



# ST. MARY

# THE BUSS TRIP

## Newsletter

*Mission Statement: St. Mary Elementary School, in collaboration with its parents, educates the "whole child" in a Catholic environment. This allows every child to meet the challenges of a continuously changing society.*

### IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

- Seton Buddy Visit

Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>

- Thanksgiving Prayer @ 2:45 pm in front of the office

Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>

- No School / Thanksgiving Recess begins

Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>

- Advent Begins

Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

- Book Fair begins

Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

- Pre-K Donuts with Dad

Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

- Holy Day Liturgy @ 1:00 pm



### Happy November Birthdays!

Elizabeth Oldenburg	11/01
Samantha Veitch	11/05
MacKenzie Hayes	11/12
Nyla Albrecht	11/17
Noah Kindness	11/20
Preston Kindness	11/20
Grecia Vera	11/21
Katie Krautkramer	11/22
Ethan Blaney	11/28

### Catholic Identity ... Community

The celebration of Thanksgiving is right around the corner. It is a time when families get together and offer prayers for the many blessings that have come to them. There is always a lot of food ... maybe too much, and a lot of camaraderie. Some people actually celebrate their Thanksgiving by serving others who are less fortunate than them. It is unfortunate that the spirit of Thanksgiving only lasts that one-day for some individuals. For those people, once Monday comes, they avert back to individuals who don't recognize the gifts that they possess even during times of economic struggles. Some of those gifts might be health, a family or significant others that they can share their life with, and yes ... a job. Those of us who do have jobs and benefits need to be grateful and not approach our jobs as burdens or tasks that we must do. God blesses us daily with opportunities and gifts. Sometimes we fail to realize the importance of those gifts because we are too busy looking at what we don't have or comparing with others. This month, our Catholic identity theme is "Community" and one of the responsibilities is providing service to others. Jesus came to Earth to show us how to be servants to others and thus be saved. There is an old adage that says "you can't take it with you". Why then do we spend so much time and effort accumulating a lot of stuff that we can't take with us. Our readings on Sunday referenced that fact. Thanksgiving is a time to be grateful and see our glass as being half full with blessings and to continue that spirit throughout the other 364 days of the year.



## Library News

We have completed our first month of reading in our “**Pull In For A Good Book**” reading program at St. Mary’s. This month’s emphasis was fiction books. The students that read a minimum of 300 minutes and returned their reading calendars celebrated by putting a special sticker on their individual cars. Each student was then eligible to put their name in for a special drawing of prizes. The enthusiastic readers were:



Lilly Foster, Isabelle Gil, Kaley Keddell, Owen Scovronski-Tran, Antonina Schumacher, Brianna Schultz, Drew Korth, Aniah Holbrook, Noelle Schumacher, Yekaterina Schumacher, Max Griffith, Max Meyer, Lydia Van Rossum, Elizabeth Whiting, Lacey Murphy, Matthew Grenell, Elliot Becker, Emma Murray, David Brumbeloe, Sami Veitch, Molly Manderfield, Teresa Dold, Anna Griffith, Abby Thelen, Emmie Willes, Sydney Andersen, Maddie Alft, Katie Krautkramer, Cullin Hayes, Jacob Schultz, Max Van Rossum, Emma Keddell, Emma Nutini, Joseph Porter, Issaac Griffith, Julian Vera, Octavia Strohm, Lucy Griffith, Claire Reuss, Madeline Butke, Mackenzie Weber, Morgan Schroeder, Taja John, Max McParlon, Elizabeth Lawniczak, Sophia Grenell, Mason McParlon, Connor Trader, Sophia Dionne, Ryan Murray, Katelyn Gullickson, Regan Andersen, Andrew Long, Emma Schumacher, Cecilia Krautkramer, Joseph Griffith, Alex Albrecht, Kennedi Calmes, and Garrett Tully.

Congratulations to all those fantastic readers!

Mrs. Drechsler

## Physical Education News

The students in Miss Loughrin’s gym class were introduced to the skills of golf. Here is one of those future pros showing off her form.

Isabelle “Tigeress” Meyer



## Season of Advent

The season of Advent is a time of prayer, service, and preparation for the ultimate gift ... Jesus. This Advent season the students and staff will be participating in the following activities:

- Advent Post Office – send a 10 cent Christmas message to a classmate or your child.
- Smile Train donation – all proceeds made during this season will be given to this organization to provide a surgery to repair cleft palates in young children
- Community Clothes Closet collection – we will be collecting new socks and underwear for the needy
- Advent wreath prayer service – each week the children will gather around the wreath to offer prayers



Please refer to the school flyer for more details.

## Advent Donuts with Dads

The 4 year-old Pre-K group for Mrs. Bowen will host a special activity with their dads on **Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:15 pm** called “Advent Donuts with Dad”. This event will kick-off the Advent season and the children will make Advent donuts and sing songs with their dads. Grandpas are also invited to attend.

## Food Drive

Each homeroom is collecting food items for the St. Mary Food pantry. Please be generous and donate your goods by Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your help.

**St. Mary's and St. John's Employment Opportunity**

They are in need of a full time **Business Manager** who would have responsibilities in Finance, Personnel Facilities and Fundraising. They are also looking for a **Parish Life Coordinator**. This part time position will plan, organize, staff, coordinate and lead efforts to promote parishioner involvement and evangelization. Please e-mail to [jsell@tcces.k12.wi.us](mailto:jsell@tcces.k12.wi.us) or call Jean Sell at 725-7714 for more information.

**St. Mary's Scholastic Book Fair:**

Our book fair begins Tuesday, Dec 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 am in the gym hallway. Tuesday – Friday we will be open from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm.

**Family Night** will be Friday, Dec 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:00. Bring the family in for dinner and great door prizes! Parent and student volunteers will entertain the children in the gym while you shop. Don't forget your children's wish lists! Also look for our Teacher's Wish List Table! All proceeds benefit our school library. Also, through generous sponsors each student will receive a Free Book.

**The Fair ends at noon on Monday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**St. Mary Logo Wear**

Looking for Christmas ideas? We have the St. Mary Logo polo shirts and sweatshirt available to purchase. Sample sizes are in the office if you would like to size your child or yourself. An order form will be coming home today in the Wednesday folder. Please have your order form back in the office by Wednesday, Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Brownies Visit to Great Harvest**

The 3rd Grade Brownie Troop from St. Mary Elementary in Menasha enjoyed a field trip to Great Harvest Bread Company in Neenah on Tuesday, November 17. While there, they toured the business and learned how bread is made. Pictured left to right: Octavia Strohm, Anna Griffith, Sydney Andersen, Emma Keddell and Abigail Thelen.

