


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."

March 8, 2021

In this newsletter:

- No School
- Mite Boxes 
- Computer Class
- Can-a-week
- Extended Absences



Dear Parents,

We will not have school the next two Fridays, the 12th and the 19th. This Friday is a Diocesan in-service with the presenter being Brian Butler, who is from Dumb Ox Ministries and one of the authors for Ascension Press's Theology of the Body program. This program is part of the Diocesan religious curriculum and is a requirement of all Diocesan schools. The presentation to staff members will share St. John Paul II's way of viewing God's plan for life and love via our relationships.

With no mission carnival this year, our main Lenten fundraiser is the Mite Box collection. Students received the Mite Boxes and they are collecting donations until Friday, the 26th.

In computer class, we continue with round four of STAR testing this week. Also, we have replaced our old typing software for grades 3 – 8 which was becoming outdated with a new one, Typing Club. There are more lessons and activities, and it is easier to track progress. These activities are more varied and divided into smaller chunks, which helps with student engagement and comprehension.

Throughout the year, we have once again been collecting nonperishable food in our can-a-week drive for Circle of Joy. We are continuing to collect these types of food throughout the remainder of the school year but would like certain foods as an area of emphasis through the end of the school year. These foods would be those in boxes roughly the size of cereal boxes, such as cereal, instant rice and mashed potatoes, etc. What we will be doing with these items before they are given to Circle of Joy is demonstrated in this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1yGQm4gbP5w>.

Several of you have contacted me about upcoming extended absences for your children as we move into the spring. If traveling, your children currently aren't required to quarantine upon returning but you should diagnosis for symptoms for 14 days after return. Also, prior to the absence please continue to contact

Continued...

teachers and Mrs. Lang with dates of the absences. Assignments will be given in advance; not a month in advance, but closer to the period of the absences. For grades 7 and 8, the assignments will continue to be on the master schedules, grade 7:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XRGmaVdbcvfEnJmC7Ur301JpquujQ7lWq9KGfWBkWYQ/edit?usp=sharing>

grade 8:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Fzia75ZBxLg4DtSisgAtSEi2bZX9dOTaShYKtz03k_M/edit?usp=sharing

Please make note of upcoming dates and activities:

- Wednesday, March 10th: 7th and 8th grade Mass
- Friday, March 12th: **No School, Diocese In-Service**
- Monday, March 15th: 5th and 6th grade Mass
- Wednesday, March 17th: 3rd and 4th grade Mass
- Friday, March 19th: **No School, Marathon In-Service**
- Monday, March 22nd: 1st and 2nd grade Mass
- Wednesday, March 17th: 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

Sincerely,

Mr. Koch, Principal

