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St. Mary's School Parent Newsletter ~ September 21, 2018

Mission Statement: St. Mary's School in Bird Island serves the area students in Kindergarten through eighth grade by providing a Christ-centered Catholic education where academics, excellence, self-worth and faith development go hand in hand in a safe environment.

What's happening at St. Mary's:

Saturday – Sept. 22 nd	NO MASS – One Priest Weekend
Sunday – Sept. 23 rd	Mass Servers – Collin Schlomann & Hannah Schlomann
Monday – Sept. 24 th	
Tuesday – Sept. 25 th	
Wednesday – Sept. 26 th	8:30 AM – Vision & Hearing Screening
Thursday – Sept. 27 th	11:00 AM – Mass Prepared by Grade 7 12:45 PM – Marathon Kickoff
Friday – Sept. 28 th	1:00 PM - BOLD Homecoming Pepfest
Saturday – Sept. 29 th	Mass Servers – Emma Thompson
Sunday – Sept. 30 th	Mass Servers – Mari Ryberg & Miraya Ryberg
Monday – Oct. 1 st	
Tuesday – Oct. 2 nd	
Wednesday – Oct. 3 rd	Children's Holy Field Trip – Grade 5 – New Ulm
Thursday – Oct. 4 th	11:00 AM – Mass Prepared by Grade 4 Mid-Quarter for Quarter 1
Friday – Oct. 5 th	Mid-Quarters send home

Upcoming Dates to Watch for:

- Oct. 8th – **NO SCHOOL – Faith Formation Day for Teachers**
- Oct. 11th – 7:00 PM – First Reconciliation Parent Meeting
- Oct. 17th – Marathon Day
- Oct. 18th – 19th – **NO SCHOOL – MEA**
- Oct. 22nd – Picture Retake Day
- Oct. 26th – 28th – BOLD Musical – The Addams Family
- Oct. 29th – **ST. MARY's is in SESSION – NO BUSSING**

News to Know:

Marathon Madness: Our annual marathon kick-off has been moved to Thursday, September 27th at 12:45 pm. The marathon will be held on Wednesday, October 17th. The entire student body will partake in this event. Our theme for this year is “Attitude of Gratitude”. Please look for more information to come home shortly.

Mass Schedule: Weekly student masses will again be on Thursdays at 11:00 AM – we would love to have you join us. These are dress up days. Please refer to the handbook on the website if you are unsure as to what is accepted for dress up days.

HANDBOOK PARENT SIGNATURE PAGE: Today (Friday), the youngest family member that is in school brought home a form that parents will be asked to sign after reviewing the parent/student handbook that can be found on our school website at www.stmarysschoolbirdisland.com. It is important for you to take the time to look at the Parent/Student Handbook as there have been a couple of changes. Please sign and return this form to school on or before Thursday, September 27th. Please make sure to sign and read both sides of the form

VIRTUS - A new VIRTUS Training Session has been added for Sunday, September 30th at 1:00 pm at St. Mary’s Church basement in Bird Island. Anyone that is interested in chaperoning field trips, volunteering in the classrooms, being a room parent, etc. will need to go through this training. If you are interested, you will need to preregister by going to <https://www.dnu.org/safeenvironment/> click on “click here for new employee or new volunteer registration....” to begin the process. Then follow the screens through as directed.

SCRIP: Our local Scrip will follow the same guidelines as the National Scrip. It will continue to be available to purchase, however, designating credit to families will no longer be an option. Instead all profits from Scrip will go to support the operation of St. Mary’s School as it did last year.

Lunch Account Information: Just a reminder that you may access your family’s lunch account through the RenWeb program. You will find payments listed and charges on your account. Your lunch account balance will also be listed, please remember that a negative amount is a credit in your account. If you have any questions or are having trouble signing in to RenWeb, please contact Karen in the office. Please see the handbook online for the changes to the lunch prices.

RENWEB: Parents of students in 3rd – 8th grade may also check your child’s grades on-line. If you are unsure of how to do this, please contact Karen in the office.

VISION AND HEARING SCREENING: Vision and hearing screening will take place on Wednesday, September 26th in the morning. Students who have or wear glasses should have them at school.

May this year be an awesome and blessed school year!

Ms. Bertrand