

St. Mary Elementary and Jr. High School

704 South Peoria Avenue Dixon, Illinois 61021

July 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This communication comes as a welcome to new families as you enter the school year, and a welcome back greeting to all our returning families, as well as dates for your calendar. You are receiving it by way of *School Reach* in our attempt to save paper, ink and labor.

St. Mary's will have an **Informational Day on Monday, August 16th from 7:00 am until 3:00 pm**. Those who have not paid fees may pay them on this day.

Available will be:

- **Bus sign up forms** (or you can call the company 815-284-8600 and sign up that way if not able to attend on Aug. 16th)

- Sign up for **After Care**

- Supply and uniform information

School supply lists are available on our website: www.stmarysdixon.org and are also available at area merchants.

New uniforms may be purchased through **Educational Outfitters**. They also carry our uniforms for Physical Education. Purchases may be made on-line at www.educationaloutfitters.com

- **School Calendars and handbook** will be found on the website: www.stmarysdixon.org We will not be printing out the calendar in an attempt to cut costs as well as 'go green' and appreciate our families using the website for information.

For your calendar:

August 23 – Faculty Institute – Parent and child, Meet the Teacher Informational Evening beginning at 6:00pm (see attached schedule)

August 23 – 5:30 School cafeteria - Mandatory Sports Meeting for anyone whose child will participate in volleyball, basketball or track this year. Please come prepared with insurance information and your \$35 family sports fee.

August 24 – Faculty Institute – Beginning with Mass at 8:15.

August 25 – First Day of school – ½ day – 11:00 dismissal (with bus)

**August 26 – Full Day school K-8 only / Preschool Get Acquainted: Pre3 9:00-10:00
PreK 12:00-1:00**

August 27 – Full Day school K-8 7:50-2:30 and PreK 11:30-2:30

Preschool Get Acquainted: Pre4 9:00-10:00

August 31 – First School Mass 8:15 (all are welcome to celebrate with us)

We welcome all our faculty back this year, and feel blessed to have professional, dedicated educators.

St. Mary's will continue to provide quality Catholic education. The success of your child's Catholic education depends on an active relationship between our parish school and your home. Our school agrees to provide a spiritual and educational base so each child has the opportunity to learn in an environment that mirrors your family's Catholic convictions. Let's work together.

Bless you for your commitment to educate your child with the Catholic faith.

Jean Spohn, Principal

St. Mary Elementary and Jr. High Informational Evening

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Dear St. Mary Parents and Students,

Again this year we will have a mandatory informational evening for parents and students on August 23, 2010. The evening will offer an opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher as well as for the students to drop off their supplies for the school year. At this time teachers will present the curriculum, discipline, and rules for their classroom as well as answer any questions. During the check in time students are to check in their supplies and Jr. High students will organize their supplies in their lockers. Please have your child bring their supplies, with their name on each item, to their homerooms.

Times have been scheduled so parents with 2 or more students will be able to split up in order to visit each of their children's homerooms. Parents with more than 3 children will have to split up in order to go to all the classrooms. Children in grades K through 8 should attend with their parent. Preschool students have already attended an open house held last school year, so our Preschool teacher will not give a presentation. We ask that you follow the times below according to the grade your child will be entering. It is imperative that people are prompt so sessions begin and end on time.

For those not attending the meeting, locker assignments in Jr. High will be given after school on Wednesday, August 25, 2010.

Thank you for your commitment to St. Mary School.

Sincerely,

Jean Spohn, Principal

Schedule

August 23, 2010

6:00-6:15 check in
6:15-6:45 meet with teacher

Grades K, 1, 2, 4, 7 and 8

6:45-7:00 check in
7:00-7:30 meet with teacher

Grades K, 1, 3, 5, 7 and 8

7:30-7:45 check in
7:45-8:15 meet with teacher

Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

**Please do not plan to pay fees at this time, as the office will not be opened.
Those fees can be taken care of on August 16th from 7:00-3:00.**