

Letter From **The Principal**

Date: 11/29/2021

Dear Parents / Guardians,

3 Weeks Until Christmas Break and End of 2nd Quarter

The 2021-22 School Year is quickly reaching the halfway mark. I would like to thank everyone; students, parents, and staff for all their hard work in keeping everyone safe and healthy. Coming back from Thanksgiving, we want to assure everyone that we continue to be extra careful to make sure we make it to Christmas break. We ask that you continue to do the symptoms checks each morning.

Weather Changes

Winter weather is upon us. We want to remind you to make sure that your child(ren) is/are dressed appropriately to go outside for morning and lunch recesses. As a school, we will go outside if the wind chill is above 5 degrees. Please make sure that your child(ren) has/have a heavy winter coat, stocking hat, and gloves. Please make sure that your child's name is in their clothes as well, this helps us identify to whom they belong, if items are left behind. We also recommend that girls wear either tights or leggings under their skirts. See the dress code for what tights and leggings are acceptable. If you are having trouble providing any of these items for your child(ren), please let the office know and we can help. If you find your child needs new uniforms because your child has grown, also please let the office know. We have sweaters, long sleeve shirts, and sweatshirts available.

School Christmas Program: "The Wonder of Christmas"

Come join us on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5th at 1:00pm in the School Gymnasium to enjoy our Christmas Program, "The Wonder of Christmas." You will follow the story of a skeptical boy named Tommy who questions the significance of Jesus's birth. Through fun songs and guidance from his friends, everyone experiences the true meaning of Christmas.

*Students who are in Costume should put their coats in their lockers and report to the Music Room at 12:00pm.

*All other students should put coats in their lockers and report to Kindergarten room at 12:30pm.

*Kindergarten students will sit with their parents after their introduction song for the rest of the performance.

Due to COVID-19 concerns and limited seating, we are asking that only immediate family attend the production.

NO After School Latchkey

On Friday, December 17th, there will be **NO** After School Latchkey. Please make any necessary arrangements to have your child(ren) picked up at the end of the School Day. If this is a major problem, please contact the School Office so we can make other arrangements.

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

December School Council Meeting - The December School Council meeting has been **CANCELED**. The next School Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

Immaculate Conception Mass – We will have a special All School Mass on Wednesday, December 8^{th} for the Immaculate Conception. Everyone is invited to join us in this celebration. We will also have our All School Mass on Friday, December 10^{th} , as usual. A Penance Service will follow this Mass for students in Grades 3^{rd} through 6^{th} .

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

Monthly Tuition Payments are due. This will be the last payment before the end of the 2^{nd} Quarter. Students whose tuition payments and/or latchkey bills are not up to date will have their report cards held until payment is made.

Friday, December 17, 2021

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End of 2nd Quarter

Friday, December 17th is the end of the 2nd Quarter. Your child(ren) should bring home their report cards on Wednesday, January 5th. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact either the school office or your child's teacher so we can schedule a time to meet. **Students whose tuition or latchkey payments are not up to date will have their report cards held until payment is made.** If you are not sure if your tuition payments are current, please call the School Office at 419-238-5186 and we will be able to answer any questions. If you are experiencing difficulties with making these payments, please contact the school.

Monday, December 21, 2021 through Sunday, January 2, 2022

Students' Christmas Break begins on Monday, December 21st and School will resume on Monday, January 3rd.

<u>Christmas Mass Schedules</u>	4:00pm – Christmas Eve Youth Mass
Friday, December 24 th –	7:00pm – Christmas Eve Mass
Saturday, December 25 th -	12:00am – Midnight Mass 10:00am – Christmas Day Mass

The St. Mary's Faculty and Staff would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Thank you and God bless,

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Mr. Daniel Metzger Principal-Minister