



NEWSLETTER

REMINDERS

W 4/1 - No School (Holy Week)

Th 4/2 - No School (Holy Thursday)

F 4/3 - No School (Good Friday)

M 4/6 - No School (Easter Monday)

W 4/8 - No PM Bussing

Sat 4/11 - Prime Rib Dinner
5:30 P.M. @ St. Aloysius

Th 4/23 - Mid-Quarter 4

Sun 4/26 - First Communion
8:30 A.M. @ St. Al's

Th 4/30 - PreS & PreK Spring
Concert @ 6:30 P.M.

MISSION

St. Mary's School in Bird Island serves the area students in preschool through eighth grade by providing a Christ-centered Catholic education where academic excellence, self-worth, and faith development go hand in hand in a nurturing environment.

LENTEN PRAYER SERVICES

Throughout Lent, St. Mary's School students led and participated in a variety of Lenten prayer experiences. These experiences included skits, a Living Rosary, and the Stations of the Cross.



K-8 SPRING CONCERT

The kindergarten through eighth grade students performed their spring concert in the school gym on Thursday, March 19. The K-3 students performed *Wild, Wild West* with traditional western songs while grades 4-8 performed *Go West! A Musical Celebration of America's Westward Expansion*. The Westward Expansion-themed songs centered on the history of wagon trains, cowpokes, steamboats, locomotives, and the gold rush. The students donned their western wear, and everyone had a rootin' tootin' good time!

GUEST SPEAKER JOE BECKMAN

Author and motivational speaker Joe Beckman spoke to the students and staff on the last day of school before Easter Break. Known for sharing how human connection matters and for his popular "I Love Your Face" message, Joe encouraged SMS to "Be the Light!"

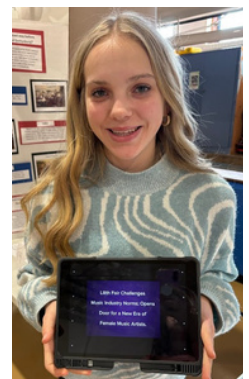
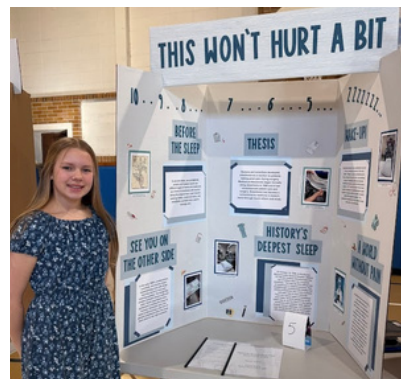
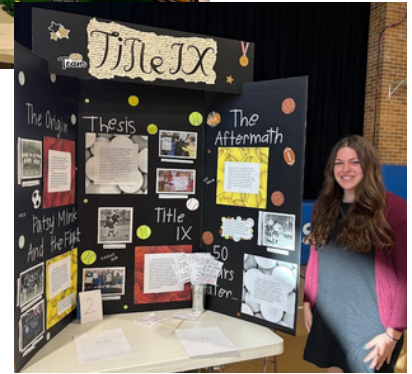
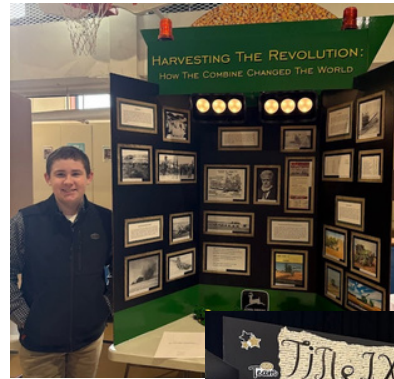


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REGIONAL HISTORY DAY

On Tuesday, March 24, a strong representation of St. Mary's seventh and eighth grade students competed in Regional History Day at Minnesota State University in Mankato. Four students received Honorable Mentions: Hayden Zupke, Kooper Eiler, Keegan Aeikens, and Jackson Strandberg. Six students received medals and invitations to compete at State History Day on Sunday, April 19 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Congratulations to Sadie Zuhlsdorf and Skylar Zuhlsdorf and to Emma Tersteeg and MaKenna Evers for their group projects and to Kenley Everson and Piper O'Neill for their individual projects!



TIM ORTH MEMORIAL FOUNDATION EVENT



On Friday, March 27, the K-8 students were invited to the annual Tim Orth Memorial Foundation Jam the Gym event at BLHS in Hector. The team mascots were a big hit!

The TOMF assists West Central Minnesota families who have children facing illness or injury. Since 1996, the TOMF has raised over four million dollars and helped hundreds of local kids. Assistance has included medical treatments, accessibility and therapy equipment, and home upgrades. Thank you for your support of the Tim Orth Memorial Foundation!

RETURNING TO SCHOOL REMINDER

Please remember that students must be free from fever without fever-reducing medication, vomiting, and diarrhea for 24 hours before they can return to school. Thank you for helping to prevent the spread of illness!



SMS kindergarten students enjoyed sitting in the front row.



KITCHEN CORNER

Another month down, and we only have 34 days of school left for the 2025-2026 school year. Final planning is almost complete, and all menus will be posted (hopefully) on the school website by Friday, April 3.

We are looking forward to the new items that will be tried in May. If well received, we will look at incorporating them into our menu for next school year.

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please email mzimmerman@stmarysbi.com. You will receive a response back as quickly as possible.

Have a great month!

Michael Zimmerman and Cindy Woelfel

GRADE 5 LIVING HISTORY

After researching Americans who have contributed to America's history and writing first-person accounts of their lives, each fifth grader dressed as his/her chosen American and gave a short presentation on Wednesday, March 25 in front of the entire school. Family members were also invited to attend. This year, one student researched an Olivia native!



Can you recognize any of the famous Americans?

THANK YOU AGAIN TO PUMPKINS FOR A PURPOSE!

Thank you again to the O’Neills’ Pumpkins for a Purpose for donating physical education supplies! Pumpkins for a Purpose supports education, local organizations, and charitable causes while teaching the next generation the values of hard work and generosity.



CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL RAFFLE TOP SELLER

Congratulations to Sawyer Soukup in fifth grade for selling the most Catholic United Financial Raffle tickets this year! He will be receiving a \$200 tuition scholarship from Catholic United Financial for his efforts. The top seller from each school was placed into a drawing for one of the tuition scholarships.



It is the policy of St. Mary’s School to comply with federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and all requirements imposed by/or pursuant to regulations issued thereto, to the end that no person at St. Mary’s shall on the ground of race, color, national origin, sex, marital status, status with regard to assistance, age, or disability and handicapping condition (if, with reasonable accommodations on the part of the school, the handicapped person could be accommodated) be excluded for participation in, be denied of, or otherwise subjected to discrimination under any educational program, or in employment, recruitment, consideration, or selection, whether part or full time, under any educational program, employment, or activity by St. Mary’s School.

LOOKING AHEAD

- TBD - Grades 2-4 Field Trip
- TBD - Grades 7-8 Field Trip
- F 5/1 - Kindergarten-Grade 1
Martin Luther College
Children’s Theatre Field Trip
- T 5/5 - Grade 5 Ag in the Classroom
Field Trip
- W 5/6 - Grade 6 Field Trip to
Birch Coulee
- F 5/8 - BOLD Band Concert @ 1:00
- W 5/13 - Grades 5-6 Historic
Fort Snelling Field Trip
- W 5/13 - No PM Bussing
- W 5/20 - 8th Grade Graduation @ 7:00
- Th 5/21 - Field Day, End of Quarter 4,
& Last Day of School
- F 5/22 - No School (Marathon Reward)

As a reward for meeting their Marathon goal, the students earned an extra day of summer vacation. The last day of school will be on Thursday, May 21. There will be no school on Friday, May 22.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

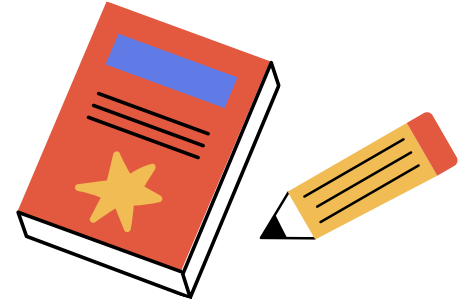
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- After-school child care

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