Father Robert Rayson, Pastor
Mrs. Karen Jones, Principal

ST. MARY'S SAINTS

Weekly Bulletin
October 2, 2026

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Save the Date

Oct. 7 Blessing of the Pets 1:25pm
Oct. 7 & 8: **Early Dismissal 1:30pm**
Oct. 7 & 8: P/T Conferences
Oct. 9 **NO SCHOOL**
Oct. 12 **NO SCHOOL**
Oct. 14 Picture Retakes
Oct. 14 Student Council Meeting 3:10pm
Oct. 16 Quarter 1 Ends
Oct. 23 Report Cards

Blessing of the Pets
In honor of the upcoming Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of pets, Fr. Rayson will offer a blessing of all pets on Wed. Oct. 7 at 1:25pm in the school parking lot.
All pets must be on a leash or in cage/carrier.

Next week in Sports

Girls Basketball:
Oct. 5: 6th at El Paso League 6:30pm
Oct. 10: Livingston County Tournament begins TBD

Boys Basketball:
Open gym (7/8th grade only) after school on Monday and Wednesday next week.

Cheerleading:
1st Practice: Saturday, Oct. 3, 8-9:30am

P/T Conferences

Here is everything you need to know for Parent Teacher Conferences!

- **Early Dismissal** We will dismiss at 1:30pm on both Wed., Oct. 7 and Thurs., Oct. 8. There is NO afternoon bus service these days. Please make arrangements to have your child picked up.
- **Parent Teacher Conferences** All teachers have sent out a sign up genius for conference times. Please schedule this soon if you haven't already. If you would like to meet with teachers from Art, Computers, PE, Band or Music, please email those teachers directly.
- **NO SCHOOL** There is NO SCHOOL on Friday, October 9 or on Monday, October 12! Enjoy your 4-day weekend!

Student Council

Student Council will be hosting a **Fall Gathering on Saturday, Oct. 17 from 5:30 - 7:30pm** for students in 5th - 8th grade.

Cost is $5 which includes 2 tickets to the concession stand.

Concession stand will have pop, water, pizza & candy.

Activities include Pumpkin ball, Gaga ball, pumpkin tic-tac-toe and more!

MPR & Outside (weather permitting)

Uniform Swap

Did you know that we have a uniform swap? Join the SMS Parent Group on Facebook to see what is available!

Donations of uniforms are currently closed until the uniforms we have are taken....we're out of storage! Thank you!

Picture Retakes

Picture retakes are scheduled for Wednesday, October 14. If you are planning to have your child's picture taken, please:

- Notify your child's teacher that they will be having a retake.
- Send in the original picture packet. If you only purchased a digital image, you still need to send in the packet that contains the digital code.
- Send your child to school in a school appropriate casual shirt and uniform bottoms. Please send their uniform shirt to change into after pictures.

Scholastic Bowl

Signups are now available in the school office for any student in grades 6-8th that would like to join Scholastic Bowl.

Unofficial practices (aka Meeting of the Minds) will be held every Wednesday at 7:15am, beginning Oct. 7. These are not mandatory, but available to any members that would like extra practice before the season begins or just to see what Scholastic Bowl is about.

Official practices will begin in December with matches starting the end of January/beginning of February.

If you have additional questions, please reach out to Coach Angela Ehrgott at Angela.ehrgott@gmail.com

From the Desk of the Principal

St. Mary's Welcomes a New FFA Chapter!

We are excited to announce a wonderful new opportunity for our Jr. High students–**St. Mary's is beginning its very own FFA Chapter!** Several students have already expressed interest, and we are looking forward to introducing them to the many opportunities FFA provides for leadership, responsibility, service, and personal growth.

Our first official event will be the **Chapter Signing Ceremony on Friday, October 16, at 5:30 p.m. in the MPR**. Special guests from the state and sectional FFA levels will join us as we officially establish our chapter. Parents are warmly invited to attend and learn more about FFA and the opportunities available to our students.

As a school club, the chapter will meet approximately once a month, before or after school, with meetings lasting no longer than one hour. Students will also have opportunities throughout the year to participate in judging contests and other FFA events. Since this is a school-sponsored activity, students must remain academically eligible to participate.

We are especially grateful to **Pontiac Township High School** for generously providing FFA shirts for our students as we begin this new adventure. We also look forward to attending the **State FFA Convention in June**, where our students will have the special honor of walking across the stage and being formally recognized as a new FFA Chapter.

During this first year, our goal is to build a strong foundation and allow our students to discover what FFA is all about. Mrs. Plenert and Mrs. Jones are excited to guide our students as they learn, grow, serve, and develop new skills through this wonderful organization.

Please join us in celebrating this exciting new opportunity and **keep our St. Mary's FFA Chapter and its students in your prayers** as we begin this new journey together!

With gratitude,
Mrs. Plenert & Mrs. Jones