



Saint Mary School

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Dear St. Mary School Families,

I hope this update finds you well and ready to enjoy the last quarter of the 2016-2017 school year. As always, if you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Main Office.

Appreciation

As we can easily get lost in the day-to-day operations and happenings, I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation for all of our families. I understand the sacrifices made in order to attend our school. Thank you for trusting us with your children and their future!

Administrative Assistant Day

Today, we celebrate Mrs. Maureen Decker for all of her work and dedication to the St. Mary School community. Simply stated, we could not “do what we do” without the great Mrs. Decker running the ship! Her organization of every aspect of our program keeps us all working efficiently and at our best.

State of the School Update

We recently sent out a selection of “highlights” from the State of the School speech, which was given on April 4. If you missed that communication, please let us know. Of all the many items discussed, I want to focus on one within this particular communication: our HSA Fee.

In the State of the School speech, I discussed why our School Advisory Board approved an increase to our HSA Fee, which will now be \$250 for the 2017-2018 school year. If you would like to know more about this increase, please review the “highlights” of the speech. Of course, I am always available to discuss any concerns you may have regarding this fee.

Tick Spraying

Parents – it is very important that you check your children for ticks. Please know that our scheduled spraying sessions at the school help to reduce the number of ticks in the area, but that spraying does not eliminate the risk. Please contact Nurse Michelle for more information on examining your child for ticks.

New Netflix Show

There is a new series on Netflix called “13 Reasons Why” and it is causing concern for parents and school officials. I will not discuss the reasons why within this communication, but I invite you to investigate on your own. If you would like to discuss with me, please just let me know.

“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.”

Internet Activity

More so than ever, our children have a tremendous amount of technology readily available. As much as we try, it is very difficult to monitor everything that a child does online. However, I want to remind you that online activity can become problematic if children feel they are not being monitored. It is crucial that you monitor what your children are doing, helping to ensure their responsible behavior in cyberspace. As well, please discuss with your child the importance of responsible online behavior, as they sometimes feel it is "a different world" and they will not be held accountable.

Sacraments

Congratulations to those preparing to receive their Holy Sacraments this week. First Holy Communion and Confirmation are very special and we congratulate our students and their families on reaching this milestone within our faith. A special thank you to Father Corey, Mrs. Ferri, Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Zilliox as they prepared our students so well throughout the school year.

Teacher Appreciation Week

Please know that May 1 begins Teacher Appreciation Week. Why not reach out to your child's teacher and let them know how much you appreciate them?

The Lion King, Jr.

A special thank you to all of those involved in the production of The Lion King, Jr. We especially want to thank Mrs. DeFelice, Mrs. Chamberlain, Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Schlemmer for their tireless dedication to our students and this production. As well, a very big thank you to all of our parents that are involved in making this such a great experience for the children.

Spring Bingo

Thank you to Kate Ball and Jennifer Zinzi, as well as many others, for their hard work, preparation and organization of our successful "Spring Bingo" event last week.

8th Grade Accounts

Please know that 8th grade financial accounts must be closed out before students can participate in end-of-year events such as the dinner dance and graduation. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Parking Lot Reminder

As you know, we have more students arriving daily on our campus this school year and we will have more next year. Please consider that our parking lot is very active. Because our campus is so active, it is imperative that you travel at slow speeds. It is also imperative that you are aware of your surroundings and that children could, unfortunately, dart out into the road at any time. Please be very cautious.

Carnival

We are excited about our upcoming St. Mary School Carnival, taking place between May 17 and May 21. Please note that our school will visit the Carnival on Thursday of Carnival Week, not the typical Friday.

May Crowning

All are invited to this year's May Crowning, taking place on May 9 at 8:45am.

Important June Dates:

June 1: 8th Grade Dinner Dance
June 6: Early Dismissal Day
June 9: 8th Grade Graduation
June 13: Kindergarten Graduation
June 13: HSA Open Meeting 6:30pm
June 15: Pre-K Moving Up
June 19: Last Day of School

May God continue to bless the entire St. Mary School community.

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