



Letter from the Principal

Date: 2/26/2024

Dear Parents / Guardians,

EdChoice Expansion Scholarship

If you are a parent planning on applying for the EdChoice Expansion Scholarship for next year, **PLEASE RETURN YOUR APPLICATION(S) THAT WERE SENT HOME AND A COPY OF YOUR COMPLETE UTILITY BILL TO THE SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.** If you have any questions, please call the School Office and we will be happy to assist you.

Kindergarten Screening

A FREE Kindergarten Developmental Readiness Screening for all children will be held at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic School. Any child who will be 5 years of age by September 30th, 2024, and lives in Van Wert County or the surrounding area, is invited to attend. Screening appointments can be set up for **Monday, March 4th, Tuesday, March 5th, Monday, March 18th, and Tuesday, March 19th, screenings will run from 3:30pm – 5:00pm.** Please call St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic School Office at 419-238-5186 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, to set up a screening appointment. Time slots are limited. Please share with anyone you think might be interested.

Scholastic Book Fair – We are hosting our annual book fair in the gymnasium Monday, February 26th through Friday, March 1st. 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 9:00am on Friday, March 1st. We hope that you will take an opportunity to stop by and pick up some books for your children or even yourself. Books are available for readers of all ages. Also, part of the proceeds from our Book Fair comes 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.

End of 3rd Quarter – Friday, March 8th is the end of the 3rd Quarter. Your child(ren) should bring home their report cards on Wednesday, March 20th. **Students whose Lunch and/or Latchkey payments are not up to date will have their report cards held until payment is made.** If you are not sure if charges are current, please call the School Office at 419-238-5186 and we will be able to answer any questions.

Right to Read Week – February 26th – March 1st

We have lots of fun activities planned to help encourage the students to become better readers. We have sent home a separate agenda for you to help keep up with all the events of the week.

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Tuesday, Feb. 27th - Wear Your Words

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. The book fair will be open.

Wear Your Words - Students and Staff are permitted to wear T-shirt/sweatshirt that has words on it with jeans, sweatpants, or wind-pants on this day. Please **NO** yoga pants or leggings unless covered by a skirt. The student in each grade with the most words on their shirt will win a prize.

Royals Read-A-Thon Due— The Read-A-Thon Reading Log, Pledge Sheet, and all money collected must be turned in on Tuesday, February 28th.

Wednesday, February 28th - Be a Royal Reader

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 yoga pants or leggings unless covered by a skirt.

Thursday, February 29th: Leap Into Reading

Comfy Clothes Day - Students and Staff are permitted to wear their comfiest outfit. For example: sweatpants, joggers, sweatshirts.

Friday, March 1st: Hats Off to a Great Week of Reading

Hat Day - Students and Staff will be permitted to wear their favorite hat after Mass.

Monday, March 4th

Chicken Dinner Tickets - Today starts our Chicken Dinner Ticket sales campaign for the 2024 Spring Benefit. We are doing Carry Out BBQ Chicken Dinners on Saturday, April 6th, the week before the Social Night. One of the best and easiest ways that you can help make this year's Spring Fund Raiser a success is by selling as many tickets as you can. More information and details will come home with the tickets. This school fundraiser is extremely important as it has generated over \$50,000 the last couple of years and 100% of the proceeds go to our school.

Kindergarten Screening – Kindergarten Readiness Screenings at School from 3:30pm to 5:00pm, call the School Office to schedule an appointment.

Tuesday, March 5th

Kindergarten Screening – Kindergarten Readiness Screenings at School from 3:30pm to 5:00pm, call the School Office to schedule an appointment.

School Council Meeting - The March School Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 5th at 7pm in the School Library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Wednesday, March 6th

Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd Grade Field Trip – they will be seeing a performance of Little Red Riding Hood and The Three Little Pigs at The Historic Ohio Theatre in Toledo on Wednesday, March 6th. **STUDENTS NEED TO REPORT TO THEIR CLASSROOMS BETWEEN 7:30am – 7:45am AS WE NEED TO LEAVE BY 8:00am.**

Friday, March 8th - End of 3rd Quarter

Penance Service – 5th and 6th Grade will have Confessions after the All School Mass.

Sunday, March 10th

Daylight Savings Time - Reminder to turn your clocks **AHEAD** 1 hour.

Monday, March 11th – Friday, March 15th

NO SCHOOL – WE WILL BE ON SPRING BREAK THE WHOLE WEEK.

Monday, March 18th

Kindergarten Screening – Kindergarten Readiness Screenings at School from 3:30pm to 5:00pm, call the School Office to schedule an appointment.

Tuesday, March 19th

Kindergarten Screening – Kindergarten Readiness Screenings at School from 3:30pm to 5:00pm, call the School Office to schedule an appointment.

Wednesday, March 20th

Grade Cards Sent Home – Students' Grade Cards should come home. Please make sure all Lunch and Latchkey bills are up to date.

Friday, March 22nd

Penance Service – 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Grade will have Confessions after the All School Mass.

D.A.R.E. Graduation – Our 5th and 6th Grade students will be going through the D.A.R.E. Graduation at the Niswonger Performing Art Center at 1pm.

Monday, March 25th

BBQ Chicken Dinner Tickets Due - Please return all ticket money and any unsold tickets in the envelope provided to the school office by **Monday, March 25th**. **Students are responsible for returning any unsold tickets and will be charged the price of the tickets for any lost or unreturned tickets.**

“Royals Cash” Raffle Tickets - Today starts our “Royals Cash” Raffle Ticket sales campaign for the 2024 Spring Benefit. The Cash Raffle winners will be drawn at the Social Night on Saturday, April 13th

Wednesday, March 27th

Stations of the Cross - Grades 2nd – 6th will participate in the Stations of the Cross in Church at 10:30am.

Thursday, March 28th

Holy Thursday – 7:00pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, March 29th

No School – Good Friday

2:00pm – Rosary and Stations of the Cross

3:00pm – Passion of our Lord

Saturday, March 30th

Holy Saturday – 8:30pm – Easter Vigil Mass

Benefit Auction open for bidding: <https://www.32auctions.com/StMarysRoyals2024>

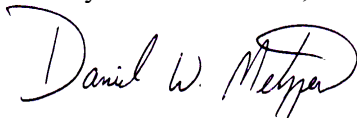
Sunday, March 31st

Easter Sunday - 8:30am & 10:30am – Easter Masses

Monday, April 1st

No School for Students – Professional Development Day

Thank you and God bless,



Mr. Daniel Metzger
Principal-Minister