



Father Adam Cesarek, Pastor
Karen Jones, Principal

REMINDERS

- The school office will be closed on Thursday's during Mass.
- We are still in search of volunteers to help with lunch duty. Lunch is 11:20-12:40, please contact the school office (815-844-6585) if you can help one day or multiple days.

CASUAL DAY

Tuesday, November 23rd will be a Casual Day. Jeans and hoodies will be allowed. If not participating students must wear their school uniform.

SCRIP

Are you looking to order gift cards for this Christmas season through our SCRIP fundraiser? If so, please send in your order form and payment (labeled SCRIP) to the office by the following dates: Nov. 19th, Dec. 3rd, Dec. 10th. The cards will be delivered to you the following Thursday after your order. The order form is attached. For any questions, please contact Taryn Tissiere at tissiere.taryn@stmaryspontiac.org or 815-979-7663.

ANGEL TREE

There will be a Christmas tree displayed in the front foyer by the office. On this tree, you will find tags. Feel free to grab a tag off the tree, purchase the gift card on the tag, and return it to the school office by December 10th with the tag to the school office. These items will be delivered to families that need a little help through the holidays. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Our annual St Mary's Christmas Concert is Tuesday, December 14 in the SMS gym. We are excited to be able to celebrate Christmas together again after not being able to have the concert last year! This year, for our families' safety, we will have 2 concerts: a PK-3rd concert at 6 pm and a 4th-8th grade concert at 7 pm. All students are required to attend as this is part of the students' music, choir and band grade. 8th graders will present the nativity. If students have a conflict, parents need to contact Mrs. Erickson or Mrs. Yedinak. Students may wear dress clothes that meet our SMS dress code; no blue jeans or sneakers, no high heels. All students should arrive 20 minutes before concert time. We are looking forward to beautiful concerts! Mrs. Yedinak and Mrs. Erickson

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

All volunteers for extracurricular activities including lunch duty need to complete safe environment training through CMGConnect. Find the step by step instructions attached. If you have any questions please contact the school office.

ST. MARY'S TUMBLERS

There are a limited number of St. Mary's Stainless Steel Tumblers available to purchase. 20 oz. tumblers are \$20 and 30 oz. tumblers are \$25. These are available in the school office or at the Concession Stand on game nights.

2022-2023 PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Current 3-year-old preschool students who plan to return to Little Disciples Preschool next year can receive \$50 off the enrollment fee when registering by 11/28. To re-enroll, login to Facts Family Portal > Apply/Enroll > Enrollment/Reenrollment. Parents wanting to enroll a new 4-year-old student can register starting 11/29/21. Login to Facts Family Portal > Apply/Enroll > Application (new student). The complete 2022-2023 tuition and fee schedule can be found on our website.

NEXT WEEK'S PREVIEW

November 21 - December 4	
22	7 th Grade Girls Basketball Regionals TBS
23	CASUAL DAY – JEANS and HOODIES MAY BE WORN 7 th Grade Girls Basketball Regionals TBD
24	NO SCHOOL – THANKSGIVING BREAK
25	NO SCHOOL – HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
26	NO SCHOOL – THANKSGIVING BREAK
29	8 th Grade Girls Basketball Regionals TBD PreK Registration for new 4-year old students begins
30	8 th Grade Girls Basketball Regionals TBD 8 th Grade Boys Basketball vs Lexington 5:30
1	7 th Grade Girls Basketball Sectional TBD
2	8 th Grade Girls Basketball Regionals TBD
3	8 th Grade Girls Basketball Regionals TBD
4	7 th /8 th Grade Boys Basketball vs PJHS 10:00

SAVE THE DATE

- Dec. 6 – Kindergarten Registration begins for current families
- Dec. 14 – Christmas Program - PreK-3rd grades 6:00, 4th – 8th grades 7:00
- Dec. 17 – End of 2nd QTR
- Dec. 20-31 – Christmas Break
- Jan. 3 – School Resumes (NO BUS SERVICE OR HOT LUNCH)
- Jan. 3 – Kindergarten Registration begins for new families
- Jan. 17 – NO SCHOOL MLK DAY

Greetings!

Jesse White, Secretary of State, established Family Reading Night to promote family reading. Time spent together is one of the most valuable gifts a family can share. Early reading sets young people on the path to lifetime learning. Families are encouraged to stay home, read together, or visit a library. This year is the 30th anniversary of this reading program. It is officially celebrated across the state on the 3rd Thursday in November and this year it is today, November 18.

For more information about Family Reading Night, please visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com and search "Family Reading Night".

I loved reading to my own kids when they were little, and now I am reading some of the same books with my grandchildren. My grandsons love books about tractors or big trucks! If the books make noise, even better!!

Have a wonderful weekend!

With prayers,

Mrs. Jones