



# Letter from the Principal

Date: 4/28/2021

Dear Parents / Guardians,

## **LAST MONTH OF SCHOOL!**

May is upon us and the school year is quickly coming to a close. The last day of school is **Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**. We will have an awards ceremony in the afternoon starting at **12:45pm in the gymnasium**. Students will be dismissed at the conclusion of the awards ceremony, which will be around **2:00pm**. Parents are invited to attend the End of the Year Awards Ceremony. We ask that parents RSVP so we can have appropriate seating available. A letter will be coming home closer to this date with more details.

There will be **NO AFTER SCHOOL LATCHKEY ON THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL: THURSDAY, MAY 20<sup>th</sup>**. Please make the necessary arrangements to have your child(ren) picked up at the conclusion of the awards ceremony. Students who ride the Crestview, Lincolnview, or Van Wert busses will have to wait for their regular departure time, unless other arrangements have been made for them to be picked up at the conclusion of the awards ceremony.

## **2020-2021 Tuition**

At this point, your tuition should be paid in full for the 2020-2021 School Year. If this is not the case, please make the necessary payment as soon as possible. If you are experiencing some economic hardship at this time and are unable to pay your tuition in full, please contact the School Office so we can discuss possible payment options.

## **Tuition Contracts and Tuition Assistance**

2021-2022 Tuition Grant Worksheets and Tuition Assistance forms have been sent home. We will go over these forms and develop your Tuition Contract for 2021-2022 School Year. You should receive your 2021-2022 Tuition Contract by the end of June, this will give us time to apply any additional tuition assistance for which you may have applied, as well as any SCRIP credit you accumulated over the School Year.

Your Registration and Materials Fee for the upcoming school year is \$50.00 per student and is due by **Thursday, May 20th (last day of school)**.

## **End of the Year Report Cards**

Report cards are scheduled to go home with the students on Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. **All tuition, latchkey and any other fees must be paid in full** before your child will receive their report card and/or a transcript will be released. Please be aware that **Progressbook will be turned off for all families at the end of the school day on Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**.

## **First Communion**

Congratulations to our 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders who received the Blessed Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time on Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. They all worked extremely hard all year to prepare themselves to receive Jesus. Thank you to Miss Barnt and Mrs. Rutkowski for all their efforts to make sure this day was truly a special moment in the lives of our students.

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### New Text Alert System

Ohio Alerts will stop providing text alerts for St. Mary's at the end of this school year. We will make a transition to the Remind alerts system for all St. Mary's related alert messages. With many of our teachers already using Remind for classroom specific updates, we feel this will be a good transition for our school community.

Signing up for our General School Alerts which includes School Delays and Cancellations is easy, simply text @2stmary to 81010.

Please make the switch by May 20 to stay informed about the happenings here at St. Mary's! After May 20, 2021, we will NO LONGER BE USING OHIO ALERTS.

Please share this information with any other family members or friends that may need to be aware of any kind of school related information.

### 2021-2022 School Year Calendar

We have officially set our School Calendar for the 2021-2022 School Year. This year's calendar will come home with your child's report card. Please note some of the important days in August for next year:

Thursday	August 12, 2021	Kindergarten Orientation: 7:00pm
Tuesday	August 17, 2021	Staff Work Day: 8:30am – 3:00pm
		Parent Orientation: Grades 1 & 2 6:30pm
		Grades 3 & 4 7:00pm
		Grades 5 & 6 7:30pm
Wednesday	August 18, 2021	<b>First Day for Students</b>

### May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>

**Teacher Appreciation Week** – We will take a little time this week to say THANK YOU to our GREAT TEACHERS and STAFF for all they do for our students and their families. A letter was sent home last week explaining some of things going on this week.

### Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Homework from the Principal** – Students should take some time to write a prayer or a thank you note to their teachers and staff members that have helped them throughout this school year. We will pass them out on Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

**Non-Uniform Day** – Students can wear a t-shirt or sweatshirt that is in their teacher's favorite color.

### Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

**May Crowning** - Following our All School Mass, we will take part in our School May Crowning Ceremony on Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. All are invited to attend.

Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade will all have an extra recess with pizza and ice cream which were purchased for each of them at the Benefit Auction.

### Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>

**Mother's Day** - On behalf of everyone at St. Mary's, I would like to wish all our amazing School Moms a HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

### Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

**Used School Uniform Collection** - We will begin collecting gently used school uniforms **STARTING MONDAY, MAY 10<sup>th</sup> through THURSDAY, JUNE 10<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any school uniforms that your child(ren) can no longer use, please drop them off at the School Office. For those of you interested in buying gently used school uniforms for next year, the used uniform sale **starts Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup> through Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**. Used uniforms are \$1 each. We do ask that all uniforms be washed before turning into the school.

**Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**

**School Council Meeting** - The May School Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the School Library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Rocket Day:** Our 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students will cover a unit on Rockets and Space Exploration in Science Class. This unit involves a lot of time and preparation on the part of each student. Each student will work to construct and safely launch a rocket themselves. The launch date is set for Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> around 1:00pm. **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents are invited to attend this exciting experience. Please wear a mask.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Communities** – Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders have been learning about what it all takes to have good communities in the Social Studies class. They are working in small groups to create a model of a good community.. These model communities, that they have created, will be on display in the gymnasium from 2:15pm – 2:45pm. **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Parents are invited to come and learn about the communities while viewing the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade models. Please wear a mask.**

**Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class to Smiley Park** - The 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade class will spend their lunch and an afternoon at Smiley Park for winning the Auction Ticket Sales Competition between the classes.

**Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip** – Our 6<sup>th</sup> Grade will travel to the Columbus Zoo. We will leave School at 7:30am and return between 6pm – 7pm.

**Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Park Day** - This day will be a **Non-Uniform Shorts Day for everyone**. This year we will walk to Franklin Park following lunch. Students will spend the afternoon enjoying each other's company and having some fun in the sun. Students may want to bring a beach towel, as weather permitting, we will have some water balloons for them to throw around and playing in the splash pad may be available. Students will also enjoy pizza and a slushy thanks to the generosity of Kathy and Bryan Variell.

**Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

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**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Party** – Mr. Hesseling will host a small graduation party in his classroom for our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and their families.

**ALL LATCHKEY BILLS MUST PAID** – You will receive an up-to-date latchkey bill on Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure to pay this bill on **Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**.

**Medication Pick-Up** - Medication will not be sent home with students on the last day of school. Please stop in the school office to pick up your child's medication.

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**Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Teacher Wrap up and Workday** – The faculty and staff will finish up the end of the year with meetings and items in their classrooms.

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### Closing Remarks

We would like to wish everyone a very fun and safe summer. This year has presented all of us with never-before-seen challenges and together we made it through all the ups and downs. When we look back on this year, students, teachers, staff members, and parents; we all have so much of which to be proud.

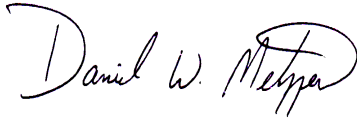
Should your address or phone number change over the summer, please contact the school office with the new information so your information can be updated and you continue to receive all necessary information over the summer months.

For those who will not return to our school next year, we will miss you and thank you for all the great times and memories. Always remember; It does not matter where your life may take you, family can always come home.

“Once a Royal, Always a Royal.”

For everyone else who is coming back next year, we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, August 18, 2021.

Thank you and God bless,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel W. Metzger". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Mr. Daniel Metzger  
Principal-Minister