



ST. MARY'S SPOTLIGHT

September 30 – October 4, 2019

Week in Review:

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

My apologies for getting this newsletter out so late. I had a few technical difficulties, so I apologize for its lateness. Although it was a shorter week, there were so many wonderful things that took place at St. Mary's. I think the slideshow will give you a small glimpse into what makes St. Mary's the best school around.

I wanted to let you all know how fortunate I am/we are at St. Mary's to have such a caring, supportive and loving parents and family members. I see the fruits of your work in the smiles, the desire to learn, and the love that your students bring to St. Mary's each and every day. I am amazed by our Buddy Program and how well our older students work with their younger buddies AND how excited the younger buddies are to see them. It touches my heart when I see students outside trying to include all students in the different activities during recess time. It inspires me to see our second grade students and choir doing such an amazing job at the student mass. These wonderful things are a direct reflection on the hard work you as parents put in. Thank you so much!

The week came to an end on Thursday morning with a true showing of the idea that St. Mary's is a family. The sea of pink T-shirts was a symbol of how we rally around our family members in need and do what we can to support each other. In October, we remember the people struggling and who have struggled with breast cancer, and we look for ways to support them through our Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. It is wonderful opportunity as parents to teach our children about our call as Christians to love and help everyone, especially those in need.

I wish you all week filled with blessings, and I thank you for allowing me to be a small part of the incredible St. Mary's family.

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:**

If you were here on Thursday morning, you saw the sea of Pink first hand, and it was AMAZING! It was a great kick off to our work in supporting those affected by Breast Cancer. We still have some T-shirts left, so if you want one, talk to Mandy in the front office or Jen Thompson.

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

The Redbird program is starting and will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:15-7:55 am. The cost for the first semester will be \$175. 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:

• **PTO Peach Sale Success:**

This year, our peach sales netted a \$550 return. A huge THANK YOU goes out to our PTO for making this delicious opportunity possible.

• **A Will and Estate Planning Seminar:**

Our parish is hosting a Will and Estate planning seminar on October 16th. If you are interested in this event and want more information, click [HERE](#).

• **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.

• **Speech Screening UPDATE:**

Sorry for the last minute update, but we had to change the date of the Speech Screening to Thursday, October 10th in the Library. Speech screenings are done for the Kindergartners, but if parents would like their child screened, **please email your student's teacher.**

• **News from the Nurse:**

Here is short message from our nurse on an upcoming Flu Vaccine Clinics. Click [HERE](#) to read more.

Important Dates (Right around the Corner):

- **October 9** Student Mass: 3rd Grade – Talent
PTO Meeting @ St. Mary's @ 3:45 pm
- **October 11** Early Release Day (School ends at 2:00 pm)

Important Dates (On the Horizon):

- **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...

Two preschoolers go up to Mrs. Oden and say, "What did the panda say?" Mrs. Oden said, "What *DID* the panda say?" (Playing along with the joke) Then the preschoolers said, "Well, we don't know!" (I guess the joke was on Mrs. Oden!)