

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 faculty, staff, students and families of St. Mary's School have all been welcomed back and so I welcome you all back as the 2017-2018 school year has begun and is in full swing.



The first few weeks of school have been busy with schoolwork and activities in and out of school. We celebrated our first 5K – 8th grade Mass in honor of Mary, the Mother of Jesus', birthday and students continue to participate in Mass twice a week. This year, we have weekly Adoration times for students with one Monday being reserved for 6th – 8th graders and then the alternating Monday for 5K – 5 graders. We had periodic student Adoration times last year and now we have moved to more of a set schedule for Adoration. We've had other times of prayer and reflection such as moments of silence on September 11th and on International Peace Day. The 5th – 8th grade students wrapped up their sessions of swimming lessons two weeks ago at M.A.S.A. and the 1st – 4th graders wrapped up their swimming sessions this week with 4K and 5K having lessons throughout the school year. *We send special thanks to the Ray and Marie Goldbach Foundation for providing lessons for our students.* This week is our first field trip as 4th graders take a step back in time and spend a day at the Little Red Schoolhouse. Volleyball hosted the 15th Annual MAES/St. Mary's Volleyball Invitational and is already nearing the end of their season as is our cross country and football teams. Our Academic Team had their first practice last week as they prepare for NERR and Brains and Brawn competitions.

Something new to St. Mary's School is our new security and camera system. This was a directive from the diocese and also part of our accreditation plan. Now all visitors need to get "buzzed" in before they can enter the school during the school day. It is for the safety of our students and that is our biggest concern.

I want to thank the parishioners for their support of the school. When I speak of school support, I'm thinking of several different ways. One way is financial, which is maybe what most people think of and obviously the school couldn't exist without it. Support also includes backing our school's mission, policies and our staff. Being new to Marathon and St. Mary's and having a hectic summer, it was great to meet the people that have come up to me after school, Mass, games or the chicken dinner and made me feel welcome. I do appreciate this and I know the rest of the staff does too, especially when you pass encouraging words on to them.



If you are looking for fall decorating ideas, you're in luck! Our Annual Pumpkin Patch will be held October 7th. We will have delicious cinnamon rolls, fresh bread, canned goods, pumpkins, gourds, corn stalks, hay bales and so much more!! Thank you for your continued support of this event.

Please visit our website www.stmarysmarathon.org throughout the year to see all the wonderful things happening at St. Mary's School. There are many pictures of school events and field trips.

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

Joseph Koch
Principal