

St. Mary Elementary and Jr. High

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WIT Prayer

JESUS, LIVE THIS DAY WITH ME; LIVE THIS DAY IN ME;
LIVE THIS DAY THROUGH ME. JOIN OUR STUDENTS
AND STAFF WHO WILL PRAY THIS SIMPLE PRAYER DAILY

For your Calendars...

First School Mass—Aug. 31

No School Monday, Sept. 6—Labor Day

Education Commission Meeting—Sept 7 -5:30

Band Meeting—Sept. 7 - 6:30

Market Day Pick-up—Sept. 10

School Pictures—Sept. 14

School Pictures-
Preschool—Sept. 15

Catechetical Sunday/Sept. 19

Web Safety/ Cell Safety

In your brown envelope today is information regarding a program that can help keep your kids safe.

James Brady is an alumn from St. Mary's School, who represents the product.

I would encourage parents to go to the website www.yourwebwatchdog.com and find out for yourself how beneficial this program could be regarding your child's safety.

Welcome Back—It's Going to be a Great Year!

Welcome back. Thank you to all the parents who joined us for the Informational 'Meet the Teacher' evening last Monday. Your child's success is improved with open communication between you and the teacher. If there are concerns or questions, please feel free to set up an appointment with the teacher or email them through our teacherease website. www.teacherease.com

As you begin this new year, get a fresh start by helping your child set a goal. Working toward a goal energizes your child and, if the goal is a good one, creates a sense of accomplishment.

Ask your child to think about

one thing he or she would like to accomplish this year. This should be something they believe in and want. Write the goal down. The goal should say exactly what they want to accomplish. Decide when your child should achieve the goal. Be sensitive to the age of your child when setting time frames. Be sure the goal will stretch your child while at the same time being attainable.

Be sure the goal really is your child's goal. Sometimes we place our own expectations on our children.

Setting realistic and attainable goals with your child teaches many lessons, including patience and persistence.

Hot Lunch Program

This week in your brown envelope you will find information regarding our free and reduced lunch program. If you feel your children qualify for reduced price lunch (.40) please contact the school office

to receive an application form. This information is also available on our website. www.stmarysdixon.org

If you owed a balance last year it will be reflected in your account this year.



Wishing you and your family a bright new school year.

Please see the lunch menu on our website and also www.teacherease.com

In our attempt to be green, the menu will no longer be printed out at school .

Read Read Read

Our children will be participating in the Culver's reading program. Students following the reading rules for their class, with teacher and parent validation will receive a coupon for a FREE Kid's Meal.

The class with the highest percentage of coupons turned in will receive a Free Frozen Custard party with all the toppings at the end of the year.

Thanks Culver's for helping us meet our reading goals with delicious treats!



Purchasing Lunch Tickets

Please note that lunch tickets may be purchased in any amount. You may send in any amount of money for lunch tickets with the 'teacher ease' lunch program. If you send in \$50 for each child, the program will begin subtracting for each lunch your child eats. Parents can check with 'teacher ease' to see how much money is left on their account. This will be your only notification.

MILK .40 each / \$8 for 20

LUNCH k-3 \$1.75

4-8 \$2.00



Market Day Pick-up Sept. 10 at the Holloway Center (please support Market Day...this is an easy way to help the school raise funds)

Celebrating the Gift of Grandparent Grandparent's Day September 12th School Masses

Parents, relatives and friends are welcomed and encouraged to join us for our school Masses. Masses are Tuesdays at 8:15.

Be Good Stewards...Jesus tells the crowd that only those who renounce all of their possessions can be His disciples. Is He truly asking us to give up everything? Perhaps instead He is trying to help us see that everything we think we own is really a gift from God. Good stewards know that and strive to use those gifts accountably.

No School Monday, September 6—Labor Day

4th Grade Invited for Health Jam

Health Jam has won the 'National Project of Distinction Award'

For the past three years, select grade school students from five counties in northern Illinois met to attend the "Health Jam" sponsored by the National Center for Rural Health Professions, the Illinois 4-H program and KSB Hospital in Dixon. The Health Jam was held over a two-day period and offered grade school

students the opportunity to explore health, nutrition and healthcare careers. Students did physical activities, learned about diabetes and how to live a healthy lifestyle, played outdoors, hiked, and they received pedometers to keep track of the daily steps needed to participate in the "Walk Across Illinois" program. They heard from students in pharmaceutical, neurology, nursing, dental and the educational requirements needed to become a health-care profes-

sional. The second day of camp took students to KSB Hospital to experience the many different career options available in the healthcare field.

Once again, for the fourth year our students have been selected for this great opportunity.

The object of education is to prepare the young to educate themselves throughout their lives.

Home and School Information

Fundraising Survey:

The votes are in! 66 of you voted and the Basket Raffle won easily, with over 2/3 of the votes. Pam Ellorando has agreed to head up this fundraiser, as well as Kara Grot. Both women have already been working to get it going. More information is coming home today in your brown envelope. The Home and School appreciates your participation in the voting. This allows us to give you what the majority wants. Let's continue to work together.

**Home and School
September Meeting**

will take place on

**Wednesday September 29th
at 4 pm in the school cafeteria.**

Any parents interested with suggestions, questions etc. are welcome to attend.

God bless all our families who have committed to Catholic education entrusting your children to St. Mary School so they may come to know the Lord Jesus in their life.

Mrs. Jean Spohn, Principal

Uniforms

Thank you to all the parents who have inspected their child leaving the house in the morning. The teachers were pleased to report that belts are being worn, shirts are tucked in and other dress code rules are being followed.

One area of concern is that of girls with pierced ears. We ask that girls do not wear hoops or dangling earrings. This is a safety rule. Children play on the playground, run and play in gym class, and it is possible to have an ear torn if the earring should be accidentally pulled.

Please help us avoid accidents while following the rules that enhance the appearance of our children. We are so proud of our students and their proper appearance.



Mark your calendar! Picture Day is coming Tuesday, Sept. 14th and Wednesday, Sept. 15th for preschool. Students should wear their uniform for the pictures. A reminder is in your brown envelope today and the picture packet will come home next week.

School Notes

Each family will receive in their brown envelope today, a form with 'SCHOOL NOTES' on the top. Feel free to run these off and use when needed. It is a good way to keep organized in letting us know when your child has been absent or an early dismissal is necessary. It is easily recognizable for the teacher and the office. Just another way to get all us all working together.

In celebration of Kohl's Cares® 10th anniversary, they're donating \$500,000 to 20 schools each for a total of \$10 million Vote for St. Mary School in Dixon, and add an idea to help our school decide how to use \$500,000.
Voting ends Sept 3, 2010.

A new Kohl's is being built in Sterling...how perfect to award our school the \$500,000!

Just go to www.kohls.com to vote.....remember voting ends this Friday



2010 Connect 2 Win

What is Connect 2 Win?

Connect 2 Win is a contest that provides you with a chance to win an Apple® iPad™ and other great prizes for yourself and for your organization. When you win, so does your organization. It's simple to enter - go to www.marketday.com/connect and enter your name, e-mail address, phone number and organization name.

What are the contest prizes?

You can win the prizes listed below along with a donation of the same prize to the Market Day account you have selected. You win and so does your organization!

- 1 **Grand Prize** - Apple® iPad™ Mobile Digital Device
- 1 **First Prize** - \$250 Best Buy gift certificate
- 10 **Second Prizes** - \$50 Market Day gift certificate
- 25 **Third Prizes** - \$25 Market Day gift certificate

How do I enter the contest?

You may enter by going to www.marketday.com/connect to complete the official entry form online. If you are not able to enter on www.marketday.com/connect, hand-print your name, home address, telephone number, valid e-mail address and name of your selected Market Day Account on a 3"x5" card and mail it to: Market Day Connect 2 Win, 1250 North Mittel Boulevard, Wood Dale IL 60191-1076. Mail in entries must be postmarked by October 23, 2010 and received by November 1, 2010; only one entry per household or email address by any entry method is eligible.

Can I enter the contest if my e-mail address is already registered with Market Day?

Yes. If you have provided your e-mail address to Market Day in the past, you may enter the contest. Please note that all customers who are currently in our e-mail database will not automatically be entered into the drawing - you must register online at www.marketday.com/connect.

Do I have to place an order to enter the contest?

No. No purchase is necessary to enter.

When is the deadline for entry into the Connect 2 Win Contest?

The contest ends on October 23, 2010.

When is the deadline for contest entries to be received?

Contest entries must be postmarked by October 23, 2010 and received by November 1, 2010.

How will the winners be selected?

Winners will be randomly selected on November 15, 2010.

How will the winners be notified?

Winners will be notified by e-mail via the e-mail address provided in his/her entry. The winners will also be posted on marketday.com by the end of November.

How will the winners receive their prize?

Market Day will verify addresses for the Grand Prize and First Prize winners and their organizations. The Market Day gift certificates will be sent electronically via e-mail.

How many chances are there to win?

There will be a total of 37 prizes given away.

Can a winner win more than one time?

No. Once someone has won, their name will be excluded from remaining Connect 2 Win drawings.