



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

135+ Years of Tradition

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Upcoming Events

Dec. 10: 8th gr. Co
Boys BB tourney at
MTHS starting at 9:00

Dec. 12: *Kris Kringle
starts*

*Christmas Program at
MTHS at 7pm*

Dec. 13: Boys BB here
vs Riverview at 6:30

Dec 15: Boys BB at
St. Pats at 6:00

Dec. 19- Jan 2: *No
School – Christmas
Break*

Jan. 3: *School
Resumes*

Jan. 4: VB at
Brimfield at 5:00

Jan. 5: Boys BB here
vs L-W at 6:30

VB at Morton Blessed
Sacrament at 5:30

Jan. 7: VB at Peoria
Christian at 10:00

Jan. 9: *Begin ACRE
testing*

Jan. 10: Boys BB
here vs St. Ed's at 6:30
PTO Meeting at 7:00

Jan. 11: VB at Holy
Trinity at 5:30

Jan. 12: *End of 2nd
Quarter*

Boys BB at St. Mark's

Jan. 16: *No School –
MLK day*

5th & 6th Boys BB at
St. Ed's at 6

Jan. 18: Boys BB at
Sparland at 6:00

VB at Peoria Academy
at 4:30

The E-Falcon Newsletter

Dec. 8, 2011

Attachments

- BINGO Schedule for January & February

Kris Kringle

- Kris Kringle names were drawn yesterday and exchange will be the week of Dec. 12. Kris Kringle gift exchange this year will be as follows: **Monday – Desk decoration, Tuesday – Christmas card, Wednesday - book mark, Thursday - cookie and Friday - candy bar.** Each day each student will bring the designated item with a clue as to their identity such as the color of eyes or hair, boy or girl, older or younger, etc. but don't give really good clues so that the person has to really think about your identity. It is suggested that all items be homemade. Please mark the name of the child (that the gift is going to) on the item. The clue can be written on the tag that identifies the child that they have. The items will secretly be placed in a box outside the classroom door. If for some reason your child cannot make it to school or will be late, please send the item to the school office so that Mrs. Harper can take care of getting it where it goes. On Friday, Dec. 16, the students will have an assembly and reveal the person who they have. It is lots of fun for all, but please don't forget your gifts each day so that the student that you have will not be left out. It is suggested that you put all the items in the child's book bag on Monday so that they are ready for the entire week. If you have any question, don't hesitate to call Mrs. Harper in the school office.

Lunch Menu

All lunches include milk (Dec. 12-16) (Subject to change)

- ❖ Mon., Dec. 12 – Chicken patty sandwich, peaches, green beans, dessert
- ❖ Tues., Dec. 13 – Beef & cheese quesadillas, carrots, pineapple, jello
- ❖ Wed., Dec. 14 – Hot dogs, peas, cheese stick, pears, chocolate chip cookie
- ❖ Thurs., Dec. 15 – Sliced hot turkey, mashed potatoes w/gravy, corn, hot sliced apples
- ❖ Fri., Dec. 16 – Grilled cheese, tomato soup, mixed veggies, mixed fruit

Speech Team Awards Correction

- Three of our talented Speech Team Members were inadvertently omitted from the awards announcement in the last newsletter. Congratulations to Cassy Fitzgibbons, Maggie Dean, and Lucy Fitzgibbons for their second place award in Small Group Acting at the Illinois Elementary School Association State Speech Contest on November 11th at Roanoke-Benson Junior High School. Great job girls!

Altar & Rosary's Holiday Cookie & Candy Sale

- Got Milk? We've got cookies! Shop the Altar & Rosary's 5th annual Holiday Cookie & Candy Sale in St. Mary's gym this Saturday (December 10) from 9:00-noon. Delicious homemade cookies can be purchased for \$4.00/dozen, and a variety of candies, mixes, and specialty items will be available, as well.

Sports Update

- **Basketball:** Congratulations 7th grade Woodford County Basketball Champions! On Saturday, the boys defeated Lowpoint-Wasburn in a semi-final action and Roanoke-Benson in the championship. Nice team work Falcons. This Sat., Dec. 10, we are hosting the 8th grade count at MTHS in the south gym. Game times are 9:00, 10:15, 12:00 and championship game at 1:15. Good luck Falcons!

Christmas Concert

- The Christmas concert is Monday, Dec. 12 at 7:00pm at the MTHS gym. Students were sent a letter stating what to wear and what time to be at the school. Mrs. Pemberton is looking for a dad or grandparent with a truck to help deliver things to the school on Monday morning. If you are able to help or have questions, please contact the school office.

Student Council

- Student council will be needing a new parent advisor for next year. Mrs. Feldmann will be stepping down. If interested, please contact Mr. Bustle.

Department of Public Health Adopts Changes For Immunization Requirements

- Recently, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) amended its rules to comply with recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) for providing increased protection for infants against pertussis disease. Specifically, the ACIP recommends that a dose of combined Tetanus/Diphtheria/acellular Pertussis vaccine (Tdap) be administered at 11 to 12 years of age. To that end, the Illinois Department of Public Health proposed adding the following language to 77 Illinois Administrative Code 665.240(a):
5) Beginning with school year 2011-12, ANY CHILD ENTERING SIXTH GRADE SHALL SHOW PROOF (SEE SECTION 665.250(B) OF RECEIVING ONE DOSE OF TDAP (defined as tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis) vaccine regardless of the interval since the last DTaP, DT or Td does.
6) STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES SEVEN THROUGH 12 WHO HAVE NOT ALREADY RECEIVED TDAP ARE REQUIRED TO RECEIVE 1 TDAP DOSE regardless of the interval since last DTaP, DT or Td dose. “
The rules were adopted and became effective on Sept. 27, 2011. Because this was after the start of school year 2011-12, IDPH requested that the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) allow schools flexibility in implementing the changes this year.

PTO News

- The Parents Breakfast Out will meet after Mass on Thursday, December 15th at McDonald's in Metamora.
- The next PTO meeting in January will be on Tuesday, January 17th at 7pm in the school cafeteria. Please note this is a change from the originally scheduled date due to 8th grade night for the Basketball team and Cheerleaders.

On-Hand Scrip: Temporary Additions

- In order to accommodate last minute Christmas shopping (and gas tank filling), scrip from the following retailers is being temporarily added to our on-hand inventory:
 - Amazon \$25
 - Best Buy \$25
 - Bass Pro Shops \$25
 - Shell \$50
- Scrip from these retailers is usually on-hand in the school office. Come shop with us!

Applebee's: \$25	In To Video: \$3	Panera: \$10
Aztekita: \$10	KFC: \$5	Pizza Hut: \$10
Chili's: \$25	Kohl's: \$25	Red Lobster: \$25
Banana Republic: \$25	Kouri's: \$10	Shell: \$25
Barnes & Noble: \$10	Kroger: \$25	Steak 'n Shake: \$10
Bed Bath & Beyond: \$25	Land's End: \$25	Subway: \$10
Cracker Barrel: \$10	Longhorn Steakhouse: \$25	Super Wash: \$4
Dairy Queen: \$10	Lowe's: \$25	Target: \$25
Firehouse Pizza: \$20	McDonald's: \$2.50	Texas Roadhouse: \$25
Flame: \$10	Menard's: \$25	Video World: \$3
Gap: \$25	Michael's: \$10 & \$25	Village Florist: \$10
Geo's Pizza: \$10	Old Navy: \$25	Walgreen's: \$25
IGA: \$25 & \$50	Olive Garden: \$25	Walmart: \$25 & \$100

Scrip Orders – Last Order Before Christmas!

- Due Monday, December 12th by 9:00 a.m.
Place your order online at www.shopwithscrip.com or submit an order form which can be found at <http://www.stmarysschoolmetamora.com/?mdscripandotherfundraising> or go to St. Mary's website at <http://www.stmarysschoolmetamora.com/> and click on "Make a Difference," then "SCRIP and Other Fundraising".
- Scrip from selected retailers is always "on hand" in the school office. Please check with Julie Harper for availability. The next order for Scrip that is not available in the office is **due on Monday, December 12th by 9:00 a.m.** and will be **delivered to you on Thursday or Friday, December 15th or 16th.**