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**Reminders**

\* Our all school Mass will be held on Thursdays at 8:15am. Please join us!

\* Please be sure to write your child's name or initials on their fleeces and sweaters.

**TAPS meeting**

Please join us for our last TAPS meeting of our school year on Wednesday, May 8th at 5:00pm in the MPR room. We are still in need of a Vice President for next year. If you are interested, please contact Allyson Saxton.

**Library**

All library books are to be returned to school by Thursday, May 9, 2024.

**Teacher Appreciation Week**

Teacher Appreciation is the week of May 6th-9<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up if you are able to help with lunch and recess duty.

Let's show our teachers how much we appreciate them by taking a lunch and recess duty. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E49AAA72CA20-49169743-smsstaff>

Thank you for your kindness!

**Field Day May 10<sup>th</sup>**

Field Day is Friday, May 10th. All students (PreK-8) will ride buses to St. Paul's. We will leave St. Mary's once we have all students who ride a bus. We will have Mass at 8:30am and events will begin at 9:30am. We are looking for 4 chaperones per class to walk with them to each station and to lead them through each activity. All parents are welcome to attend Mass and enjoy the day with us. PreK will have 1 chaperone per student and be able to leave after lunch. Our day will end at 2:15pm. Students will be able to go home with their parents or ride the bus back to St. Mary's. If you are able to help, please contact Mr. Adam Lawrence or Mrs. Karen Jones.

**Upcoming Sporting Events**

- Track:
  - May 2- Home; 4:15pm
  - May 6- Home; 4:15pm
  - May 7- Away; Morris
  - May 11- Sectionals
  - May 17- State
  - May 18- State

**Save the Date**

- May 8- TAPS Meeting 5:00pm
- May 9- Praise & Worship 7:15am-7:45am
- May 10- Field Day
- May 22- Eighth Grade Graduation
- May 24- Report Cards
- May 24- Last Day of School- **11:30AM DISMISSAL**

**FACTS Accounts**

Please check your account in FACTS. Graduation fees and lunch accounts need to be paid in a timely manner. If facing a hardship, please contact Mrs. Jones. Thank you for keeping your account current.

**Golf**

We are in the process of registering for golf for next year. Golf is open to grades 6th-8th. If your son or daughter wants to participate in golf next year, send an email to Mr. Lawrence by Monday, May 13th. There will be opportunities for them to golf together this summer. For IESA, there will be one date to golf in. That will be the Sectional. The boy's sectional is Wednesday, September 4th. The girl's sectional is Thursday, September 5th. For more information, please reach out to Mr. Lawrence.

**2023-2024 Yearbook Order**

The 2023-2024 Yearbook is on sale now! The cost is \$20 per book and must be ordered online by Monday, May 20, 2024. The 40-page book features all students, Preschool through 8th grade, along with school events, field trips, extracurricular activities and more!

Order yours today: <https://inter-state.com/YearbookEntry/82064W>

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**Re-enroll for 2024-2025**

Current families can now re-enroll for next year. Simply login to [Facts Family Portal](#) using District Code (SMS-IL) > Apply/Enroll > Enrollment/Reenrollment. A \$10 Facts registration fee is due at the time you submit your enrollment information. **A \$25 late registration fee will assessed May 2nd.** All families must complete and return the Tuition Statement form prior to re-enrolling. Please find the form attached for your convenience.

If your family needs financial assistance for the upcoming school year, we encourage you to apply for the St. Blaise and Spalding Scholarships through Facts Grant & Aid at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. This is a separate site from Facts Family Portal. All current scholarship recipients are reminded that scholarships are for one year only; families must reapply each year.

**Scholarship Announcement**

Tuition assistance is available to income eligible families for the 2024-2025 school year. To be eligible, all tuition for the current school year must be up to date. Go to [Facts Grant & Aid](#) to complete an application. This is a separate site from Facts Family Portal and requires separate login credentials. There is a \$40 application fee payable online at the time you submit your application. The Diocesan deadline to apply for tuition assistance is April 26, 2024. No exceptions will be made to this deadline. If you have any questions, contact Danielle Gill at [gill.danielle@stmaryspontiac.org](mailto:gill.danielle@stmaryspontiac.org).

**SMS Golf Outing**

Mark your Calendars! This year's SMS Golf Outing is scheduled for Sunday August 4th with a 2pm shotgun start. This 9-hole family-friendly event is the only fundraiser we hold which is dedicated to our sports boosters. Bring out the family and join us FORE fun on the course.

**Altar Servers**

If your child, or children, are interested in being an Altar Server please call or text Julie Wenger at (815) 252-5947.

**Part-time Custodian Needed**

St. Mary's Parish is looking to hire an able-bodied individual to serve as a part-time custodian for St. Mary's School. Qualifications for this position include: striving to live a Christian life - be practicing the faith if Catholic, if not Catholic, have a respect for the Catholic Church and be comfortable working in a Catholic environment, possessing knowledge, skills, and experience in handling janitorial equipment and basic maintenance tools; assisting the head custodian in duties/projects as needed; maintaining security of buildings, equipment, and tools. Duties would be cleaning of classrooms, hallways, gym following games, offices, pre-K area, and the parish hall, setting up and taking down of tables and chairs as needed, making sure all lights are out and doors are locked, and collecting trash or anything else determined by the maintenance director. Hours would be late afternoon/early evening. If interested, please send a letter of interest, stating qualifications and references, to Fr. Joseph Baker, P.O. Box 374, Pontiac, IL 61764 or drop it off at the church office.

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Greetings,

Congratulations to these students on receiving their 1st Holy Communion this past Sunday.

“First Holy Communion is a momentous occasion in the life of a Catholic child, as it brings them closer to Christ and allows them to experience the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.” After the Mass, families enjoyed a luncheon prepared by Chef Scott Rowan and the LACC Culinary Students. Desserts were provided by Peg Meier and flowers for the tables were provided by Morgan Mackinson/Pontiac Flower Farm.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Mary, Moms, Muffins, and Mass this morning. It was such a great morning seeing all of the Moms, Grandma's, children, and other important women in your lives. Thank you also for attending our Mary procession and staying for Mass. What a great way to begin our day!

