

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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In this newsletter:

- Fall Sports/v-ball pics
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- Feeling Ill
- MCHD

Dear Parents,

Our fall sports are now in full swing. In this folder, we have the order forms for the volleyball pictures. Those order forms, along with uniforms, should be brought to picture day, which is this Thursday, the 24th. Thank you to Amanda Hale for taking pictures again this year. Our cross-county participant is sixth grader, Brady Annis. Football players include seventh graders Logan Gore, Parker Hale, Luke Hoenisch and Nathan Hoenisch with eighth graders, Aidan Hale, Blake Kraft and Cody Radtke. We have two volleyball teams, our sixth grade team is coached by Mrs. Wirkus and includes Natilee Hummer, Alyssa Kraft, Matthew Kindlarski, Sara Marek, Velda Mechelke, Mayven Schneider, Ben Stowell and Fred Tyliniski. Our 7th/8th grade team is coached by Mrs. Petersen and includes seventh graders, Maddy Blume and Riley Werner as well as eighth graders, Morgan Gore, Katie LeBlanc, Katherine Paul, Cayden Sapinski, Alyssa Sessions and Alyssa Stowell.

A reminder that next week, Friday, October 2nd, we do not have face to face instruction as it is an in-service day. Our in-service will include working on religious curriculum and a presentation from Fr. Lindner from St. Anne Parish in Wausau.

Last week was the first week this school year where we had a fair number of sick students. We are glad you, as parents, are keeping sick students at home. Also, a couple staff members commented to me that the parents prepared students well for returning to school because they have handled the hygiene routines well. We are following the WI DHS and Marathon County Health Department protocols in regard to symptoms and being sent home for 10 days. So when you decide to keep your children home for a day or two it's more under your control when they return to school, but if they come to school and they have symptoms and we have to send them home, it's 10 days at home minimum. The symptoms are cough^, shortness of

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breath or difficulty breathing ^, new loss of taste or smell^, fever of over 100.4 ^, congestion or runny nose, chills, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, headache, fatigue, muscle or body aches and sore throat. The ones with ^ only need to be one symptom to be sent home for 10 days, while those without, there needs to be two to be sent home. If you are keeping them home yourselves because of the symptoms, they need to be fever free without the use of fever-reducing medications for 24 hours and there should be 24 hours since the symptoms were observed. Students that have stayed home just one or two days have kept up with their schoolwork pretty easily with Google Meets and assignments sent home. Ten days would be harder for the family and staying caught up would be more difficult. The mask mandate ends next Monday but we are still awaiting direction from the Diocese and MCHD, thus at this point we still ask that students bring masks next Monday. I attend biweekly MCHD update meetings and in the latter one last week, they mentioned a phone scam in which the caller notified the recipient that they were a close contact and asked for their social security number. MCHD said you should hang up if you get this call as they would never ask for your SSN, only name and date of birth. If you receive a call like this it is better you call the health department at 715-261-1900.

Overall, the students are handling school well. The staff has been working hard and as I stated before you, the parents, have done well helping to prepare your children for the school year.

Please make note of upcoming dates and activities:

- Wednesday, September 23rd: 1 - 2 Grade Mass
- Monday, September 28th: 7 - 8 Grade Mass
- Wednesday, September 30th: 5 - 6 Grade Mass
- Thursday, October 1st: Q1 Mid-terms, grades 5 – 8
- Friday, October 2nd: **No School, In-service**
- Monday, October 5th: 3-4 Grade Mass
- 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

Sincerely.

Mr. Koch, Principal

