



# ST. MARY SCHOOL FAMILY NOTES

March 31, 2025

Congratulations to our 3rd Graders.

**Loving Arms Baby Race has begun! Money will be counted each week on Thursday and the class in the lead will be announced the following Wednesday. Send your baby bottle to the school by Thursday each week for the count. Currently- Grade 4 Is ahead in the race.**

**Children's Mass**  
Thursday, April 3 at 9:00  
Gr. 2 will lead.  
**Please join us!**

Don't forget to fill out your Mass attendance card and put in collection basket. Out of town— bring a signed bulletin from the church you attended to teacher on Monday

**Reminder:**

If you have not paid your 2nd installment for tuition, please get that sent in to school. If you are behind paying Blackbaud monthly payments, please get those caught up.



If there is an issue with paying, please contact Mrs. Coady, so arrangements can be made. If your tuition is not paid or you have not contacted Mrs. Coady to make Plan for payment, you will not be able to register your family for next year.

**Tomorrow's the Day!!!**

**Beginning on April 1st**, students can once again begin wearing shorts/skorts. I know some students have had growth spurts since we put those away in October, please check to see if your child(ren) need a different size —  
- visit our uniform room and swap out the outgrown clothes for a new size.



If you didn't turn in your Pepsi Order form and money today, Please get that into the office—we are tallying the orders and getting them ready to submit. Pepsi products will be picked up on Saturday, May 3, 2025. **For every case of product sold, families will receive \$10.00**

**fundraising credit toward their quota!**



**Coming Events**

- \*Tuesday, April 1– Hickory Estates Mass Gr. 5
- \*Tuesday, April 1– Confirmation/ 1st Communion– 3rd grade
- \*Wednesday, April 2– **No student attendance— Gr 3 only**— everyone else is in attendance
- \* Wednesday April 2– 2:20 Dismissal w/ bus
- \* Thursday, April 3- Children's Mass Gr 2
- \*Thursday, April 3– Miles of Smiles
- \*Saturday, April 5– 1st Communion Mass at home parish– St Mary 5:30 p.m.
- \*Monday, April 7– Ag in the Classroom
- \*Monday, April 8– Set up for Seder Meal 3:00
- \*Tuesday April 8– Seder Meal 9:00 a.m.
- \*Wednesday, April 9– Preschool Easter Party
- \*Wednesday, April 9– 2:20 Dismissal w/ bus service
- \* Thursday, April 10– Children's Mass 9:00 Gr. 3
- \*Thursday, April 10— Board of Ed Meeting 6:00
- \*Friday, April 11– Preschool Grandparents Day
- \* Sunday, April 13– Palm Sunday– All School Sing/ Bake Sale
- \*Monday, April 14– Monday April 21—Spring Brrreak
- \*Tuesday, April 22– School resumes after Spring Break
- \*Tuesday April 22 Gr 4 & 5 Choirs Music Festival Practice @ HS 8:45-10:45
- \*Wednesday April 23 Gr 4 & 5 Choirs Music Festival Practice @ HS 8:45– 10:30
- 5th grade Band 10:30– 11:30
- \*Wednesday, April 23– 2:20 Dismissal w/ bus
- \* Wednesday, April 23– Midterm grades posted for grades 3-6
- \*Thursday, April 24– Childrens Mass Gr. 6 9:00 a.m.
- \*Thursday, April 24– 6th grade Band Music Festival Rehearsal 8:45-10:15
- \*Thursday, April 24– Music Festival Practice 6:50 p.m in HS west Gym
- \*Friday, April 25– Music Festival @ HS West Gym– be in homerooms by 6:45 p.m.



Palm Sunday is an All School Sing @ 11:00 Mass. Our 2nd & 3rd graders will lead the Palm Procession, Our 6th graders will have parts in the reading of the Passion.

There will be a Bake Sale following Mass with proceeds helping to pay for the 6th grade trip to St. Louis.



Preschool is moving to the school building with K-6. All day Monday—Friday 3 and 4 year old preschool will be offered as an option. Before Care and After Care available. Same time drop off and pick up as regular school so only 1 drop off or pick time for all kids in

your family. Will follow the School Year Calendar Call (217) 824-6501 to reserve your spot Class sizes limited to 20 in each age classroom. Only a couple spots left in each class.

Music Festival is coming soon Permission Slips will be sent home to attend the practice at HS. Please sign and return the permission slips.



You will also be receiving a letter with information about practice on April 24 and the performance on April 25. Information will include, times, homerooms for drop off and pick, dress code etc. Please watch for these permission slips.

Confirmation and 1st Communion will be held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, April 1st for our 3rd graders. Please make sure you are completing the family packet projects and your banner for 1st communion. Get those turned in to Mrs. Harrison or Miss Murray.

**Please make sure your child is at the Cathedral and checked in by 5:45 p.m. Sponsors need to be at the Cathedral no later 6:00 to check in,**

Because it will be a busy day for them and a late night, 3rd graders will not attend school on Wednesday, April 2nd. All other classes will be in attendance.

### Attention Bakers

Bake Sale Notices will be coming out for the All School Sing on April 13. Please return those slips to the office.

Updated Tuition and Fundraising Notices will be sent home as soon as we add the Dueling Piano helpers, Dueling Piano tickets sold, and the Pepsi Fundraiser information. There are only a few more opportunities for fundraising and Parent Credit Opportunities..



4th grade students will going to the YMCA on Mondays for swim lessons or to refine skills. Please make sure you have sent the permission slip back to the school along with the \$15.00 fee. Swim

lesson dates are 3/17, 3/24, 3/31, 4/7, 4/28 and 5/5. Please send swim suit, towel, goggles (if wanted to use), swim cap (if wanted to use) in a gym bag. Students may also bring a t-shirt and pair of sweats to put on over swim suit. Students will change at St. Mary School before boarding the bus. Once swim lessons are over, students will change back into school uniform at the YMCA before returning back to school.

Students will board bus at about 12:00 pm and return approximately 1:30 pm If you have questions, please contact Joanne.



Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the Drive through Chicken Dinner. Tickets must be purchased before April 27, 2025. So we know how much food to be ordered. Fundraising credit available for every ticket sold.

### Miles of Smiles

Miles of Smiles will be at St. Mary's School on Wednesday April 3, 2025. This is a free service. If the dentist finds something that needs further dental attention, a referral will be sent home with the student.

This check up will count as your dental exam for school requirements in grades K, 2, 6. Please fill out the paperwork if you wish for your child to participate.

Paperwork and information came home today backpack mail— everyone should have received a copy because all students participating need their own paperwork.