

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

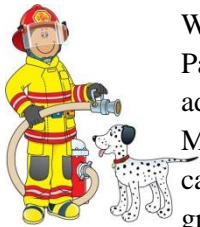
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"We, the family of St. Mary's School, are committed to promoting Catholic values to God's children through faith, Christ-centered worship, service and academic excellence."

St. Mary's Parishioners,

The month of October saw many of our students out in the community and many community members visiting St. Mary's. We had a series of field trips including the Rock Ridge Apple Orchard, Day on the Farm for the 4th graders and the 5K – 2nd graders went to the Grand Theater to see "Biscuit". The Rock Ridge field trip included: a short talk about apples and how they grow, a walk out to the orchard, picking apples, a petting zoo and a fresh cup of apple cider. The Day on the Farm allowed us to see life on the farm through the hosting farm families and the Marathon High School's FFA. Biscuit is the story of a little girl who receives a rowdy puppy, Biscuit, as a birthday present and how the puppy becomes part of the family.



We also had visitors come in to speak including the Marathon Fire Department, the Mosinee Paper Mill and our D.A.R.E program started this month. October is Fire Prevention month and in addition to our annual bus evacuation drill and monthly fire alarm drill, we had members of the Marathon City Fire Department give a fire talk with our 4K – 1st graders. The Mosinee Paper Mill came in to talk to our 5th graders about the paper making process. D.A.R.E. also works with 5th graders and has a comprehensive program on how young people can make wise decisions.

St. Mary's had several events related to faith and academics. The week long Book Fair kicked off at the beginning of the month with an Open House followed by a Home and School meeting and ice cream social. Later in the month we had our 1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting and also Blessing of the Animals on a beautiful Wednesday afternoon. The staff and some students at St. Mary's attended Terry Beatley's presentation during the Gospel of Life Celebration. In celebration of October, the month of the Rosary, faculty and 5K – 8th grade students prayed the Rosary at church, while others attended the Candlelight Mass celebrating the birth of our spiritually adopted babies.



As October is a month of transition in weather, so it is for activities. Our girl's volleyball season ended as our boy's basketball season began. Our Academic Team continues to practice for local events and Brains and Brawn which is January 27th. If you visit the gym you will see that we have two new scoreboards. Thank you to the Activities Committee and Mr. Salber for their work in purchasing and installing the new scoreboards.

We have two big fundraisers in October. The first was our Pumpkin Patch early in the month where parishioners picked up pumpkins, gourds, straw bales, corn stalks, fresh baked bread and cinnamon rolls, canned goods and crafts. Thank you to everyone that volunteered, donated and attended the Pumpkin Patch. With your support a profit of \$1582 was made. Our second event is the Packer Tailgate Party this Sunday, noon – 4:00 PM, which includes former Packer great William Henderson, all cash raffles, and over 50 raffle baskets. Thank you St. Mary's Parish Tailgate Party Committee for putting the event together and also the anonymous donation so that we could advertise it on 89Q.



Please continue to support us and keep St. Mary's School in your prayers. Thank you.



Joseph Koch, Principal