



ST. MARY

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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

- Wednesday, March 10th
- Preschool Story Time @ 1-2 pm
- Friday, March 12th
- Meet the Author (Grade 2)
 - Stations of the Cross @ 2:15 pm
- Monday, March 15th
- 3rd grade trip to the PAC
 - Pre-K to Sammy's pizza & the YMCA
- Wednesday, March 17th
- TCCES Celebration of the Arts at the PAC (6:30 pm)
- Thursday, March 18th
- Bubolz Trip (Gr 1 & 2)
- Friday, March 19th
- St. Mary Book Awards @ 1 pm

March Birthday Wishes!

Victoria Lambie	3/2
Matthew Grenell	3/7
Kataya Schumacher	3/14
Maggie Krautkramer	3/17
Sabrina Murphy	3/20
Joseph Stinski	3/21
Jocelyn Hoff-Whiting	3/22
Teresa Dold	3/23
Jacob Schultz	3/28

Catholic Identity ... Social Justice

One of the key areas of Catholic social justice is stewardship or living in harmony with all of God's creation. God's creation doesn't just focus upon the aspect of human life but it delves into how we use and take care of the other aspects of creation such as our wildlife, water supply, forests, and other natural resources. If everyone would just take a moment to slow down and soak in the wonderful things that God has created for us to make our life on earth enjoyable, we may see the responsibility we have to preserve this life. The wildlife from the birds in the sky to the colorful and unique insect life that inhabits and decorates our world is certainly creations that have importance to our survival on this planet along with an aesthetic quality for living. Just last week, the students and I were treated to a pair of bald eagles that flew over the school at dismissal. What a rare and beautiful sight. Stewardship is a quality that doesn't seem to concern us very much because up until now the flora, fauna, and natural resources have always existed in quantities that appeared to be endless. We are first beginning to realize that many more plants and animals have entered the endangered species list. Our clean water supply is being threatened and we need to explore alternative sources for power. When God placed us on the earth, he gave us everything that we needed to live a fruitful life. The one aspect that we failed to grasp is that we must do our part to take care of these gifts. The gifts of the world belong to all of us and we need to preserve, conserve, and recycle for future generations.



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TCCES Celebration of the Arts

Parents, grandparents, alumni and friends are invited to the 5th annual **TCCES "Celebration of the Arts"** at the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center on **Wednesday, March 17**.

The evening will feature student musicians and singers from the elementary, middle and high school levels along with a wide range of visual art created by students from the five TCCES schools. This event is open to the public and free.



The evening will feature performances by the St. Mary Central High Schools and Seton Catholic Middle School bands and jazz bands, the TCCES Elementary band from St. Gabriel, St. Margaret Mary and St. Mary Elementary Schools. The SMC and Seton's Show Choirs along with the 4th and 5th grade singers and dancers will also perform.

Celebration of the Arts is on **Wednesday, March 17 at the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center**. The event will begin with a reception and visual art display at 5:30. The concert will begin at 6:30 and admission is free. **Bergstrom Automotive is the sponsor for this event.**

Please R.S.V.P. to Ann Engelhard by **March 12th** if you are planning to attend the reception prior to the concert. You may R.S.V.P. via email to aengelhard@tcces.k12.wi.us or 722-7796 ext. 201.

★ Invite a friend or neighbor to come along to this entertaining event, remember it's free.

Kindergarten Screening Day

Kindergarten Screening Day at St. Mary Elementary School is scheduled for **Monday, March 29, 2010**. This day is set-aside for students who will be entering kindergarten in the fall of 2010. The process is used as a tool to help determine the developmental areas of the student at the present time. It does provide a nice profile of strengths and weaknesses that parents can use to better prepare their child for their kindergarten experience. To secure a testing time, please call the school office. **Since all the preschool teachers will be engaged in the screening process, there is no 4-year-old preschool scheduled for this day.**

Attention New Altar Servers

Deacon Rick Dovorak has scheduled a training session for all 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders who are not presently an altar server. All interested students should come to a practice on **Saturday, March 20th and 27th from 9-11 am in St. Mary Church**. A letter is attached to the email explaining the expectations of being an altar server and participating in your parish community.



Menasha Summer School Information

The "Summer School" link at www.mjsd.k12.wi.us, is now active and you can pre-register. The actual registration process will not open until March 22nd for the public. Children in the parochial schools must pre-register before the March 22nd date to be eligible to obtain courses for their children. To pre-register you should follow the directions on the link under summer school. Should you have questions about the process, please contact the school office for assistance. Remember that Menasha has gone to a complete online process for summer classes.

Meet the Author

This Friday, March 12th, Miss Corsmeier's second grade class has scheduled their "Meet the Author" day. Each child will read an original book that they have wrote and illustrated to their parents/guests. Who knows the next Caldecott award-winning author or book may be a few years away.

Lenten Update

Our collections from this past week totaled \$63.35. Congratulations on your almsgiving effort. We have **Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 12th** at 2:15 pm with the 3rd grade hosting the prayer service. Mr. Don Schultz will be leading the Stations this week. Again remember to bring your offerings for the collection before our prayer service.



5th Grade Forensics

Congratulations to our 5th graders and their coach/teacher, Mrs. Bergstrom. The students did very well at their first forensic competition at Seton. Here are the results of their successes:



1st Place Ribbons: Melissa Brumbeloe, Sophia Dionne, Victoria Lambie, Ryan Murray, Alex Albrecht, and Regan Andersen.

2nd Place Ribbons: Casyn Bowers, Katelyn Gullickson, Cecilia Krautkramer, Play Acting group (Joe Stinski, Joseph Griffith, Garrett Tully, Andrew Long, & Ryan Conn who was absent)

3rd Place Ribbons: Kennedi Calmes, Spencer Junchiewich, and Emma Schumacher.

Zephyrfest

We warmly invite you to attend SMC's 25th annual Zephyrfest celebration on Saturday March 27 at the Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton.



There are many entertaining and exciting opportunities offered at Zephyrfest! Would you enjoy a trip for four to San Francisco, a wine cooler, hunting trip, big screen TV or a cash prize? Try your luck at our raffles! Bountiful oral and silent auction items await your bid and the Wheel of Z-fest is a chance to have fun and collect cash and prizes. And don't forget the Key Club with the pristine vintage Chevy convertible!

Reservations or donations to Zephyrfest can be made by visiting <http://www.zephyrs.tv/zephyrfest/> or by calling Sue Thelen at SMC at 920-722-7796, ext. 853.

Willy Wonka Performance

St. Mary Central Zephyr Players proudly present: Willy Wonka **Friday, March 19th 7:00pm Saturday, March 20th 7:00 pm and Sunday, March 21st 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm** tickets are \$10 for Students (K-12), \$10 for Senior Citizens and \$15 for Adults. Reserve your tickets today at www.showtix4u.com or call 1-866-967-8167 (toll free). All performances will be held at The UW-Fox Valley Theater located at 1478 Midway Road, Menasha, WI.

Dr. Seuss Celebration

Mrs. Bowen's preschool class celebrated Dr. Seuss Week with a fun-filled activity last Friday. They actually made "green eggs and ham". The verdict is still out on the taste of green eggs!



Calendar Items for 2010-2011

Here are some important dates in next year's calendar. We will be providing a hard copy in the near future.

- August 30 & 31 – Orientation
- August 30 – SMC Freshmen Only – School Begins
- September 1 – First Day of Classes
- September 6 – Labor Day – No School
- October 28 & 29 – No Classes
- November 5 – End of 1st Quarter – Early Dismissal
- November 24 to 28 – Thanksgiving Break – No School
- December 23 – January 2 – Christmas Break
- January 21 - End of 2nd Quarter – Early Dismissal
- February 25 to 27 – Winter Break – No School
- March 25 - End of 3rd Quarter – Early Dismissal – Spring Break Begins
- March 26 to April 3 – Spring Break – No Classes
- April 22 – Good Friday – No School
- April 26 – Classes Resume
- May 30 – Memorial Day – No School
- June 1 – Seton Graduation
- June 2 – SMC Graduation
- June 3 – Last Day of Classes

For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,
and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.