

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."

November 12, 2018

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Dear Parents,

As we have now had our first snow this is a reminder that the following is required for outdoor recess: winter boots, winter coat, hat, gloves or mittens and snow pants (Grades 4K-4; 5-8 optional, but must be worn to play on the field).

This year we have replaced the biennial Iowa tests with STAR testing which gives more detailed information on student progress. We will administer the STAR tests five times in a year. We completed one in September to provide a baseline and then will be completing one at the end of each quarter to see trends and progress in reading and math. Information in reading includes grade equivalency, instructional reading level, literature key ideas and details, structure, range of reading, informational text key ideas and details, integration of knowledge and ideas, language vocabulary acquisition and zone of proximal development. Information in math includes grade equivalency, numbers, operations, ratios and proportional relationships, the number system, algebra expressions and equations, geometry and statistics and probability.

The Keeping Christ in Christmas poster contest is starting this week. All students are eligible with submissions being due to their teacher by November 28th.

The food items for the Circle of Joy will be delivered to the pantry before Thanksgiving. If you have not donated any items yet, now would be a great time to send something in so our grocery carts are full and we can share with those in need.

Tonight we will have a kick-off meeting at 7:30 PM for students and parents of the boys and girls basketball teams. We will go over expectations and also parent volunteer roles. The family Thanksgiving lunch is this Friday.

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Please make note of upcoming dates and activities:

- Monday, November 12th: Basketball kick-off meeting in the gym at 7:30 PM
- Wednesday, November 14th: 5K - 8 Grade Mass
- Friday, November 16th: Family Thanksgiving Lunch
- Monday, November 19th: 6 - 8 Grade Mass
- Tuesday, November 20th: Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences 3 – 9 PM
- November 21st – 25th: **No School** Thanksgiving Break
- Monday, November 26th: 3 - 5 Grade Mass
- Monday, November 26th: Picture Retakes
- Wednesday, November 28th: 4K - 2 Grade Mass
- Wednesday, November 28th: Keeping Christ in Christmas posters due
- Thursday, November 29th: Knowledge Bowl competition 6 PM
- Saturday, December 1st: Shepherd's Day Retreat – Grade 2 and Parents
- Sunday, December 2nd: Breakfast with Santa 9 – 10:30 AM Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
- Monday, December 3rd: 5K - 8 Grade Mass (Advent)
- Wednesday, December 5th: 6 - 8 Grade Mass
- Wednesday, December 5th: First Reconciliation Grade 2, 6 PM

Thank you.

Mr. Koch, Principal

“There is no better way
to thank **God** for your
sight than by giving a
helping hand to someone
in the dark.” *Helen Keller*