

Classroom Times

Our Studies

Religion - Acts of the Apostles;
Mary Beth Walden essay

Reading - Novel study of
"Frightful's Mountain." This is the
third book in the trilogy written by
Jean Craighead George!

Math - Associative and distributive
properties

English - Direct objects, transitive
verbs, simple verb tenses

Social Studies - Ancient Egypt;
test on Week 6 (Ancient Egypt)
and Week 7 (Pyramids) combined
will be on Friday

Vocabulary A - Z - 6.2 due
Thursday

Wish list: Thin-lined Expo
markers (black,) Clorox wipes,
Kleenex cube style boxes

SAVE THE DATE! Thursday, May 14 - "A Wonderful Life" banquet honoring the graduating classes from St. Mary School from the years 2020 - 2026, featuring guest speaker Bob Welch, author of "*52 Little Lessons from It's a Wonderful Life*." Bob is traveling all the way from Oregon to meet the kids who have touched his heart through virtual meets. Invitations were sent home last week. Doors open at 5:30 pm; dinner begins at 6:00 pm. Please contact Amanda Pickett at the parish office, (217)824-8178, if you are available to volunteer with setting up the banquet or with cleaning up afterwards.

Important Events Ahead

Enjoy this [video](#) showcasing the highlights of our 6th grade year so far!

"A Wonderful Life" Celebration information is listed in the calendar below. For more information on the background of this event, please read this [article](#) published on Substack and written by author, Bob Welch.

Please RSVP as soon as possible for the "A Wonderful Life" banquet to be held on Thursday, May 14. RSVPs are due April 24, but it will help us in our planning to know ASAP! The link for registration is at the bottom of this newsletter.

Hats off to our 6th graders for leading the Mass at Taylorville Estates on Tuesday! Their readings and their singing were fantastic! It was their LAST nursing home Mass!

MAP testing for reading will be completed next week. We completed math testing on Thursday of this week.

Baby bottles - Please return all baby bottles, even if they are empty! We will use them again next year. Thank you to all who donated!

Sunday, April 19 - All School Sing at 11 am Mass; bake sale following

Wednesday, April 22 - 2:20 dismissal with bus service

Thursday, April 23 - Music Festival rehearsal at THS; see detailed notes below.

April 27 - May 1 - Dress Down Days to raise money for 6th grade graduation field trip

Thursday, April 23 - Band practice at THS for music festival

Friday, April 24 - Music Festival at THS

Monday, April 27 - Field trip to the Wetlands at Lake Taylorville. Non-uniform day. Long pants or jeans, (since we will be hiking,) hats, boots or old shoes to change into, and sunscreen are recommended. Bring a sack lunch and water bottle. Include a cold pack in your lunch if it needs to stay cold.

Tuesday, April 28 - Tour/orientation at TJHS. Uniform day, but it's Geography shirt day, so uniform bottoms must be worn with the geography shirt.

Thursday, April 29 - 3:00 dismissal; no bus service!

Friday, May 1 - Eucharistic Adoration; final prayers are due

Sunday, May 3 - Singing Saints at 11 am Mass

Monday, May 4 - 6th grade retreat at Corpus Christi Priory in Springfield; bring sack lunches and drinks; uniform day. Late arrival back at school. Bus riders will not be able to ride the bus home. Please arrange alternate transportation.

May 4 - 8 - Teacher appreciation week

Wednesday, May 6 - 2:20 dismissal with bus service

Thursday, May 7 - Muffins for Moms 7:15 - 8 am

Friday, May 8 - Q & U wedding; 6th graders may dress up as a Letter Person

Dress Down Days

Mon., April 27 - Silly Socks

Tues., April 28 - Geography shirt

Wed., April 29 - Team shirt

Thurs., April 30 - Saint jar raffle

Fri., May 1 - Crazy Hat

Send \$5 to participate for all five days or \$1 per each day of participation. Make sure the money is sent in an envelope or baggie labeled with your child's name and the words, "Dress Down Days." Proceeds will go toward expenses of the 6th grade graduation field trip to St. Louis.

Check the weather! It fluctuates throughout the day. Please make sure your child is wearing a warm coat, gloves, & hat or hood each morning. We try to have outdoor recess as much as possible!
Coats and Outside:

1. Students need to have a crew neck, hoodie, light jacket, 1/4 zip on for outside play if the temperature is 50 or below
2. If the temperature is below 40 then students need to have a coat to play outside
3. Temperatures above 50— students can decide if they want to wear a sweatshirt/jacket etc.
4. Children without a proper coat will not be allowed to go to outdoor recess.

for the day!

Monday, May 11 - Last Booster Club meeting at 6 pm followed by 6th grade reception

Wednesday, May 13 - 2:20 Dismissal with bus service

Thursday, May 14 - Kindergarten and 6th graders lead the Mass honoring our seniors; reception in the cafeteria for kindergarten, 6th graders, and seniors. Seniors will visit the classrooms. ["A Wonderful Life" banquet](#) in the evening honoring 6th grade students from 2020 - 2026, featuring Bob Welch as the speaker. Parents of these students are invited as well. Doors open at 5:30. Invitations are being sent; RSVP by Friday, April 24 by completing the QR code or calling the parish office at (217)824-8178.



Friday, May 15 - Field Day

Monday, May 18 - 6th grade field trip to St. Louis; non-uniform; dress code will be sent with permission slip; sack lunches and drinks are needed. Late arrival home.

Tuesday, May 19 - Awards Day 1:15 pm in the church

Wednesday, May 20 - Last day of school! 11:30 dismissal; no bus service. Graduation Mass for 6th graders begins at 6:30 pm. Dress code and more information about graduation will be coming home soon.

Thursday, April 23, 2026 - Rehearsal Senior High School Gymnasium

7:00 pm Students and families furnish their own transportation.

1. The Thursday night rehearsal will begin with all students seated in the gym at 6:50 p.m.
2. Thursday night we will practice the Finale and the marching.
3. All elementary students will return to the THS Cafeteria after the Thursday night rehearsal. Parents are to pick them up in the cafeteria. Students will not be permitted to meet parents in the parking lots or school drives.
4. Elementary Band students will not need to bring their instruments for the Thursday night rehearsal. Bring instruments, music and music stands with you Friday night for the performance. The instrument cases are to be left in parent's cars.

