



Letter from the Principal

Date: 4/24/2024

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 **Wednesday, May 22nd**. 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. The Kona Ice Truck with slushies for sale in the parking lot after school to help kick off summer vacation.

There will be **NO AFTER SCHOOL LATCHKEY ON THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL: WEDNESDAY, MAY 22nd**.

Please make the necessary arrangements to have your child(ren) picked up at the conclusion of the awards ceremony. Students who ride the Crestview bus 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.

EdChoice Expansion Scholarship

If you have not already returned the necessary EdChoice Expansion Scholarship forms, please return these forms or contact the school office **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**.

2024-2025 Registration

Your Registration and Materials Fee for the upcoming school year is \$50.00 per student and is due by **Wednesday, May 22nd (last day of school)**.

End of the Year Report Cards

Report cards are scheduled to go home with the students on Wednesday May 22nd. **All lunch, latchkey, and any other fees must be paid in full** before your child's 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 Friday, May 17th**.

Thursday, April 25th

3rd and 4th Grade Field Trip to Delphos Canal Museum – Our 3rd and 4th grade will be headed to the Delphos Canal Museum around 9:00am and returning around 12:30pm. They will also have lunch at the Delphos Creamery.

5th & 6th Grade Invention Convention Presentations– Our 5th and 6th students will be presenting their Invention Convention projects to family and friends at 2:15pm in the gymnasium.

Friday, April 26th – NO SCHOOL

There will be **NO SCHOOL** for students on Friday, April 26th for a Teacher Professional Development Day.

Wednesday, May 1st

Summer Reading Program– The Brumback Library will be in to share their summer reading program with our students. We hope that everyone will take advantage of this great program to help your child(ren) continue to grow as a reader.

First Communion Practice: 6:30-7:00pm 2nd Grade First Holy Communion Practice for those 2nd Graders receiving their First Holy Communion. Meet Mrs. Thomas in the 2nd Grade Classroom.

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Thursday, May 2nd

4th, 5th, & 6th Grade Religious Retreat – Our 4th – 6th Grade will be going to the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception in Ft. Wayne on Thursday, May 2nd. They will leave around 8:30am and return around 2pm.

Kindergarten Field Trip to Hartings Farm – Our Kindergarten students will be taking a field trip to Hartings Farm in Convoy on Thursday, May 2nd. They will leave around 10am and return around 2pm.

Friday, May 3rd

May Crowning - Following our all School Mass, we will take part in our School May Crowning Ceremony on Friday, May 3rd. All are invited to attend.

Invention Convention Judging – Our 5th and 6th Grade will present their Invention Convention projects to a panel of esteemed judges. Good luck to each group.

Sunday, May 5th - First Communion

First Communion Mass at 1:00pm- Congratulations to our 2nd Graders who will receive the Blessed Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time on Sunday, May 5th. They worked extremely hard all year to prepare themselves to receive Jesus. Thank you to Mrs. Thomas and Mr. Marchal for all their efforts to make sure this day is truly a special moment in the lives of our students.

May 6th – 10th

Staff 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.

Tuesday, May 7th

5th Grade Let's Get Down to Business Field Trip – Our 5th Grade will be going to Fair Grounds in Van Wert and learn various aspects of what it takes to run a business, do personal financing, and other economic activities as part of Career Connections program that has been started by Van Wert Business leaders.

Van Wert Elk's Essay Breakfast – We would like to congratulate Kendall Hesselning and Addi Horstman for being selected as winners of this year's Elk's Americanism Essay contest. They will be recognized for this accomplishment at the Youth Day Breakfast on Tuesday, May 7th.

Wednesday, May 8th

Mark's Ark Animal Showcase – Our Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd Grade students will have a presentation from Mark's Ark. Mark brings wild things to schools and presents a variety of critters and an entertaining show. Mark presents animals in a hands-on, friendly presentation with humor and taste and assures that all animals are safe and handled appropriately.

Thursday, May 9th

4th Grade Lemonade War: 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Our 4th graders will be holding lemonade stands on Thursday, May 9th from 1:30-2:30 pm. They recently read the book "The Lemonade War". Like in the book, they are having a contest to see who can sell the most cups of lemonade to St. Mary's students. Each group will have a little something extra to entice you to buy their lemonade. Please show your support by bringing 50 cents or more to purchase lemonade. The proceeds of the Lemonade War will go to St. Mary's Student Enrichment Learning Fund.

Friday, May 10th

All School Parents' Day: 8:30am-10:15am

Join us in the hallway at 8:30am for Prayer, followed by Mass in the church, Donuts and Pictures in the gym, and recess outside. Please see the invitation and RSVP attached to this newsletter.

Sunday, May 12th

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 13th

6th Grade Rocket Day: Our 6th Grade students did 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 Monday, May 13th around 1:00pm. **6th Grade Parents are invited to attend this exciting experience.** If the weather conditions prevent us from launching on this day, we will have the launch on Thursday, May 16th.

Used School Uniform Collection - We will begin collecting gently used school uniforms **STARTING MONDAY, MAY 13th through FRIDAY, JUNE 7th.** If you have any school uniforms that your child(ren) can no longer use, please drop them off at the School Office. We do ask that all uniforms be washed before turning into the school.

For those of you interested in buying gently used school uniforms for next year, the used uniform sale **starts Monday, August 5th through Friday, August 30th.** Used uniforms are \$1 each.

Tuesday, May 14th

3rd Grade Communities – Our 3rd Grade will be presenting their communities that they built to family and friends in the 3rd Grade Classroom at 2pm.

Thursday, May 16th

Rosary Club Field Trip – Students in the Rosary Club will be taking a field trip to National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio.

Monday, May 20th

6th Grade Class Trip – Our 6th Grade will travel to Columbus for one final Class trip. We will be going to Columbus Zoo and then Pins Mechanical before heading home. We should be back home around 8pm.

Tuesday, May 21st

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.

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

Kona Ice Truck – We have planned for the Kona Ice truck to be in our parking lot at the end of the school day. Bring your cups and money to get Summer Vacation started.

ALL LATCHKEY BILLS MUST PAID – You will receive an up-to-date latchkey bill on Tuesday, May 21st. Please make sure to pay this bill on **Wednesday, May 22nd.**

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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Thursday, May 23rd

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

Closing Remarks

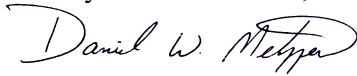
We would like to wish everyone a very fun and safe summer. When we look back on this year, students, teachers, staff members, and parents; we all have so much of which to be proud.

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 21, 2024.

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