



AUGUST 17, 2021

First Children's Mass
Thursday, Aug. 26—9:00
6th Grade will lead and be
commissioned at this Mass.

**Illinois requirements for
school registration:**

Kindergarten: a physical exam, dental exam and eye exam by September.

Gr. 2: a dental exam by September.

Gr. 6: a physical exam and dental exam by September. Your doctors will have the exam forms. **Vaccinations must be up to date.**

All families enrolling a student new to St. Mary School must provide a certified birth certificate for that child. This is the one that comes from the Records Clerk in the county where your child was born. We will copy it and return your original.

**If your child was baptized Catholic anywhere other than St. Mary's, we'll need to make a copy of their baptismal certificate. **

**Deadline for physicals and
vaccinations is September 30**

Students in K and 6 are required to have all necessary vaccinations and an up-to-date physical on file with us by this date or they are to be excluded from school until the exam is completed, the shots are given, and/or the proper forms are submitted. **Note: The physical form has a place for a parent signature.**



ST. MARY SCHOOL

FAMILY NOTES

Welcome to
the 112th year
of
St. Mary's
School!

We Believe!



I will generally email a newsletter on the first school day of each week. This first issue of our Family Notes will be emailed and a hard copy is included in the Day 1 packet your oldest child will bring home. If you do not receive the Family Notes in your email, please contact the school office. After today, email is our only distribution method. These newsletters are also archived at www.st-maryschool.com

Medication at School

Medication, prescription or non-prescription, will not be dispensed by school personnel without a request from the parent/guardian and a written order from a physician. Both of these forms are available in the school office. This policy applies to students requiring medicine daily through the year or periodically for an ongoing medical problem, not for a short-term illness.

HOMework FOR PARENTS DUE MONDAY!

Your oldest child will bring home a manila envelope filled with papers that we need you to read. Some require action! Fill out the ones that need it; keep the ones sent for your information. Return completed papers in **THE SAME MANILA ENVELOPE BY THIS MONDAY!** We will reuse the envelope and save the planet!

Students need a mask and filled water bottle every day! And don't forget the backpack!

Birthday Celebrations at School

We keep it simple! No treats or treat bags, balloons, flowers, or special gifts at school as they can disrupt the flow of the day.

We recognize each child with a birthday blessing and a shout out during Morning Prayer. We love to acknowledge each of our students so, for children with summer birthdays or birthdays that fall on weekends or holidays, teachers will set a date to celebrate their special day as well.

Invitations to parties outside of school may be sent home backpack mail provided that every students in the class is invited or all of your child's gender are invited.

Wed., Aug. 18—2:20 dismissal with bus service

Aug. 19—24—3:00 dismissal with bus service

Wed., Aug. 25—2:20 dismissal with bus service

Aug. 26—31—3:00 dismissal with bus service

Early dismissal on Wednesdays will be confusing for a while. Keep checking the newsletter!!

Children's Masses

Last year we allowed only the class leading the Mass to attend the weekly children's Mass. This year we are optimistically taking baby steps toward getting all our students back in church more frequently.

Each week, the class scheduled to lead the Mass will be joined by 3 other classes. The rotation of who goes will change, so I will try to include it in the weekly newsletter.

The calendar in your 1st day packet includes the dates each class is leading a Mass. Family members of all faiths are welcome to come to these children's Masses. We ask that you wear a mask inside the church and that visitors not mingle with the students.



ATHLETIC SHOES ONLY!
Laces, Velcro & elastic are all ok.

School doors open at 8:05. Bell rings at 8:20. Give your child time to get to class and get settled before 8:20.

Band Classes for 5th & 6th will begin next Tuesday, August 24. Mr. Burch is ready for a great year!



We will do all that we can to keep the students and staff of St. Mary School safe and healthy. We ask that you do the same.

If your child shows signs of illness, don't send him or her to school. Children with fever should not come to school until they have been fever free without medication for at least 24 hours.

We will call for someone to pick up any child thought to be ill at school. We aren't in the business of diagnosis; we must err on the side of caution.

There will no longer be awards for perfect attendance. We will follow the attendance policies in our handbook, but due to the extraordinary circumstances we are all operating under, we will be flexible.

Please discuss any special needs your child may have with their classroom teacher. She needs to know!



Until further notice from the federal government, all students will receive free school lunches. Students may bring lunches from home, but bringing lunch from a restaurant is not allowed.

Assignment Notebooks are available in the classrooms. The cost is \$3.00. These are used by all students in Gr. 3-6.



Check out our website at
www.st-maryschool.com

Thank you to Nick Clark who created and maintains our site. We hope to make this a useful resource for all of you.
our website at
www.st-maryschool.com
We're working to update it!

Before Care is available every school day. Before Care opens at 7:00 in the cafeteria. Cost is \$1.00 per day per child. We are grateful to have Miss Norma & Donna Frost as our supervisors.

After Care begins at dismissal and continues until 5:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Cost is \$6 per child on 3:00 dismissal days and \$7 per child on 2:20 dismissal days. After Care is not offered on 11:30 dismissal days. We welcome back Miss Norma, Sarah Chance and Hailey Adcock as supervisors.
Children will be allowed to bring toys from home for After Care for their personal use. We also encourage coloring or puzzle books. No electronics please! We will supply equipment for gym and playground time.

Use either program as often or infrequently as needed. Fill out registration forms if you think that you will use Before or After Care at any time during the year. These forms are in the first-day packet of information. If you sign up for After Care please include a list of people who are allowed to pick up your child. Forms are also available in the office throughout the year.

1st mandatory Booster Club meeting & Parent Orientation Night: Mon., Aug. 30
Parent Orientation, a chance to visit your child's classroom and hear from the teacher, will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the school. We request that one parent attend a 15-minute session in each of their children's classrooms. (Only one parent per family so that we can limit the number of people in the buildings.) Teachers will present information on classroom rules, curriculum, and other items of interest. The teachers will repeat the session 3 times (at 6:00, 6:15, and 6:30) so that families with more than one child can visit all the appropriate classrooms. If you have only one room to visit, I suggest attending the 6:30 session, then moving directly to the **Booster Club** meeting starting at 7:00 in the cafeteria. If you have 2 rooms to visit, start at 6:15 and so on.