



Letter From The Principal

Date: 5/01/2019

Dear Parents / Guardians,

LAST MONTH OF SCHOOL!

May is already upon us and the school year is quickly coming to a close. The last day of school is **Friday, May 24th**. We will have an awards ceremony in the afternoon starting at 12:45pm in the gymnasium. Students will be dismissed at the conclusion of the awards ceremony, which will be around 2:00pm. There will be **NO AFTER SCHOOL LATCHKEY ON THIS FRIDAY**. Please make the necessary arrangements to have your child(ren) picked up at the conclusion of the awards ceremony. Students who ride the Crestview, Lincolnview, or Van Wert or busses will have to wait for their regular departure time, unless other arrangements have been made for them to be picked up at the conclusion of the awards ceremony.

Tuition Contracts and Tuition Assistance

2019-2020 Tuition Contract and Tuition Assistance forms have been sent home. Please return these forms by **Monday, May 20, 2019**. These forms serve as your letter of intent for the 2019-2020 School Year. These forms also give us an idea of how many students will be in each grade next year, so we can properly order supplies. The \$50.00 Registration and Materials Fee per student is due by **Friday, May 24th (last day of school)**.

We will be reviewing **all of our Tuition Assistance applications in early June**. Please return this form along with your 2018 W2 or Tax Return if you would like to be considered for any additional tuition assistance. The amount of aid that we give out is based on our current funds available and number of families applying.

End of the Year Report Cards

Report cards are scheduled to go home with the students on Friday, May 24th. **All tuition, lunch balances, latchkey and any other fees must be paid in full** before your child will receive their report card and/or a transcript will be released. I also want to inform you that **Progressbook will be turned off for all families at the end of the school day on Tuesday, May 21st**.

Congratulations to Mrs. Bloomfield

We are very proud to announce that our 4th Grade teacher, Mrs. Bloomfield, was recently named a 2018-2019 *Golden Apple Award* winner. Mrs. Bloomfield was one of seven elementary teachers chosen from the Diocese of Toledo to receive this award. Mrs. Bloomfield will be recognized and given her award at a formal reception held in Perrysburg on May 8th.

First Communion

Congratulations to our 2nd Graders who will receive the Blessed Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time on Sunday, May 5th at 1:00pm. They all worked very hard all year to prepare themselves to receive Jesus. Thank you to Miss. Barnt and Mrs. Rutkowski for working so hard to make sure this day is truly a special moment in the lives of our students. Everyone is welcome to attend this Mass.

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2019-2020 School Year Calendar

We have officially set our School Calendar for the 2019-2020 School Year. This year's calendar will come home with your child's report card. Please note some of the important days in August for next year:

Wednesday	August 14, 2019	Kindergarten Orientation: (7:00pm)
Monday	August 19, 2019	Staff Work Day: 8:30am – 3:00pm
		Parent Orientation: Grades 1-3 7:00-7:30pm Grades 4-6 7:30-8:00pm
Tuesday	August 20, 2019	First Day for Students

2019 St. Mary's Benefit Auction Was a Huge Success

On behalf of everyone at St. Mary's, we would like to say THANK YOU to anyone who helped to make the Auction a success by donating their Time, Talents, and/or Treasure to the evening. We will be putting out a detailed thank you list and the official totals in the very near future. Early numbers are looking like we made over \$42,000.

Also, congratulations go to the following Raffle Winners:

2019 Golf Cart Raffle — Stan Hitchcock

10 X Cash Raffle— Kay Schlereth won \$250

Royals Cash Raffle— Don Neumeier: \$300, Deb Dreyer: \$200, Julie Jarrett: \$150, Jake Priest: \$100, and Wanda Gross: \$50.

Thursday, May 2nd

4th, 5th, & 6th Grade Religious Retreat - The 4th, 5th, and 6th Grades will be going to St. Francis University in Ft. Wayne, In. Students will tour the campus and see various historical and religious relics and statues. They will attend Mass and learn about the history of St. Francis and the University.

2nd Grade 1st Communion Retreat - Our 2nd Grade Students, along with 2nd Grade Students from SOR, will spend the day preparing to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus for the first time. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they finalize their preparation to receive their First Holy Communion.

School Council Meeting - The May School Council meeting will take place on Thursday, May 2nd at 7pm in the School Library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Saturday, May 4th

Parish Potluck – Parish Life will be hosting a Potluck Dinner in the gymnasium following 4:00pm Mass. Everyone is invited to attend this event and are encouraged to bring a side dish.

Saturday, May 5th

First Communion – Our Catholic 2nd Grade Students will receive the Blessed Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time on Sunday, May 5th at 1:00pm. Please feel free to come and join us in this joyful celebration.

May 6th – 10th

Teacher Appreciation Week – We will be taking a little time this week to say THANK YOU to our GREAT TEACHERS for all they do for our students and their families. If get a chance, let your child(ren)'s teacher(s) know how much you appreciate all their hard work.

Monday, May 6th

Non-Uniform Day - For any student who **SOLD AT LEAST 10 TICKETS FOR THE AUCTION AND ATTENDED THE AUCTION**. Students may wear shorts (denim, khaki, or gym) on this day. **NO** frayed, tight, or short shorts are to be worn. Shorts should be longer than fingertip length when standing tall and arms straight at sides. Capri pants may be worn. Students may also wear jeans on this day, if they wish not to wear shorts. Please review non-uniform day dress code policy to make sure your child(ren) are in proper attire.

Thursday, May 9th

3rd Grade Field Trip – Our 3rd Grade will be going to the Delphos Canal Museum as part of their Social Studies curriculum.

Friday, May 10th

May Crowning - Following our all School Mass, we will take part in our School May Crowning Ceremony on Friday, May 10th. All are invited to attend.

Sunday, May 12th

Mother's Day - On behalf of everyone at St. Mary's, I would like to wish all our amazing School Moms a HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Tuesday, May 14th

1st Grade Extra Recess, Pizza Party, and Ice Cream - Thanks to the generosity of the Zura and Berryman Families at the Benefit Auction, the 1st Grade will receive an Extra Recess, Pizza Party, and Ice Cream.

Non-Uniform Shorts Day for the 1st Grade Only – the 1st Grade will also have a non-uniform day on Tuesday, May 14th as this was purchased for their class by the Hammons family at the Benefit Auction.

Wednesday, May 15th

Rocket Day: For several weeks, our 6th Grade students will be covering a unit on Rockets and Space Exploration in Science Class. This unit will involve a lot of time and preparation on the part of each student. Each student will be working with a partner to construct and safely launch a rocket themselves. Students will be reviewing videos throughout the lessons of the various stages of rocket launching. We have set the launch date for Wednesday, May 15th around 1:30pm and **you are invited to attend this exciting experience.**

1st Grade Tour of Downtown Van Wert - Our 1st Grade Class will make their annual tour of downtown Van Wert. On this tour, they will gain a greater understanding of many of the businesses in their hometown.

Special VIP Student for a Day – On Wednesday, May 15th Hank Kopack will be the VIP Student. Hank will be picked up from his home in a limo and will be allowed to plan exciting activities for the students. Hank's family purchased this fun day at the Benefit Auction. Hank, along our top Pizza Man Fundraiser sales people, Mary Claire Kopack and Gigi Delong will be going out to lunch on this day in a limo.

Thursday, May 16th

5th & 6th Graders JA BizTown - Our 5th and 6th Graders will be participating in an exciting Junior Achievement program called JA BizTown on Thursday, May 16th. They will leave school at 8:00am and return around 2:30pm. JA BizTown encompasses important elements of community and economy, work readiness, financial literacy, and business management.

Volunteer Luncheon - St. Mary's Teachers and Staff will host a Volunteer Luncheon as way to say thank you to all the people who give of their time to help make our school an amazing place.

Monday, May 20th

Used School Uniform Collection - We will begin collecting gently used school uniforms **STARTING MONDAY, MAY 14th and running through FRIDAY, JUNE 8th**. If you have any school uniforms that your child(ren) can no longer use, please drop them off at the School Office. For those of you interested in buying gently used school uniforms for next year, we will begin selling them for \$1.00 a piece **starting Monday, August 5th and running through Friday, August 23rd**. We do ask that all uniforms be washed before turning into the school.

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Tuesday, May 21st

School and Family Pancake Breakfast Day – We will hold our last Pancake Breakfast Day for the school year is on **Tuesday, May 21st at 7:30am until 8:15am in the gymnasium**. The cost is \$2.00 for pancakes and for just an additional \$1.00; you may get sausage as well. Parents/Guardians, Grandparents, siblings, or other friends/relatives are welcome to enjoy breakfast with our students before school that day. This would be a great way for our school family to finish off the school year together.

3rd Grade Communities – Our 3rd Graders have been working on developing their communities in the Social Studies class and the communities that they have created will be on display in the their classroom from 7:30am – 8:15am.

4th Grade Class to Smiley Park - The 4th Grade class will spend their lunch and an afternoon at Smiley Park for winning the Auction Ticket Sales competition between the classes.

Non-Uniform Shorts Day for the 4th Grade Only – the 4th Grade will also have a non-uniform day on Tuesday, May 21st as this was purchased for their class by the Hammons family at the Benefit Auction.

3rd Grade Extra Recess, Pizza Party, and Ice Cream - Thanks to the generosity of the Lindemann Family at the Benefit Auction, the 3rd Grade will receive an Extra Recess, Pizza Party, and Ice Cream.

6th Grade Cleanup – Our 6th Grade students will leave school around 2:30pm to go and do some yard cleanup and landscaping for Brian and Amy Kopack, who purchased this service at the Benefit Auction.

Wednesday, May 22nd

5th and 6th Grades Extra Recess, Pizza Party, and Ice Cream - Thanks to the generosity of the Zura and Berryman Families at the Benefit Auction, the 5th & 6th Grades will receive an Extra Recess, Pizza Party, and Ice Cream.

Thursday, May 23rd

Park Day - This day will be a **Non-Uniform Shorts Day for everyone**. This year we will be walking to the newly renovated Franklin Park following lunch. Students will get to spend the afternoon enjoying each other's company and having some fun in the sun. (Hopefully, it will have stopped raining!) Students may want to bring a beach towel, as weather permitting, we will have some water balloons for them to throw around and the splash pad may be on.

Friday, May 24th – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

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6th Grade Graduation Party – There will be small graduation party in Mr. Hesseling's room for our 6th grade students and their families, as well as anyone else who would like to wish them the best on their future paths.

ALL LATCHKEY BILLS MUST PAID – You will receive an up-to-date latchkey bill on Thursday, May 23rd. Please make sure to pay this bill on **Friday, May 24th**.

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Tuesday, May 28th

Teacher Professional Development and Work Day – The faculty and staff will finish up end of the year items in their classrooms.

Closing Remarks

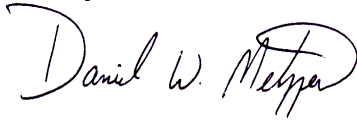
We would like to wish everyone a very fun and safe summer. If your address or phone number should change over the summer, please contact the school office with the new information so we can make sure you are receiving all necessary information over the summer months.

For those who will not be returning to our school next year, we will miss you and thank you for all the great times and memories. Always remember; It does not matter where your life may take you, family can always come home.

“Once a Royal, Always a Royal.”

For everyone else who is coming back next year, we will see on Tuesday, August 20th, 2019.

Thank you and God bless,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel W. Metzger". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Mr. Daniel Metzger
Principal-Minister