

Apple Bytes

October 10, 2018

St. Mary School Newsletter



Dear St. Mary School Families,

Thank you for your support for last week's Bake Sale and the purchase of pet medals and pet blessing cards. We are very excited that we will be giving the St. Francis Animal Sanctuary \$180.00 towards the care of our animal friends.

***IMPORTANT CALENDAR CHANGES

In August, prior to the beginning of school I became aware of revisions the Vermilion School District made to their school calendar. As a result, we have revised our calendar to match theirs due to busing. There are 4 days during the year that the Vermilion School District has scheduled a "DELAYED START". That means, our **students (in grades K-6 ONLY not preschool)** will not arrive until 10:15 a.m. on those days if riding the bus. All families who drop their students off by car should plan to arrive at school at 10:15 a.m. on those dates. The St. Mary School Staff will be having in-service during that time so students arriving earlier **will not have supervision.**

The "DELAYED START DATES" are:

- **Monday, November 26, 2018**
- **Monday, February 25, 2019**
- **Monday, April 22, 2019**
- **Monday, May 20, 2019**

Buses will be 2 hours later for morning pickup. Firelands bus riders - we have not heard from the Board if they will be providing St. Mary School transportation on these mornings.

CLARIFICATION OF POLICY REGARDING STUDENT USE OF PERSONAL PHONES AT ST. MARY SCHOOL

The St. Mary School Student Family Handbook states that electronic devices (p. 17) such as cell phones are not permitted at school. In the last year, several students have come to school with a wrist watch/ phone/ tracking device or "Smartwatch". Any device in which a student has access to calling anyone via phone during the school day is NOT PERMITTED whether it is on a wrist or detached. If you have any further questions, please call the school office.

HELP NEEDED!!!!

Anyone who is able to help run the **Scholastic Book Fair on November 6th**, please contact the school office. All that is needed are a couple of volunteers to run the check out during the day and early evening. Please call even if it's only for a few hours. We depend on the Book Fair to replenish our school library. Students in all grades, Pre through grade 6 will have a chance to visit the Book Fair during the day. This is also an opportunity to make Christmas purchases!

LOOKING FOR...Do you know a business or corporation that would be interested in becoming a partner with St. Mary School and serve on our STEM Advisory Board? This is a unique opportunity for businesses to help make a difference in being part of a conversation to provide real life experiences or opportunities for our students. Please contact me if you have a referral.

School Advisory Council Positions Available

St. Mary School Council has a few positions open to school families or parishioners. The School Council plays an important role in providing counsel to the pastor and principal in giving input to the future of the school from policies to operations. If you would like to become more involved in this area, please contact Liz Riddle, Fr. Ron or Mrs. Bialko.

God bless,

Mrs. Barb Bialko

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Principal

MASS – will be **Thursday, October 11 at 9:00 am – Gr. 2/3** - Please join us.

NO SCHOOL – on **Friday, October 12th**

CHRISTMAS WREATHS – Grades 5 and 6 would like to thank you for your Wreath orders. Tomorrow is the **LAST day that you can order**. No late orders can be accepted by the company. **PICK UP WILL BE Friday, November 23 from 3-4:00 pm and after all Masses on November 4th and 5th.**

STORYTELLING – Storytelling will meet **Wednesday, October 17th**. (children **MUST** have a note each day stating they will be attending).

ACADEMIC CHALLENGE – meets after school on **Thursday, October 18th** in the Library. (children **MUST** have a note each day stating they will be attending).

PSO –The next PSO meeting is **Tuesday, November 13th at 6:30 in the Library**. Please try to attend.

NOTES FROM THE LIBRARY – Footnotes from the Library will be sent home today with your child. If you would like to purchase a Birthday Book for your child, please fill out the form, and send it into the office with the money attached. Your child will be able to choose their book from a variety of choices and then be the first child to check the book out. Thank you in advance.

SCHOOL BELLES SALE – See attached form

RITTER PUBLIC LIBRARY – Join the library **Saturday, October 13th from 2-5** for Fall Family Festival. They will have games and crafts, trick or treat in the stacks, yarn fun, selfie photo booth, art, teen T-shirt design contest and refreshments.

FALL FESTIVAL – PSO will be **held Friday, October 26th**. This is a fun afternoon for the children. They will travel to many “stations” with their “family” to enjoy treats to crafts. Please read the following attachment for our Community Service for the festival. This is a dress down for K-6. Fall colors for tops and jeans are allowed.