



# ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

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## Upcoming Events

**Oct. 15:** CC State

**Oct. 20:** End of 1<sup>st</sup>  
Quarter

**Oct. 27: 11:30**

Dismissal –  
Parent/Teacher  
Conferences

**Oct. 28:** No School –  
Parent/Teacher  
Conferences

**Nov. 4:** School Picture  
Day

**Nov. 11:** No School –  
Veterans Day

**Nov. 23-Nov. 25:** No  
School –Thanksgiving

**Nov. 28:** Midterms

**Dec. 12:** Christmas  
Program at MTHS –  
7pm

**Dec. 19- Jan 1:** No  
School – Christmas  
Break

**Mar. 10:** Regional  
Science Fair

**Apr. 23:** Clean Water  
Celebration

## *The E-Falcon Newsletter*

## Bus Transportation

- On Friday, Oct. 21, MTHS does not have school so there will be no high school bus transportation and Metamora Grade gets out at 11:30 so there will be no afternoon bus service for students who ride a grade school bus.

## Author Visit

- St. Mary's PTO is proud to announce that local author, Mrs. Deborah Ruddell, will be coming to our school on Thur., Oct. 27. Mrs. Ruddell will spend some time reading her books to Pre-K, kindergarten, and 1st grade, and she will be leading writing workshops with students in grades 2-5. Mrs. Ruddell's two poetry books are Today at the Bluebird Cafe and A Whiff of Pine, a Hint of Skunk, and her picture book is Who Said Coo?. There is a copy of each of these books in the office for anyone interested in looking at them. Mrs. Ruddell does not bring extra copies of her books to sell but will gladly sign copies of her books for students who have them on the 27th.

## Lunch Salad Bar

- Starting Nov. 1, the salad bar will no longer be offered as an option for lunch.

## Lunch Menu

All lunches include milk (Oct. 17-21) (Subject to change)

If the student takes the recommended amounts of meat/veggies from the salad bar, that can be their main meal. They do not have to take a main course AND salad.

- ❖ Monday, Oct. 17 – Corn dogs, Green beans, pears, chocolate cake
- ❖ Tuesday, Oct. 18 – Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes w/gravy, peaches, corn
- ❖ Wednesday, Oct. 19 – Baked chicken, buttered noodles, carrots, hot cinnamon apples
- ❖ Thursday, Oct. 20 – Chicken tacos, peas, mandarin oranges, jello
- ❖ Friday, Oct. 21 – Rotini w/alfredo sauce, mixed veggies, mixed fruit, cobbler

## Sports Update

- **CC:** Girls Team Sectional Champs! Boys Team – 2<sup>nd</sup> place at Sectionals! Congratulations cross country where both teams qualified for state competition at Maxwell Park in Normal on Sat. Oct. 15. The girl's race will begin at 10:00 with the boy's race at 10:45. Those running Saturday will be John Crotteau, our number 1 runner, Matthew Crotteau our number two runner this year for the boys team. Cassy Fitzgibbons, our number 2 and Audrey Datzman, our number 5, for the girl's team. Our entire cross-country team will be honored on Fri., Oct. 14 at 10:30 with a send off in the gym. Good luck on Saturday. Team members also include Francesca Piccione, Natalie Feldmann, Maggie Kleen, Maggie Dean, and Lucy Fitzgibbons.
- **Archery:** Archery has concluded in P.E. class with our balloon shoot. Our Gatorade team winners are the following: 8<sup>th</sup> grade - Laura Covert, Josh Kelch, & Francesca Piccione; 7<sup>th</sup> grade – Rachel Casey, August Dean, Hope Filson, & Peter Gualandri; 4<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> – Emily Knoblauch, Emma DuBois, Kim Jones, Holly Springer, 6<sup>th</sup> grade- Isabel Blessman, Noah Curless, & Maggie Dean. Other individual Gatorade winners include Brock Blessman, David Kloc, & Noah Nichols. We have high expectations at our state archery shoot this spring.
- Also this past weekend during the deer youth hunt, Austin Ioerger and Savanna Cooling had successful hunts. Great job!

## Parent/Teacher Conference Times

- Forms stating the parent/teacher conference times were sent home with the youngest/only child in the family last week. If you do not receive one, please call the school to find out your scheduled time. Each family in K-8 was given a time whether a form was sent back to school or not.

## PTO News

- Parents Breakfast Out will be at Didley's after Mass on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome (little ones as well.)
- Scholastic Book Fair will take place beginning Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> through Noon on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Students will have a chance to preview the books at school on Wednesday. Purchases may be made starting Wednesday after school, Thursday from Noon to 8pm and Friday from 8am to Noon. If you're interested in helping during the book fair, please contact Toni Randall at [trandall@mtco.com](mailto:trandall@mtco.com) or Jeanne Blessman at [jeanneblessman@att.net](mailto:jeanneblessman@att.net). Thanks!
- Old Settlers Days: We would like to have an EVENING meeting to talk about the future of Old Settlers Days. If you are interested in attending, please contact Toni Randall. We will determine a date for the meeting after checking everyone's schedule.
- 4th Grade and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents: We are looking for some help with snacks/and or drinks for 2 of 3 holiday parties this year. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Jeanne Blessman by email or phone/text at 309-360-5324.

## Grab n Go Gourmet Popcorn

- The St. Mary's 8th Grade class will be selling Grab n Go Gourmet Popcorn after all the masses on Sat. 10/15 and Sun. 10/16 outside the church. Funds earned will go toward 8th grade graduation activities. Bags will sell for \$5 each. Two varieties are available:
  - Chicago Style Caramel Corn (caramel and cheddar together)
  - Buttery Caramel Corn

If you miss our sales day, please contact any 8th grader or Jackie Staab, Carol Neal, or Michele Feldmann. Thanks for your support.

## SpiritWear

- The first shipment of spirit wear has arrived, and we are excited to share it with you. We will be selling the items after school on Fri., Oct. 14 on the blacktop. Spirit wear can be worn on Jeans Day and to all sporting events. Please come take a look at what we have to offer. Spirit wear makes great Christmas gifts.

## Scrip Orders

- Due Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> by 9:00 a.m. Place your order online at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://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, October 17<sup>th</sup> by 9:00 a.m.** and will be **delivered to you on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.**

## McDonald's Scrip

McDonald's Scrip coupons are back in our "on-hand" inventory and on ShopWithScrip. Each coupon costs \$2.50 and may be redeemed for a Happy Meal, Big Mac, or Quarter Pounder (with or without cheese). They are redeemable only at several local McDonald's, including the one in Metamora. Please note that these coupons have an expiration date of March 31, 2012.

## School Picture Day

- School Picture Day will be on Friday, Nov. 4. Students will be allowed to appropriate casual dress attire. Check the handbook for casual dress day. If you have a question about the attire, please talk to Mr. Bustle.

## All Saint's Day Party

- Students in PreK – 4<sup>th</sup> grade can dress up as saints for Tuesday, Nov. 1. We will go to Mass at 8:15 and at 2:00pm, students in grades PreK-8 will celebrate All Saint's Day.