically celebrate, but this year it is a milestone for all of us. The Diocese and school goal for this school year is to have the students at school 5 days a week, if possible. Although many events we normally do have had to be cancelled, the goal is having the school open. Families have done well with this goal as are the students considering it has been a different type of school year. The staff has worked hard to make in-person learning work well and for those that either chose to, or because of quarantine had to, learn virtually work well also.

P-S-T conferences are Thursday, March 4th between 3 and 6. These are optional, by request only, and unlike the mandatory one after 1st quarter will be done after midterms, within the quarter. The rationale is if a student is struggling, the mid-quarter conference will allow time for them to improve before the quarter ends.

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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.

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	9:00pm
N. Schreck	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
J. Bohling	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	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

As stated in this week's parish bulletin, there has been a problem in the La Crosse Diocese the past few months with people creating email addresses impersonating parish or school staff and then asking for money or private information. All school email addresses end with @stmarysmarathon.org, this includes our staff, committees such as home and school and activities as well as other organizations associated with the school or parish such as RCIA. Any other email that does not have that ending is not in our domain and should be ignored.

The latest book sale starts today and ends on Wednesday, February 24th, at 6PM. Orders can be placed at order.collectivegoods.com.

Reminder no school this Thursday and Friday for Marathon in-service.

Please make note of upcoming dates and activities:

- Wednesday, February 17th: Ash Wednesday Mass in classes
- Wednesday, February 17th: Regional Spelling Bee
- Thursday/Friday, February 18th and 19th: **No School Marathon in-service**
- Monday, February 22nd: 1st and 2nd grade Mass
- Wednesday, February 24th: 7th and 8th grade Mass
- Friday, February 26th: Q3 midterms
- Monday, March 1st: 5th and 6th grade Mass
- Wednesday, March 3rd: 3rd and 4th grade Mass
- Thursday, March 4th: By request only P-S-T conferences, 3 – 6 PM

Sincerely,

Mr. Koch, Principal