



Letter from the Principal

Date: 01/29/2024

Dear Parents / Guardians,

School Calendar CHANGE – April 8, 2024 Eclipse Day

NO SCHOOL for Students on Monday, April 8th. All the area schools have decided not to be in session on this day due to the expected increase in the number of people coming to the area to view the full solar eclipse. There were also concerns that the eclipse will be happening right at dismissal time. Instead, we will use this day as a Teacher Professional Development Day. Students will be given some fun activities to do at home that revolve around the eclipse. We will also be sending home eclipse viewing glasses for the students so they can safely watch this once in a lifetime event.

NO After School Latchkey

Friday, February 2, 2024 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, January 30th

Spirit Day – Students and Staff may wear St. Mary's School Spirit Wear (or blue/gold shirt) with jeans, sweatpants, or wind-pants on this day. Please **NO** skirts, yoga pants, or leggings.

NO HOMEWORK DAY

Pancake/Sausage Breakfast Day 7:30am until 8:15am in the gymnasium. The cost is \$3.00 for pancakes and a drink. For just an additional \$2.00; you may get sausage as well. This breakfast is open to any parents, grandparents, siblings, and friends who would like to join our students.

Wednesday, January 31st

Red, White, and Blue Dress-up Day - Students may dress in a Red, White, Blue, or a Patriotic themed shirt with jeans, sweatpants, or wind-pants on this day. Please **NO** skirts, yoga pants, or leggings.

Thursday, February 1st

Pajama Day - Students will be permitted to wear Pajamas to school on this day. Please make sure the pajamas are appropriate for students to go out for recess. Students may wear slippers during the school day. (Students will still need to bring in regular shoes for recess.) Students may bring in a blanket and pillow to watch a movie in the gym.

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Friday, February 2nd

There will be NO AFTER SCHOOL LATCHKEY available on Friday.

8:45am – All School Mass – Blessing of the Throats

After Mass – Quiz Bowl Championship Game – Hot Chocolate for students during the game

Popsicle Bridge Weight Challenge - Sixth grade students worked in teams to design and build their own bridge out of up to 400 popsicle sticks and hot glue. They will compete to see whose bridge can hold the most weight before collapsing.

Relay Races in the gym – Students will be competing in various fun relay races for prizes.

Sunday, February 4th

District Spelling Bee – Josh Dunno will represent St. Mary's at the Van Wert County Spelling Bee. The Spelling Bee is held at the Marsh Foundation at 3pm.

Good Luck Josh! We all believe in you!

First Communion Parent Meeting -There will be a meeting for ALL parents whose children will be receiving their First Holy Communion.

Tuesday, February 6th

School Council - The February School Council meeting will meet in the school library starting at 7:00pm. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Wednesday, February 7th

Dentist Visit – Dr. Jessica Jeffery-Mohr will speak with our Kindergarten and 1st Grade students about proper dental hygiene.

Monday, February 12th

Royals Read-A-Thon Pledge Drive – Students are to begin gathering Sponsors for our Read-A-Thon. The Read-A-Thon will begin the following week. Sponsorship forms will be sent home with students. **All money collected from the Read-A-Thon will go to the purchase of books from the Book Fair for the Classrooms and the School Library.** There will also be prize incentives for students to collect pledges.

Wednesday, February 14th – Valentines Day/Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday – All School Mass

We start the Lenten Season with students receiving ashes at 8:45am Mass. All adults are welcome to attend this Mass and receive their ashes, as well. We, as a school, will begin preparing ourselves for the Lenten Season. During these 40 days let us devote ourselves to the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

Friday, February 16th – NO SCHOOL

NO SCHOOL – Professional Development Day – School will not be in session for students on this day.

Monday, February 19th

NO SCHOOL – Presidents Day – School will not be in session on this day.

Royals Read-A-Thon Reading Logs Begins – For one-week students should track the number of minutes they spend reading each day. See Read-A-Thon Log for more details.

Wednesday, February 21st

Stations of the Cross – Our students will continue their Lenten preparation by participating in the Stations of the Cross at 10:30am – Everyone is welcome to attend with us.

Saturday, February 24th – Friday, March 1st

Scholastic Book Fair – We will be hosting a book fair in the gymnasium. It will be open on Saturday, February 24th after the 4:00pm Mass and on Sunday, February 25th after the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses. The Book Fair hours during the week are Monday through Thursday 7:30am – 8:15am and 3:05pm – 3:30pm. The Book Fair will close at 12:00pm on Friday, March 1st. Part of the proceeds from our Book Fair come back to our school and helps us purchase new books for the classrooms and library.

Online Book Fair - If you are unable to make it to the Book Fair, you are still in luck. There is an online portion of our Book Fair that runs from Friday, February 23rd through Thursday, March 7th. Any online purchase will be credited to our school and contribute to more Scholastic dollars for our teachers to use to purchase new books for their classrooms. You simply need to go to the following website: www.scholastic.com/fair, enter our zip code (45891), and St. Mary Assumption Catholic Book Fair.

Sunday, February 25th

Royals Read-A-Thon Minutes Log Ends – This is the last day to log minutes for the Read-A-Thon.

Monday, February 26th – Friday, March 1st

Right to Read Week – The week of Monday, February 26th through Friday, March 1st is Right to Read Week. Students will be taking part in many fun activities throughout the week to help encourage them to be more active readers. A detailed agenda of the week's activities will be sent home closer to the start.

Monday, February 26th

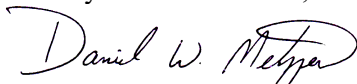
Royals Read-A-Thon Pledge Collection – Students are to collect all pledges from their sponsors.

Tuesday, February 27th

Royals Read-A-Thon ends – Students are to return their Sponsorship Form, all pledge money collected, and their Reading Logs to be eligible for prizes.

Pancake/Sausage Breakfast Day 7:30am until 8:15am in the gymnasium. The cost is \$3.00 for pancakes and a drink. For just an additional \$2.00; you may get sausage as well. This breakfast is open to any parents, grandparents, siblings, and friends who would like to join our students.

Thank you and God bless,



Mr. Daniel Metzger
Principal-Minister