



Letter From The Principal

Date: 4/30/2018

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 18th**. 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 Van Wert or Lincolnview 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

2018-2019 Tuition Contract and Tuition Assistance forms will be sent out soon. Please return these forms by **Monday, May 14, 2018**. These forms serve as your letter of intent for the 2018-2019 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 18th (last day of school)**.

We will be reviewing **all of our Tuition Assistance applications in early June**. Please return this form 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 18th. **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 15th**.

First Communion

Congratulations to our 2nd Graders who received the Blessed Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time this past Sunday. They all worked very hard all year to prepare themselves to receive Jesus. Thank you to Mrs. Bloomfield and Mrs. Freewalt for working so hard to make sure this day was truly a special moment in the lives of our students.

2018-2019 School Year Calendar

We have officially set our School Calendar for the 2018-2019 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 15, 2018	Kindergarten Orientation: (7:00pm)
Monday	August 20, 2018	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 21, 2018	First Day for Students

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2018 Royals Benefit Dinner and Auction Raises \$50,173.00!

With over 300 pre-sold dinner tickets and around 400 total people showing up the night of the Auction, we knew this year's Benefit Dinner and Auction had the potential to be a huge success, and a huge success it was. We had set our goal for this year's auction at \$40,000 and thanks to the generosity of so many people we actually raised **\$50,173.00** for our School and Parish. This total is around \$11,000 more than we have ever raised at this event.

Thank you to all the amazing people and companies who donated items and/or money to the auction. We will be sending each of you a thank you letter and running a thank you ad in the Times Bulletin.

Thank you to everyone who attended the auction and to those who were able to purchase any of the items.

We would also like to take this time to personally thank all the people who helped in so many different ways to make our auction the success it was.

Many of these people listed below helped in more than one area:

Auction Committee Chair People: Amy Kopack and Dawn Berryman.

Auction Decorating Committee: Angie Renner, Jen Schrader, Marcia and Todd Miller, Judy Vaske, and Carolyn Schneider.

Auction Committee Members: Jen Florence, Megan Fritz, Kylee Moody, Tim Korte, Jill Horstman, Amanda Arnold, Bridget Williamson, Kelly Gross, Julie Bloomfield, Dustin Hesseling, Nicole Minnig, Chet Straley, Mary Yackey, Michelle Rupert, Avery Etzler and Warren Straley.

Setup Crew, Auction Workers, and Cleanup Crew: Dave and Marty Hohman, Craig Berryman, Brian Kopack, Dave and Susan Mathew, Harry Florence, Patrick Horstman, Mark and Molly Spieles, Jen Hammons, Chelsea and Cory Reindel, Dale Boley, Dane Gross, Tom and Therese Tate, Meta Dreyer, Erin and Malcolm Stokes, Theresa and Logan Anderson, Carolyn Kopack, Annette Klausing, Sam Laurent, Jeff Fritz, Kitty Kopack, TJ and Sara Zura, many St. Mary's students, and lots of parents on Science Fair Night.

Carol Koenig for getting the Salad bar toppings, desserts, and other drinks ready.

Dick's Steak House, and their workers for preparing and serving a great meal.

Everyone who helped solicit donations from area businesses.

Straley Reality and Auctioneers, Inc. / Chet Straley and Warren Straley for their auction services and expertise.

The Marsh Foundation for allowing us to borrow extra tables to help set up the silent auction areas.

The Knights of Columbus for letting us borrow extra chairs. Without your generosity, we would have never been able to seat everyone.

Finally, we apologize if we forgot to mention anyone in this list; your help was greatly appreciated.

The Auction Committee will be meeting to review the night and look to where we can continue to improve upon this event. We know that everything does not always go the way we hope and we thank you for your understanding and patience. Two areas where we will be taking a very close look at improving upon for next year are the sound system in the gymnasium and the seating. We hope that everyone will come back out next year and continue to support our School and Parish.

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much" - Helen Keller

Tuesday, May 1st

School Council Meeting - The May School Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 1st at 7pm in the School Library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Wednesday, May 2nd

4th Grade Extra Recess, Pizza Party, and Ice Cream - Thanks to the generosity of the Zura Family at the Benefit Auction, the 4th Grade will receive an Extra Recess, Pizza Party, and Ice Cream. This recess sold for \$700.00 at the benefit auction.

The 4th Grade, and ONLY THE 4th GRADE, will also have a non-uniform short's day on Wednesday, May 2nd as this was part of their reward for winning the Dime War.

Friday, May 4th

2017-2018 Year Book Orders are due!

Saturday, May 5th

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 6th

Kindergarten Promotion Ceremony - We will have our annual Kindergarten Promotion Ceremony in the School Gymnasium on **Sunday, May 6th at 4:00pm**. At this ceremony, our Kindergartners will get a chance to show off all the wonderful skills they learned this past year in front of family and friends. We hope that you can join us for this fun event

May 7th – 11th

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.

Tuesday, May 8th

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

3rd Grade Class to Smiley Park - The 3rd Grade class will spend their lunch and an afternoon at Smiley Park for winning the Auction Ticket Sales competition between the classes. This will be a Non-uniform Shorts Day for the 3rd Grade.

2nd Grade Extra Recess, Pizza Party, and Ice Cream - Thanks to the generosity of the Lindemann Family at the Benefit Auction, the 2nd Grade will receive an Extra Recess, Pizza Party, and Ice Cream. This recess sold for \$700.00 at the benefit auction.

Non-Uniform Shorts Day for the 2nd Grade – the 2nd Grade will also have a non-uniform day on Tuesday, May 8th as this was purchased for their class by Lindemann family at the Benefit Auction.

Wednesday, May 9th

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.

Thursday, May 10th

Special VIP Student for a Day – On Thursday, May 10th, Sawyer Lindemann will be the VIP Student. Sawyer will be picked up from his home in a limo and will be allowed to plan exciting activities for the students. Sawyer's family purchased this fun day at the Benefit Auction with the Golden Ticket. Sawyer, along our top Pizza Man Fundraiser sales people, Samantha Ayers, Kyrie Dreyer, Myles Moody, Colton Moody, and Brynleigh Moody, will be going out to lunch on this day in a limo.

Friday, May 11th

May Crowning - Following our all School Mass, we will take part in our School May Crowning Ceremony on Friday, May 11th. All are invited to attend.

Sunday, May 13th

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!

May Crowning – 10:30am Mass

Monday, May 14th

1st Grade to St. Patrick's in Bryan, Ohio – Our 1st Grade students will going to St. Patrick's in Bryan, Ohio to meet in person their pen pals from this year.

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 6th and running through Friday, August 24th**. We do ask that all uniforms be washed before turning into the school.

Tuesday, May 15th

School and Family Pancake Breakfast Day – We will hold our last Pancake Breakfast Day for the school year is on **Tuesday, May 15th 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.

5th and 6th Grade Extra Recess, Pizza Party, and Ice Cream - Thanks to the generosity of the Knittle Family at the Benefit Auction, the 5th & 6th Grade will receive an Extra Recess, Pizza Party, and Ice Cream. This recess sold for \$700.00 at the benefit auction.

Wednesday, May 16th

5th/6th Grade Trip to Cedar Point – Our 5th and 6th Graders will cap off the school year with a trip to Cedar Point.

Kindergarten Extra Recess, Pizza Party, and Ice Cream - Thanks to the generosity of the Zura Family at the Benefit Auction, the Kindergarten will receive an Extra Recess, Pizza Party, and Ice Cream. This recess sold for \$700.00 at the benefit auction.

Non-Uniform Shorts Day for the Kindergarten – the Kindergarten will also have a non-uniform shorts day on Wednesday, May 16th as this was purchased for their class by Nate Drerup's Grandparents at the Benefit Auction.

Thursday, May 17th

Fun Day: Thursday, May 18th, we will put on our Annual Fun Day for the students in the afternoon following lunch. Plans for this day are still in the works and we will give you more details when it is closer to this date. This day will be a **Non-Uniform Shorts Day for everyone**.

Friday, May 18th – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

The last day of school will be **Friday, May 18th**. 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.

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 17th. Please make sure to pay this bill on **Friday, May 18th**.

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Monday, May 21st

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

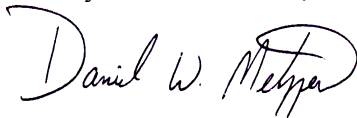
Closing Remarks

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; “Once a Royal, Always a Royal.”

For everyone else who is coming back next year, we will see on Tuesday, August 21st, 2018.

Thank you and God bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel W. Metzger". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'D' and 'M'.

Mr. Daniel Metzger
Principal-Minister