



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

135+ Years of Tradition

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Upcoming Events

Sept. 8: BB at 4:15 vs
Bethel/Blessed
Sacrament

CC at home at 4:00

Sept. 10: CC at
Normal at 9:30

Sept 12: *Standardized
testing begins*

Sept. 13: CC at
Germantown at 4:15

Sept. 16: *Midterms*

Sept. 19: *PTO
Meeting*

Sept. 20: CC –
Tazwood Conference
at Germantown at 4:15

Sept. 17: CC at
Franklin at 9:45

Sept. 23: CC at
Detweiler – Dunlap
invitational at 4:30

Sept. 26: CC at
Riverview at 4:00

PTO Meeting

Oct. 1: CC Dare
Classic at Delevan at
11:00

Oct. 3: CC at Tremont
HS at 4:15

Oct. 7: *No School -
Teacher Diocesan
Meeting*

Oct. 9: CC Sectional

Oct. 10: *No School
Columbus Day*

Oct. 16: CC State

Oct. 20: *End of 1st
Quarter*

Oct. 27: 11:30
*Dismissal –
Parent/Teacher*

The E-Falcon Newsletter

Attachments

- Sign-up sheet for parent/teacher conferences

Newsletter in New Format

- The school newsletter will now be coming to you in a pdf file. If you do not have Adobe Reader on your computer you can download it for free. Go to www.adobe.com and go to download. We are hoping this will solve the problem that some are having with the newsletter and documents. Thank you for your patience in this matter.

St. Mary's Girl's Group

- The St. Mary's Girls' Group will be holding an introductory meeting for the 2011-2012 school year with an afternoon tea in honor of the Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary on September 12 at 4:00 in the school cafeteria. All girls and a parent (or VIP of choice) are welcome to attend to see what our group is all about, check out all the fun things we will be doing this year and complete a registration form. Girls in kindergarten through 5th grade from our parish, school and/or general community are invited. We look forward to seeing lots of new faces this year, so please join us. Contact Connie DuBois (383-2970) for any questions or visit our website at www.seedsofvirtue.blogspot.com.

**Don't Forget—Standardize testing begins on Monday.
Get good rest over the weekend!**

Lunch Menu

(Subject to change)

All lunches include milk (Sept. 12-16)

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, Sept. 12 – Sub sandwiches, green beans, peaches, brownie delight
- ❖ Tuesday, Sept. 13 – Chicken alfredo, noodles, carrots, pears, bread & butter
- ❖ Wednesday, Sept. 14 – Pancakes, sausage/bacon, applesauce, danish
- ❖ Thursday, Sept. 15 – Beef & cheese quesadillas, rice, salsa, pineapple, refried beans
- ❖ Friday, Sept. 16 – Geos cheese pizza, jello, mixed fruit, peas

Parent/Teacher Conference Sheet

- Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for October 27 from 1:00pm-8:00pm and Friday, October 28 from 9:00am-12:00pm. This year we are sending home a sheet to allow parents to sign up for times that are more convenient for them. This form is attached to the newsletter. This will be on a first come, first serve basis so if there is a specific time or day you want, you will need to get your form back to the school office ASAP. If you send it to school with your child, be sure to let them know how important this form is for the office to have. All forms are due by September 30.

Sports Update

- **SB:** Softball concluded regular season play and begin post season this week. For the details, go to iesa.org. Good luck Lady Falcons. All games are played at MTHS softball complex Sept 7, 10, & 12.
- **BB:** Come celebrate 8th grade night Thurs., Sept. 8 at 4:15 as we conclude our regular season. Post season begins next week with St. Mary's as the host. Go to iesa.org for details. Good Luck!

7th & 8th Grade Girls

- It's time to form a cheer squad for the upcoming basketball season! All 7th & 8th grade girls interested in cheering on the Falcons this year should attend our informational meeting/first practice on Tuesday, September 13 at 7:00 AM in the school gym. You will receive all necessary paperwork and we will begin learning technique for sidelines. We will meet each Tuesday morning at 7:00 for practices and be aided this year by Miss Hayden Filson. Hope to see you all on Tuesday! For questions see Mrs. DuBois.

Scrip Orders

- Due Monday, September 12th by 9:00 a.m. Place your order online at shopwithscrip.com or submit an order form which can be found at stmarysschoolmetamora.com/?mdscripandotherfundraising 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 Mon., Sept. 12th by 9:00 a.m.** and will be **delivered to you on Thurs., Sept. 15th.**

Reminder: Bigger Tuition Credit Earnings This Year!

- The PTO Executive Board has approved a significant change in the awarding of tuition credit for the 2011-12 academic year for Scrip users. We began using a new two-tier formula on July 1st. You will immediately begin earning 40% of Scrip rebates, in the form of tuition credit, on all of your purchases; the other 60% will go to the PTO, which uses all of its funds to benefit our students and faculty. After your rebates to the PTO plus your tuition credit reach \$500, ALL future rebates earned during the academic year will be credited to your tuition bill. Tuition credits are calculated and applied to your tuition bill twice a year, once after December 3^{1st} and again after June 3^{0th}. The goal of this one-year pilot program is to encourage increased use of Scrip. After one year the new system will be evaluated to determine its effectiveness.

Scrip Parking Lot Sale

- This Fri., Sept. 9th, “On Hand” scrip will be available for purchase in front of the school from 2:45 to 3:15 p.m. For a preview of what’s available visit the St. Mary’s website as described under Scrip Orders above and scroll down to the “On Hand” scrip table.

Speech Team Practice

- Speech Team practices will start next week. The practice schedule is being sent home with students this week and will be posted on the Speech page of the St. Mary’s website. You can access the Speech page by going to St. Mary’s website at stmarysschoolmetamora.com/ (click on Extracurricular, then Scholastic, then Speech).

Scrip Specials

- Many retailers are currently offering rebate bonuses. Click here to view the list <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/shop/SpecialOffers.aspx>

Vision & Hearing

- Students in Preschool, K, 1, 2, 3, & 8 grades and all new students to the school will have vision & hearing screening done on Monday, Sept. 19 starting at 8:30. If your child is not in one of these grades and you would like to have them screened, please contact the school office.

What's Happening in PE?

- Fourth through eighth grade are taking aim in the National Archery in the Schools Program with the goal of qualifying for nationals. Several perfect scores have been recorded resulting in our all seventh grader Gatorade shooters of the week: Zach Kleen, 3X, Savanna Cooling and Peter Gualandri. Our state tournament competition will be held on Springfield in early spring.

September PTO News

- We are still in need of room parents for the following classes: 1st, 3rd, 4th and 7th grade. 4th Grade is specifically in need as no one has signed up. Please contact Toni Randall at 383-3342 or trandall@mtco.com if interested.
- Parents Breakfast Out will be held on Thurs., Sept. 15 after Mass at The Blend in Washington. Please see Toni Randall for information/questions.
- **The first PTO Meeting of the year is Mon., Sept. 19th at 7pm** in the school cafeteria. We will begin our meeting with introductions of the Athletic Committee, PTO and the EAC (via Mr. Bustle). Each group will speak briefly on their board members, purpose, goals for the year / vision. Mr. Bustle will speak about the 2011-2012 school year along with Fr. Don. We hope to have a great turnout as we highlight our parent groups and hear from the Leaders of our School. Please join us!

Grade School Soccer Night At Peoria Notre Dame High School

vs. Richwoods on Thurs., Sept. 15 - 6:00 p.m. - Pre-game Party

- Free Spotted Cow Ice Cream
 - Free Admission Tickets to the game will be given to all grade school students wearing their grade school apparel!!!
- 7:00 p.m. – Game Time (no game time supervision provided)