



ST. MARY'S SPOTLIGHT

September 23 – 27, 2019

Week in Review:

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Well it seems like the summer heat is stepping aside to make way for the Fall. Personally, I love the Fall and am excited for another change of season. So many thoughts come to mind when thinking of this season; changing leaves, hunting season...PUMPKIN SPICE EVERYTHING!

This change of season has also brought MAP testing to St. Mary's. This year, we have been working to make this frequently tedious and stressful process much more palatable. A big thanks to Roni Pratt and our teachers for working through this new process. It has been relatively smooth and some students even enjoyed the MAP test (See the quote below).

On a different note, I wanted to share one change in the school calendar. On October 24th, it says, "1/2 day of school-Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:00-4:30". In speaking with teachers and parents, this was not what happened last year and the calendar was never amended. I am very sorry for this, and I do my best not to change the school calendar, but I think a change needs to be made. The new schedule for October 24th will be, No School, Parent Teacher Conferences from 8:00 – 12:30 pm. If you have any questions about this, please let me know.

There is a lot going on in the month of October, so be sure to check the events below. I hope you all have an opportunity to enjoy the beautiful weather this weekend and enjoy some quality time with family and friends. God Bless, and I will see you on Monday!

Continue to stay plugged in by looking at the weekly slideshow. You can't help being amazed and energized by our students' smiles and engagement in their work. Click [HERE](#) to see the photos.

Need to Know:

- **Pink Shirt Order:**

As most of us know, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Many of us have close and personal connections to this, and as a family, the St. Mary's community will always support anyone in our family who is affected by this. Click [HERE](#) to read about one of our own affected by breast cancer, and what we St. Mary's will be doing to support her and her family. The T-shirts are selling fast, so be sure to order yours ASAP so we can show our support by wearing our T-shirts to school on Thursday October 3rd!

- **Redbird (Morning Math Program):**

We are looking to get our Redbird program up and running the week of October 30th. We will run it on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:15-7:55 am. Since we are starting later this year, the cost for the first semester will be \$175. If you are interested in signing your student up for this morning program or if you have questions, please email Mandy Campanella.

- **MOSS Field Trip Reminder:**

Parents of children going to MOSS. Please remember to fill out, sign, and turn in your child's medical history/medication authorization form to the front office no later than Tuesday October 1st. Remember that your child will not be allowed to go to MOSS if this form is not filled out and turned in. Thank you!!



Nice to Know:

- **MOSS Fun Run Results:**

A huge THANK YOU to Christina Cuevas whose leadership made our Fun Run such a success. Click [HERE](#) to see the results from the run.

- **Safety in a Digital World - Online Crime Prevention:**

The Ada County Sherriff's Office is sponsoring a training at St. Luke's in Eagle to keep kids safe online and is geared for parents. Click [HERE](#) to see the details of the event and sign up if you are interested.

- **Homework Club:**

St. Mary's is hosting a parent homework club after school. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

- **Volunteers:**

Want to be a volunteer/chaperone/driver this year at St. Mary's? Please click on the [LINK](#) to see the specific information for volunteering and bring a driver for school events.

- **News from the Nurse:**

Here is short message from our nurse on a fun topic...Flu Season! Click [HERE](#) to read more.

- **Speech Screening:**

Speech screenings are done for the Kindergartners, but if parents that would like their child screened, please email our nurse, Janet Campbell (jcampbell@rcdb.org) with their names, age, DOB and grade. This year at St. Mary's the screenings will be done on Thursday, October 3rd in the Library.

Important Dates (Right around the Corner):

- **October 2** Student Mass: 2nd Grade - Treasure
- **October 4** Catholic Educator's Conference (No School)

Important Dates (On the Horizon):

- **October 9** Student Mass: 3rd Grade - Talent
- **October 11** Early Release Day (School ends at 2:00 pm)
- **October 14-18** MOSS Science Camp for 5th and 6th Grade students
- **October 16** Student Mass: 1st Grade – Corpus Christi
- **October 18** End of First Quarter
- **October 23** Student Mass: 8th Grade – Time AND **Grandparents Mass**
Parent Teacher Conferences from 2:30 – 7:00 pm (Early Release @ 2:00 pm)
- **October 24** Parent Teacher Conferences from 8:00 – 12:30 (No School)
- **October 25** No School
- **October 27** Trunk or Treat and Spartanfest @ St. Mary's (3:00 – 6:00 pm)
- **November 1** Student Mass: 7th Grade – Treasure (All Saints Day)

Wisdom from our young scholars: Insightful tidbits we just had to share...

One Kindergartener after finishing their MAP test: "Yes! Can we do that every day?!" (now that is positivity!!!)