

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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PLEASE NOTE



Dear Parents,

St. Mary's will not have school this Friday, the 19th. Our Easter Break will start on Wednesday, March 31st, and go through Monday, April 5th, with school resuming Tuesday, April 6th. Last Friday's in-service on Theology of the Body was a worthwhile one and included some resources for parents that have been added to our website under School Resources/Family Support Links. The public school will have upcoming changes in their school calendar regarding in-person school days. We are planning on keeping our school calendar the same. The change in the public school's schedule will lead to a change in busing. When the public school moves to 5 days a week in-person instruction, the bus schedule on Wednesdays will go back to the MT and TF route times and bus drivers. A reminder of this will be sent out to you when we are closer to that date and when additional plans for busing are finalized, we will contact you as well.

Our middle school students have been practicing their speeches for forensics. This year, there will not be a NERR tournament, instead we will have an internal competition only, on Friday, April 9th.

The end of quarter 3 is next Friday, the 26th. If students are gone during or near this time frame, please notify the school and teachers if you have not already done so in order that arrangements can be made before the end of the quarter.

We want to welcome and thank Michelle Scheiderer who is helping with custodial work at the school. We would also like to thank Gerri Gore, who after 5+ years working in the kitchen, has decided to step down from this position.

Last Friday, Mrs. Hahn won a Diocesan Award, the Holy Family Award, which recognizes a staff member who has made an exceptional difference for families within the school or parish. This award can be based

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upon instruction, co-curricular activities, religious guidance or physical, spiritual, or emotional support to entire families. Mrs. Hahn has a large role in helping students and families with academic, behavioral and social issues. With the anxiety some have had over the past year, she became a de facto counselor to many. Mrs. Hahn defused problematic situations in a caring manner, providing a rationale for the school's actions and an understanding that the issue will be addressed, thus leading to less anxiety. The award is well-deserved, and we congratulate her winning it and appreciate her work.

The entire staff has worked hard to make the many transitions over the past year work as well as possible. One member of our faculty, Mrs. Kind, has included a letter to the St. Mary's community, attached to this newsletter.

Please make note of upcoming dates and activities:

- Wednesday, March 17th: 3rd and 4th grade Mass
- Friday, March 19th: **No School**
- Monday, March 22nd: 1st and 2nd grade Mass
- Wednesday, March 24th: 7th and 8th grade Mass
- Friday, March 26th: End of 3rd quarter
- Monday, March 29th: 5th and 6th grade Mass
- Wednesday, March 31st – Monday, April 5th: **No School, Easter Break**
- Tuesday, April 6th: School Resumes
- Wednesday, April 7th: 3rd and 4th grade Mass
- Monday, April 12th: 1st and 2nd grade Mass
- Wednesday, April 14th: 7th and 8th grade Mass

Sincerely,

Mr. Koch, Principal

"To maintain a joyful family requires much from both the parents and the children. Each member of the family has to become, in a special way, the servant of the others."

Saint Pope John Paul II

