



~ Vision ~

The members of the St. Mary School Community aspire to achieve academic excellence and graduate outstanding citizens by:

- imitating Christ in their words and actions,
- becoming highly proficient in all areas of the curriculum,
- ensuring that all members achieve to the best of their ability,
- implementing current and future technology.

2009-2010

CATHOLIC IDENTITY GOAL

"... at all times make it your aim to do good to one another and to all people." 1Thess. 5:15

As a family, please work toward our goal during March by introducing and greeting one another.

If your children do not know how to introduce someone, this is the perfect month to teach that skill. Everyone always appreciates a cheerful greeting.



MARCH COLLABORATION DAYS: 3/3, 3/10 & 3/17

School Board Nominations are being taken. If you are interested please call the school at 897-3481 or Mr. Jonathan Ormiston at 897-4140. All are welcome to attend School Board meetings.

MISSION PARTY

The students and staff had great fun during the annual Mission Party. We sent many thanks to all the volunteer moms who helped to set up the party, who worked at the party, who helped to clean up after the party, who sent in goodies to be sold and who donated items for the white elephant table and raffle. We sent \$1,125 to the South American missions where members of our Franciscan Sisters work among the poor. Our Student Council was also able to send \$206 from their Valentine's sale.

Hoosier Healthwise for Children

This is a free or reduced health insurance for children whose parents qualify. Please contact the school office for more information.

Please Mark Your calendars:

- **March 11th**: School Spring Pictures
- **March 12th**: End of 3rd quarter
- **March 19th**: Report Cards
- **March 22nd – 26th**: Spring Break



Stations have been planned by the 7th, & 8th grade students at 2:05 pm on the Friday's of Lent.

- **March 5th** – Grades 7 & 8
- **March 12th** – Grade 7
- **March 19th** - Grade 8 (mimed stations)

Snow Make-up Days:

- May 28th – for October 29, 2009
- June 1st - for January 8, 2010
- June 2nd - for February 9, 2010
- June 3rd – for February 10, 2010
- June 4th – for February 22, 2010

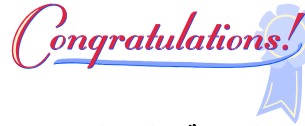


~ Mission Statement ~

St. Mary School provides an authentic Catholic education. This education allows students to be life long learners with an understanding of the call to service.

CONGRATULATIONS STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!!

Preschool 4-yr. olds = Cadence Smith
Gr. K = Natalie Getts
Gr. 1 = Raegan Bender
Gr. 2 = Ben Jansen
Gr. 3 = Madilyn Kazmucha
Gr. 4 = Katie Ley



There are so few *Students of the Week* because of the lost school days during February.



CONGRATULATIONS FEBRUARY "SOARING EAGLE" STUDENTS!

Gr. 5 = Nick Passino Gr. 6 = Evan Heshner Gr. 7 = Andrew Trowbridge Gr. 8 = Megan Ley

REGISTRATION

If you did not register your children for the 2010-2011 school year during Catholic Schools Week, **please do so as soon as possible**. It is a tremendous help for us to have your cooperation in this so we can begin planning for next year. If for some reason, your child(ren) will not be returning to St. Mary School next year, please let us know by March 12, 2010.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If you know of any families who have a child ready for Preschool or Kindergarten next year, please be sure to let them know about St. Mary School and all it can offer their children. "Word of Mouth" is one of the best ways to market our school, which is one of God's greatest blessings to Noble County and the surrounding area. Today's parents are repeatedly challenged by a culture that is saturated by messages that are opposed to our deepest beliefs and values. Children of all ages are continually exposed to these messages via all the existing media, including the Internet. As members of the St. Mary School Community we stand, strengthened by the Eucharist and our beautiful Catholic Tradition and traditions, as a counter cultural message for our precious young people.

2010-2011 KINDERGARTEN TESTING

Due to a conflict in the calendar, the date for Kindergarten testing has been changed to Friday, April 23rd. The original date was Friday, April 30th. Please mark you calendars.

TUITION ASSISTANCE

This year St. Mary School will again be using the FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment to determine eligibility for tuition assistance from St. Mary School. FACTS will not determine an amount of assistance, and all information submitted by parents is strictly confidential. Those parents who have a student at Bishop Dwenger High School or who applied for the Diocesan Large Family Fund are already familiar with this process. There is a \$20 nonrefundable application fee. A family need only apply once for St. Mary School Assistance, Bishop Dwenger Assistance and the Diocesan Large Family Fund Assistance. If you wish to have an application form, please notify the office.

SUMMER WORKBOOKS

We shall again be offering summer workbooks for students. The use of the workbooks is an excellent way for students to review basic skills in mathematics and language through the summer, and the faculty strongly recommends that ALL STUDENTS complete workbooks. Students completing a workbook will be able to participate in a "party" at the beginning of school this coming fall. Watch for Summer Workbook flyers to be coming home soon. We will be placing our order sometime in early May.

DIFFICULT ECONOMIC TIMES

Every day we hear of the difficult economic times the world is experiencing. If your family is experiencing challenging economic difficulties, please notify either Father Ed or Mrs. Garlitz. We would not want anyone to leave St. Mary School for economic reasons. We shall work with every family to ensure that all children can remain enrolled at St. Mary School. If you are not experiencing these difficulties, please thank God by being as generous as you can in the Sunday collection.

TINCAP'S PROGRAM

All students have earned a free ticket to a Fort Wayne Tin Cap's baseball game. This year again we shall not attend the game as a school. Tickets will be coming home with your students on March 19th. Our game is Sunday, May 23, 2010 at 3:05 p.m.

www.avilla.org/stmaryschool.html

Need a lunch menu? Lose your calendar? Want a Camp Invention form? Need to contact FACTS Management? Visit our web page for these items and more.