



# Saint Mary School

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Dear Families,

What a wonderful time of the year! Yes, Thanksgiving is a holiday for family, friends and food - but it is an especially important time to remember of all God's blessings upon us. When I look around our school, I see so many reasons to give thanks.

*We are grateful* for our wonderful teachers. They dedicate so much of their lives to our school. You have heard me say it before, but I will say it again: this faculty is the most dedicated group I have ever been associated with.

*We are grateful* for our great parish. Father Corey and St. Mary Church have been so supportive of our school - and in many different ways! The people of our parish are committed to St. Mary School and to the gift of Catholic education. For that, we will always be grateful.

*We are grateful* for our parents, who remain a vital force in our school community. Without our great Home School Association, the experience at SMS would be much different. They provide a layer to our school that creates memories, friendships and emphasizes family.

*We are grateful* for all of our special friends that continue to support and help our school behind the scenes. People such as our school advisory board members, retired teachers, and so many others who want to remain connected to our school.

*We are grateful* for our children, for in them we see Christ. Our children light our hearts and our souls and they are God's greatest gift to us. When we look in our children's eyes, we see all that is right, all that is good, and all that God intended for us.

*And we are grateful* for God, for without Him, we have nothing. His blessings have guided us throughout our lives and we ask for His continued protection of our children and our community. Let us never forget that all that we have...we indeed have through Jesus Christ.

*"Saint Mary School is a Christ-centered educational community dedicated to fostering Catholic faith and Gospel values, while striving for academic excellence within a nurturing family atmosphere."*

*Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love,  
please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks.*

*Thank you for all the graces and blessings that you have bestowed upon us.*

*Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity,  
please grant us continued graces and blessings.*

*This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son and our Brother. Amen.*

To everyone in our community: Happy Thanksgiving from all of us at St. Mary School.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Greg Viceroy". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Greg Viceroy  
Principal