

Letter From The Principal

Date: 8/31/2017

Dear Parents / Guardians,

ProgressBook

Also, I hope that everyone has had the opportunity to access their ProgressBook accounts. The website is <https://parentaccess.noacsc.org>. If you established an account last year, you can still access ProgressBook with the same log in and password. If you have forgotten either of these, please let us know and we will assist you. If you did not establish an account last year or you are a new family to the school, a letter was sent home on Monday, August 28th with a key code for you to set up a new user name and password. There is also a link to ProgressBook on our school website under the "Parent" section. If you have any trouble accessing ProgressBook, let the school office know. We will get the issue resolved for you. This is a tremendous tool for you to keep track of your child(ren's) grades and homework.

Substitute Teachers

Did you know having any type of bachelor's degree can qualify you to be a substitute teacher? You can earn \$70.00, \$80.00, or even \$100.00 per day depending on how many days in a row you are subbing. We are looking for qualified substitute teachers for the 2017-2018 school year. If you are interested, please contact the School Office for more information

Spirit Wear and Uniform Fleece Orders

You should have received a St. Mary's Spirit Wear order form in your child's folder the other day. Orders are due back to the School Office by **Friday, September 8th**. There are several sample sizes outside of the school office for you to look at or try on. Part of the proceeds from this sale will come back to the school and go into the Student Enrichment Learning Fund.

This order form also includes the **official St. Mary of the Assumption Fleece Jacket**. Students are permitted to wear these fleece jackets as part of the regular uniform, if they so choose. These fleeces do not take the place of the sweaters, but rather are an additional option for our students. Students are to continue to wear the appropriate school uniform shirt underneath the fleece. Students will also be allowed to wear these fleeces during the school day, even when they are in their classrooms.

New this year, is the ability to **place your orders online**. Simply go to Fusion Graphics' website, **fusiongraphicsllc.com**, click on the "SHOP" link at the top of the page, and then click on St. Mary's Royals on the left hand side. You then should see all the available items, click on the ones you would like purchase, and select appropriate size/color and add it to your cart. After you have selected all your items, click on the shopping cart at the top of the page and proceed to fill in the information to check out online. You will need to pay using a credit or debit card if you are shopping online. It will say free shipping is included, however, the orders will still be delivered to the school. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

September Dates and Activities:

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

5th and 6th Grade Sub Sandwiches Sale

Wednesday, Sept. 6th is the LAST DAY TO ORDER SUB SANDWICHES. Our 5th and 6th Grade students will be selling 8" sub sandwiches with various cold meats and cheeses in order to help raise funds for their Class Trip to Damascus Catholic Youth Camp at the end of September. You can purchase the delicious subs from any 5th or 6th Grader as well as in the School Office. Subs will be delivered on Wednesday, September 13th.

Friday, September 1, 2017

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY!

Picture packets and ordering information were sent home with the students the first day of school. Please contact the School Office if you need a new order form.

Monday, September 4, 2017

NO SCHOOL – Labor Day

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

NO SCHOOL – Teacher Professional Development Day

School Council Meeting starting at 7pm in the School Library

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Van Wert Health Department Vision and Hearing Screening

All students in Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, and 5th Grades, along with any new students to the school, will be screened on this day. If your child(ren) are not in one these grades, you may request that they be screened. Please contact their teacher or the school office and we will make those arrangements.

Sub Sandwich Money Due

All sub sandwich order forms and money are due on Wednesday, September 6th.

Monday, September 11, 2017 through Friday, September 29, 2017

United Way Food Drive

On **Monday, September 11th**, we will start to collect food for the United Way's Day of Caring Food Drive. We will collect food here at school through **Friday, September 29th**. Students may bring their items to their classroom teacher before school during these days. **The class that brings in the most items per student will receive ice cream treats compliments of the United Way.** This is a very worthy cause. All items collected stay in Van Wert County and are used to restock the shelves at the Salvation Army Food Pantry. More information on what types of items are needed will come out closer to the event.

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Sub Sandwich Pick up

Sub Sandwiches will be available for pick-up and delivery at the end of the school day. 5th and 6th Grade students are encouraged to bring in coolers large enough to carry the amount of subs they ordered.

Thursday, September 14, 2017

3rd Grade Field Trip to Stoneco, Inc.

Our 3rd Grade class will be taking a field trip to Stoneco, Inc. to learn hands-on about various rocks and minerals. They will be gone from 9am – 1pm.

1st Reverse Raffle Committee Meeting

We will hold our first Reverse Raffle Committee Meeting on **Thursday, September 14th in the School Library starting at 7pm.** This meeting is open to **ANYONE** who would like to be a part of the planning for this year's event. We are planning on making some major changes to the night's activities based on the results of last year's survey that was sent out. We are very open to any new ideas of how to make this great night even better for everyone. If you are unable to make this meeting but would like to part of the planning, please call the school office at 419-238-5186. We will add your name and phone number to the list to contact for future meeting dates and times. We hope that you consider being a part of this committee and part of this great event for our school. Mark your calendar for the **Reverse Raffle on Saturday, October 14, 2017.**

Friday, September 15, 2017

St. Mary's Purse Bingo

The 5th Annual Designer Purse Bingo will be held on **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2017** at the Van Wert Knights of Columbus Hall, 425 Woodland Avenue. Doors open at 4:30pm and bingo begins at 6:00pm. All funds raised by this event go directly to benefitting our Church and School.

You can still purchase tickets to this event in the School Office or at the Parish Office. Tickets are \$25 and only 250 tickets will be sold. Tickets allow you to play 25 bingo games. You can also reserve a table for 8 for \$10.

In the past years, the Purse Bingo Committee has asked our school families to bring in baked goods. This year a different group will be providing the desserts. Instead of desserts, as part of the School's efforts to help make Purse Bingo a huge success, **we need your help in a different way!** This year the Purse Bingo Committee has decided to add a **"GIFT CARD TREE"** to the event. One way that our St. Mary's School Families can help is by purchasing SCRIP cards on their own and donating them to tree. If you do not want to purchase the SCRIP card on your own, you can simply send in money to the School Office and we will purchase SCRIP cards based on the amount money we have available.

You may purchase SCRIP gift cards through the School Office, after weekend Masses at the SCRIP table, or at the Parish Office. If you are able to donate gift cards or money to purchase gift cards, please bring them to St. Mary's School Office by **Friday, September 8th.**

Some of the money that we raise has already been earmarked to purchase a new kitchen range for the cafeteria and new energy saving lights for the auditorium. Please consider purchasing a ticket for this great event. **With your support we can do more!** If you need any further information, please call Therese Marshall at 419-238-3802.

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Wednesday, September 20, 2017 through Friday, September 22, 2017

5th and 6th Grade Leave for Camp Storer

Our 5th and 6th grade classes will embark on a 3-day field trip at Damascus Catholic Faith and Science Camp located in Centerburg, Ohio. Students will participate in several classes dealing with natural sciences, environmental issues, cultural history, and team building through active participation.

“The Great Outdoors” makes science and related curriculum come alive, and significantly more relevant, for each student. The importance of outdoor educational experiences reported in independent studies show the OEE programs raise science scores by as much as 27% and that OEE programs have a positive effect on student achievement in general.

In addition, studies show that outdoor educational experiences positively impact student behavior and interaction with peers as shown through improved conflict resolution skills.

Wednesday, September 27, 2017

Fire Fighter Phil

The Kindergarten through 3rd Grade will attend the Fire Fighter Phil - Fire Safety Assembly in the gymnasium at 10:30am.

Thursday, September 28, 2017

Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd Grade Field Trip to the Ft. Wayne Zoo

Our Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd Grade students will take a field trip to the Fort Wayne Children’s Zoo. With the students starting their science units on animals and their habitats, this is a great opportunity to study animals up close and in their own environments.

4th Grade Cows and Plows Field Trip

The 4th Grade Class will be going on a field trip to the Van Wert Fairgrounds for the Cows and Plows Field Day. This event is put on by the Van Wert Soil and Water Conservation District each year.

Friday, September 29, 2017

Bread and Bowl

On Friday, September 29th, St. Mary’s School will host its first Bread and Bowl meal of the school year for those in need in the Van Wert community. We invite school families to join us at First United Methodist Church at 5:45pm to help welcome, serve, and clean-up for the guests who attend. The meal usually is finished by 6:30pm and clean-up is finished around 6:45pm. There are anywhere between 60-100 people who enjoy this weekly meal. More information on how you can help with this charitable event will be coming home closer to this date.

Thank you and God bless,

Mr. Daniel Metzger
Principal-Minister