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**SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**  
**St. Mary's Parish School**  
**Week of April 26, 2021**



*This past week, I (Sister Margaret) received this email from one of our parents. What they wrote, we all need to know. I would like to thank the family for their care and concern for ALL of our school community.*

“We contact you because today we saw at least three parents not wearing a mask when dropping off their kids at St. Mary’s, around 8am. We don’t know if they entered the building and, if so, whether they wore a mask, but we can let you know that they didn’t wear a mask while walking in the playground and that several kids were walking or playing next to them. We saw a similar behavior of at least one parent every day at around 8am for several weeks already, but today we had the impression that the practice is becoming more popular among parents. (Let us be clear, their mask wasn’t hanging in their chin or ear, they didn’t have any mask to be seen.) We understand that weather is getting warmer, but we cannot relax mask wearing being so close to the end of the academic year. Perhaps more importantly, we must give example to our children about mask wearing and health measures. How can we ask them to wear a mask all day long if parents don’t even wear it for one minute while dropping their kids off at school? We know you have been working extremely hard this year to keep students (and families!) safe, so we just want to help you complete the academic year safely.”



**Hot Lunch** + information for the date/day

**Monday, April 26:**

**CHEF FOR A DAY! Matthew Ristine, Sixth Grader, will be cooking hot lunch. Family bid on this item at the 2020 Auction. The lunch is sausage, egg, with cheese burritos; hash browns; strawberries and apples and a veggie tray choice of celery, carrots and cucumbers.**

Garden Club meets after school today.

**Tuesday, April 27:**

**Crème Brule + bacon slices + salad + watermelon**

**Wednesday, April 28:**

**Nacho Beef dip + chips + veggie tray + grapes**

**Tie Dye at the Family Center for all families.** Bring a shirt, socks, mask, etc. any time between 9:00 a.m. and 4 to the Family Center. Color blue is a reminder that God is a healer; color yellow reminds us when hurting, God comforts; red is a reminder of God’s overflowing love. Instructions and colors will be provided and all you need is to bring the article of clothing.

**Thursday, April 29:** **Bean/cheese burritos + rice + veggies + oranges**  
Garden Club meets today.

**Friday, April 30:** **Chicken salad + chips + veggies + fruit (assorted)**  
Mass at 9:00 with Gr. 3 as our prayer leaders  
Talent Show starting at 1:00  
Staff meeting at 2:30 p.m.

**Saturday, May 1:** **Silent Auction ONLINE next one will be May 3; then May 5<sup>th</sup>...**

**May 8<sup>th</sup> is THE date for our online Auction—first time ever!!! SAVE the date please and let ALL your friends, relatives and neighbors know about this great event....it is OPEN for everyone to come and enjoy....**

**Thank you so very much** for your generous support in this year of adapting to doing our Auction in a creative and “fun” way. Remember:

- ❖ there is **NO limit** to the number who can “attend” the auction this year
- ❖ there is **NO costly dinner**
- ❖ there ARE wonderful donations to bid on (as always) and **BEST OF ALL**
- ❖ we are **NOT LIMITED** to the number who can attend!!!
- ❖ Flyers with key information about connecting with both SILENT auction and the LIVE auction have gone out with the opportunity of purchasing charcuterie boxes for your own watch party in your bubble in your homes.

**A note from Natalie Johnson, Chair of the Auction, (208-816-3356 [nattybee@mac.com](mailto:nattybee@mac.com)) to all Parents:** Hello Parents, we have attached the committee sign-up doc for a final opportunity to sign up. Please use the link below to sign up again for auction committees.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1h4YqBxCARzY2FFslDCuTYSCMJM9pPMfsjTmJEYU524/edit?usp=sharing>

You will see that we have removed "Clean Up" and "Staging" committees as we do not need these this year. We have added more slots to "Delivery" and you will see there is a need for Friday, May 7th, afternoon delivery drivers for Charcuterie boxes and Saturday, May 8th, for delivery drivers. We also need "Post Delivery" drivers for Saturday, May 15th, to get all auction items to the recipients. **Please sign up ASAP in order to support our auction efforts and to not be charged on your account.** Many thanks to all for your help and communication this far into our process. You are *very much appreciated!*

**OPEN HOUSE this year is different.** Please be the ones to let others know about St. Mary’s School. **YOUR family is the best ambassador for the school**, so please do invite your friends to consider St. Mary’s for their child’s education! We are able to give tours after school hours. Also, teachers are available to speak with prospective families too.

**SCHOOL MUSICAL will be happening:** All, under the direction of Nikki Crathorne, are busily putting together a wonderful and creative production of *Mary Poppins*. The plan is that “all will come together” by the end of May.

**YEARBOOK:** under the direction of Mrs. Sandy Izzo has *gone to press*. It will be given out before the school year ends on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **Future DATES to note:**

### **May 1, May 3 and May 5<sup>th</sup> Online Silent Auction days**

May 3-7 Teacher Appreciation Week

May 5 Second “Chef” for the day: Carter Hawkins, Gr. 7 is the chef. His family “bought” this at the school Auction 2020.

May 7 Mass Gr. 5/6

### **May 8 LIVE Auction online**

May 10 - 14 MAPS Testing (Grades 2 – 8)

May 11 School Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. Thank you to Board members whose term is finished and welcome to new Board members.

May 13: *Happy Birthday Mrs. Sandy Izzo, Grade 3 teacher*

May 14 Mass

May 17 Foundation Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.

May 20 *Happy Birthday Mrs. Fitt (PS teacher)*

May 21 Mass Gr. 2

**May 21-22:** Rummage Sale led by Catholic Women’s League is scheduled for May 21st and 22nd. Save your gently used items to be dropped off the week prior to the event. Proceeds will be used to benefit others within our community. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, contact Sylvia Brown at (509) 338-1251 or [sylbrown@live.com](mailto:sylbrown@live.com)

May 28 *Happy Birthday Mrs. Swam, Kindergarten teacher*  
Mass Gr. 1

May 31 **NO SCHOOL:** Memorial Day Holiday (**No** Childcare Available)

**Wed. June 2: Klemgard Picnic: whole school attends this long standing tradition (over 45 years)...more details soon.**

June 2 *Happy Birthday Mrs. Karen Herrenbruck, Gr. 4 teacher*

June 3 *Happy Birthday Mrs. Elizabeth McEvoy, Gr. 5 teacher*

June 4 **Last Day of School**--School ends @ 1pm and the last Mass of the school year at 9:00 a.m.

June 6 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation and Mass at St. Mary’s at 12:30 p.m.

June 8: Summer program (if we have enough to hold this program and that it is safe to do so for the students) will start...*more details will come soon*



School Blessing was given on the four eighth graders who received Confirmation on Monday April 19: (left to right) Anna Ristine, Katelyn Swam, Gianna Niehenke, and Sadie Newlan

ALL families are invited.....

Time is from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for Family Faith Formation that is being offered as a Sunday School Lesson and Activity for children (families too!) for preK-5th grade on May 2nd, 9th, and 16th. Sign up by Friday of each weekend by visiting our website or by calling the office at 208-882-4813. Call 208-882-4813 for more information.



*This past week, Cohen Hawkins, was Principal of the Day. You can't tell, but under the mask there is a huge smile. Cohen had a great day and he said "I'd recommend being principal to all students." He enjoyed the day very much and he had a great time. The school provided lunch (KFC requested by Principal Hawkins) for his class. This tradition has been part of St. Mary's since 1996. Parents can bid on Principal for a Day at the online Auction, May 8<sup>th</sup>. Also, at the Auction, parents can bid on Chef for a Day too.*

**IGNITING** *faith, knowledge, creativity and service*