

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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Take Note

Dear Parents,

We were excited to have the students back to school and they did well the first week of school. There was a lot of excitement coming back after a long break and they had to begin learning new routines from new teachers, as well as new schoolwide routines. We began to assess where they are academically in a variety of ways, including star testing, which will continue this week. Also, we are assessing their social/emotional needs through surveys and activities we learned during our August in-service. Furthermore, teachers visited their previous classes from last year to have closure activities on the first day. Students had a lot to deal with and they did a nice job handling it.

The students also did well with the bus schedule. By the end of the week, we had the system down. Having said that, if your child has a change of plans for the end of the day, for example they are usually in after care and will instead be picked up, please contact us as soon as you know. This is a repeated message from last week, but an important one, because the end of the day can become chaotic if we don't know how students are going home until the last minute. We want to be sure we are getting them to the correct place without them getting upset or worried about where they are to be going. This year Hilary Hummer and Lucy Hahn will be supervising after care. We thank Sierra Eckardt, Nancy Mader and Suzie Martin for helping with after care the last two years.

A flier for Scouts is on our homepage <http://www.stmarysmarathon.org/CubScouts.pdf>. It describes the informational meeting on Thursday, September 17th, at Veteran's Park from 6:30 – 7:30 PM. It is open to all boys and girls in grades K – 5.

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, grades 7/8 will have a master schedule from all classes similar to last spring during the closure to help organize. The links to the master schedule can be found on student's homeroom class page in Sycamore and also here:

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7th: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XRGmaVdbcvfEnJmC7Ur301JpquuiQ7IWq9KGfWBkWYQ/edit?usp=sharing>

8th https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Fzia75ZBxLg4DtSisgAtSEi2bZX9dOTaShYKtz03k_M/edit?usp=sharing

The master schedule is updated by 7:30 AM on Monday (or first day of the school week). Online grades for grades 5 – 8 will be updated by 5:00 PM on Monday (or first day of the school week). A week of virtual lesson plans for grades 5 – 8 is being sent home today as well. These assignments should not be done now, they will be used if we need to move quickly to at home learning again, so keep them in a safe place. Other grades received them at back to school day or will receive them if at home learning occurs.

If anyone is interested in volunteering once or twice a week for playground supervision, please contact Mrs. Lang (slang@stmarysmarathon.org). Playground supervisors check in at her office window by 11:15 and remain on duty until 12:20. If you have any questions she will be happy to answer them for you. Thank you to those who are already on the schedule.

We will again have Rachel Sheldon here this year as a counselor. She works independently of St. Mary's thus her services need to be paid for by either the parents or the parents' insurance and any appointments need to be made prior to the visit; students can't drop by to talk to her. The advantage of having her in-house is that parents will not need to drive students to appointments thus students will miss less time at school. Also, she is covered by most insurance plans and will work with you to see if your insurance will work for her services. If interested, please contact me directly and I will forward your request to Rachel. Her introduction letter can be found on our website, school resources/family support links under additional counseling.

Friday students can wear their favorite Packer spirit wear (or clothing from their favorite team) in support of our Packer Tailgate Raffle Drawing on Sunday. On spirit days, students can wear athletic shorts or sweatpants as long as they fit into the rest of our dress code. The Packer Tailgate Raffle Drawing is likely the only fundraiser left for this calendar year so please support the fundraiser. Some raffle tickets are still left at school and in the back of church. Thank you.

Please make note of upcoming dates and activities:

- Friday, September 11th: Casual Day, Packers/favorite team wear
- Sunday, September 13th: Packer Tailgate Raffle Drawing 3:00 PM
- Monday, September 14th: 7 – 8 Grade Mass
- Wednesday, September 16th: 5 – 6 Grade Mass
- Thursday, September 17th: Scouts Meeting, Veteran's Park, 6:30 – 7:30 PM
- Monday, September 21st: 3 – 4 Grade Mass
- 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**

Mr. Koch, Principal