



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, September 1st

- 1st day of school

Friday, September 2nd

- 1st Friday Dress up day & School Liturgy @ 8:10 am

Monday, September 5th

- Labor Day (No School)

Wednesday, September 7th

- Parent Night @ 6:30 pm

Monday, September 12th

- Health Screening Day (Gr 1-4)

Thursday, September 15th

- Pinnacle Picture Day

Friday, September 17th

- VIRTUS Training Session @ SMC from 9-12 noon

August/September Birthdays

Zerek Manzano	8-10
Max Griffith	8-12
Brianna Schultz	8-13
Elliot Becker	8-18
Isaac Griffith	8-21
Francis Turoski	8-22
Lilly Foster	8-26
Lacey Murphy	8-27
Sophia Kobs	9-11
Lainey Becker	9-12
Max VanRossum	9-13
Josie Voigt	9-13
Lilly Griffith	9-15
Anna Griffith	9-22
John Romnek	9-23
Cullin Hayes	9-25
Aniah Holbrook	9-26

Catholic Identity ... The 10 Commandments

Our TCCES Catholic Identity theme for this new school year will center upon the **10 Commandments**. The 10 Commandments provide us with a basis for our morality and worship. The purpose of the commandments was a framework for the creation of a holy people. Each month, we will examine a specific commandment to see how it can bring us closer in our relationship with God and build upon our love for others. The first three commandments focus upon our relationship with God and the last seven on our relationship with mankind. By observing these guidelines, we build and live a moral and faith filled life.



"I am the Lord your God; you shall not have strange gods before me." These are the words of the 1st Commandment. This Commandment calls us to a life of faith in one, true God, and to have hope and love fully in mind, heart, and will. We respond to God in this manner because He created and redeemed us and extends his providential care to us every minute of each day. He created us in His image and loves us without reservation. Understanding that concept/belief, gives us a sense of peace in our life and a hunger and thirst for a better relationship with Him. No physical or materialistic item can bring to us the enjoyment that we can experience with God. Once we begin to fathom that relationship within our life, it becomes our responsibility to provide that framework for our children and the community at large. The 1st Commandment fosters the virtue of religion that eventually leads us to adore God.

1 Corinthians 2:9

"No eye has seen, nor ear has heard ... what God has prepared for those who love him."



New Staff Member

We are very excited to welcome a new staff member to our St. Mary School family. Her name is

Miss Katie

Nussbaum. Miss

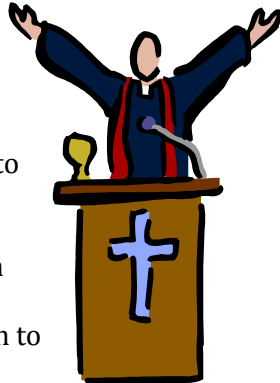
Nussbaum is a graduate of the

University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh with a degree in early childhood education. She will be in charge of our preschool programs. Miss Nussbaum comes with wonderful experiences in the early childhood field and is a great addition to our school. Please help us welcome her to the TCCES system and St. Mary campus.



St. Mary School Liturgy

Our school liturgy will always be celebrated on **Fridays at 8:10 am** with a few exceptions during the year. I would like to invite and encourage all parents to join us in the celebration of Eucharist especially when your child's class hosts the Mass. It is a wonderful way to begin your weekend, it is impressive to listen to the children read, and it is the reason why Catholic Schools exist.



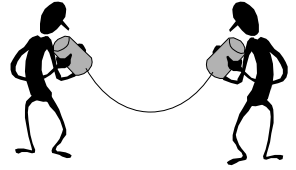
2010-11 Safety & Emergency Drills



The 2010-11 Safety & Emergency Drill documentation has been filed with the TCCES office and the Neenah-Menasha Fire and Rescue Department. The report shows that last school year, the school practiced a fire evacuation drill each month (September through June). In addition, the students and staff practiced a mock tornado drill. These practices are done in compliance with the Diocesan and Department of Public Instruction school safety codes. We will again practice these important drills to insure the safety of our students and staff.

Parent Information Night

We need to change our **Parent Information Night**. It was originally scheduled for **Thursday, September 8th**, but due to the 1st Packer game on that night, we will be moving our event to



Wednesday, September 7th. The evening event will begin with a prayer at 6:30 pm in the school gymnasium. After a short introduction by Mr. Buss, the parents will be sent to their child's respective classrooms for a presentation by the homeroom teacher. The information provided by Mr. Buss and the teachers is very important for laying the foundation for a successful school year. As the saying goes ... it takes a whole family to raise a child. We are asking that one or both parents attend this important event. Keeping your children at home will allow you to concentrate on the information. **Mark your calendar and see you there!**

Office Requests

In your summer mailing there were several informational pieces that needed to be returned to the school office. Here is a list of the items that we need by the end of the week.

- Emergency information sheet
- AUP sheet (computers)
- Code of Conduct
- VIRTUS policy form
- Parent Handbook form
- Morning Milk sign-up
- Field Trip Fee

Thank you in advance for your promptness with this important office information.

School Bus Information and Safety

The Menasha Public School District supplies our school families who qualify with free bus service to school. Every morning, there will be **several school buses** arriving around 7:45 am dropping off students in the **School Bus Zone** (area directly in front of school). During this drop-off time, it is very important that the **School Bus Zone Area** is clear and open for the bus driver to park safely and efficiently disembark students. At the end of the school day, the bus will return to pick-up children for transportation home. I ask your help in making this transition as safe as possible for everyone. This means that no cars will be allowed in the School Bus Zone in the morning or at dismissal. **The School Bus Zone extends from the Handicapped Parking to the end of the 52 building.**



VIRTUS Training Dates

The TCCES system has scheduled a VIRTUS training session for our area and for our school families. If you are in need of obtaining training for volunteer service our school system, mark down date. Two Diocesan representatives will hold the training session at SMC. The date is **Saturday, September 17th from 9-12 noon**. Please remember if you want to do any volunteer work in the school involving contact with the children, this is a Diocesan and TCCES requirement that must be completed.



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At dismissal time, Second Street is very busy with traffic, I am also asking all parents who pick-up their children with their personal vehicles to park on the playground and walk across the street to get your children. For safety reasons, please use the cross walks. Children will not be allowed to walk across the street unsupervised. Thank you for your assistance in making our arrival and dismissal times as safe as possible for the children.