

St. Mary's School
"Excellence in Education"
716 Market Street ~ PO Box 102
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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."

July 2017

Dear Parents,

I hope your family is enjoying your time together during these summer months. My name is Joseph Koch, the new Principal at St. Mary's. Going through the process, talking with Father Joseph, visiting Marathon, attending Mass and then interviewing with the search committee, I felt this would be a great fit for me and I'm glad the search committee felt the same. As means of an introduction, I grew up on a farm two hours southeast of Marathon outside Campbellsport, a town about the size of Marathon. I am a product of Catholic education but went to public universities, UW-Madison for my undergraduate degree and UW- La Crosse for my graduate. I have worked in a lot of different professions and industries: construction, real estate, sales, public relations, travel, computer programmer and project management, but have spent most of my career in Catholic education. I enjoyed my time as a teacher as well as the administrative roles that I performed, which is one reason why I am looking forward to being principal at St. Mary's. I am also looking forward to relocating back to Wisconsin and Packer territory after spending the last few years in the Twin Cities.

Thank you to Terese Globensky for her time as principal of St. Mary's. We have meet over the summer and she has been very helpful assisting me as I transition into the principal position. We are fortunate that she is remaining at St. Mary's as a teacher.

As we prepare for the 2017-2018 school year we have to wish good luck to Bernie Heindl as she begins the exciting new stage of retirement. We are also officially welcoming Audrey Hiltz as our 5th – 8th grade Science teacher. Audrey is an alumnus of St. Mary's and is excited to be back to where it all began.

We will soon welcome back students. In preparation for the new school year, we will have an Open House on Wednesday, August 30th from 6:00 – 7:00 PM. Parents and students may drop off supplies and meet your child's teacher. At 6:30 PM **all** parents will meet in the gym. The meeting is for **all** families as I look forward to meeting you. The meeting will include an introduction to the school and me. Families **new** to St. Mary's will stay after the introduction to review policies and answer questions. Listed below are the faculty members for the 2017 – 2018 school year.

The 2017– 2018 Teaching Staff:

Four-Year Old Kindergarten/Computer and Phy. Ed.

Five-Year Old Kindergarten

First Grade

Second Grade

Third Grade

Fourth Grade

Fifth Grade Homeroom (4K – 2 Phy. Ed. and 4K – 1 Computer)

Sixth Grade Homeroom (5th and 7th English)

7th/8th Grade Homeroom (6th – 8th Grade Math, 2nd - 8th Computer)

7th/8th Grade Homeroom (Phy. Ed. 3rd – 8th, Spelling, Religion)

Mrs. Katie Drexler

Mrs. Kelly Hahn

Mrs. Valerie Kind

Miss Barb Britten

Mrs. Mary Lenard

Miss Terese Globensky

Mrs. Hollie Mader

Miss Deb Larsen

Mrs. Theresa Borchardt

Miss Paige Wirkus

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6th-8th Social Studies
7th/8th Grade Homeroom (5th - 8th Science)
7th and 8th Grade Literature, 8th English, 5th – 8th Grade Spanish
4K – 6th Grade Music/7th & 8th Grade Choir/Band
Teacher's Aide

Mrs. Lynelle Cichon
Miss Audrey Hilts
Mrs. Susan Jacobson
Mrs. Jodi Langenhahn
Mrs. Sandi Eckardt

St. Mary's School is fortunate to have these excellent teachers, committed to Catholic schools, sharing their gifts and talents with the students in the upcoming 2017 – 2018 school year. We are truly blessed.

Supplies: When picking up school supplies, please use the list which was in the packet sent home the last day of school. You may go to our website at www.stmarysmarathon.org to find school supply lists, alternate site forms, etc. Don't forget to use Scrip. You may purchase Scrip after Sunday liturgies or during the week in the school office. Wednesday, August 30th from 6:00 – 7:00 PM is an Open House and time for you to drop off school supplies and meet your child's teacher.

Swimming: ****5th – 8th Graders will begin swim classes on Wednesday, September 6th.** Please be sure to fill out and sign the swim permission form in the packet and return it to school immediately. Thank you.

Bookbills: Bookbills for students in grades 4K – 8 may be paid any time. Sacrament Books for Grade 2 are paid separately (you will be notified during the school year). Included in the packet is a bookbill or tuition (for non-parishioners) policy. Please look it over, sign and return it to the school office. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 715-443-3430.

General Fee: A fee of \$50 is charged at the beginning of the year. The money is used for technology maintenance. This should be paid by sending the fee to school marked "General School Fee". You may choose to purchase enough Scrip to equal \$50 *in profit* instead of paying the General Fee. If you pay the General Fee *and* purchase enough Scrip to equal \$50 in Scrip profit, you will be offered the chance to receive your \$50 back in Scrip. Look at the % of profit each vendor will give. If you have questions, please feel free to call the school office.

Band: Band is offered to students in grades 5 – 8. There is no quarterly fee for students who take band. Students will need to rent their band instruments from a music store if you do not already have one.

After Care: After Care will be offered again this year. Information will be in your packet.

Hot Lunch Prices: \$2.85 per day per child, which includes a carton of milk. The cost of milk is \$.40 per carton if your child chooses to take a carton of milk with his/her cold lunch. More information on the school hot lunch will come home in your packet. Free and Reduced Forms are enclosed.

Alternate site: If your child needs bus transportation to school from a site other than your home in the morning – or – if your child goes to a site other than your home after school, you need to fill out a form making a request. You will find a copy of the Alternate Site form on our website. **Alternate site forms must be sent to Fischer Transportation, Inc. by August 7th.**

As the school year draws near I ask you to keep St. Mary's School in your prayers. Each year brings excitement and hope knowing that St. Mary's School is a special place to learn and grow under God's loving care.

Joseph Koch, Principal