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**Parent Newsletter**

**September 22, 2023**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

The St. Mary Catholic School community empowers students to grow spiritually, academically, creatively, and physically so they may experience, understand and live their responsibilities to God, family, community and self.

**MUM/HONEY FUNDRAISER:** This is your last weekend to sell Mums and Honey. Order forms are due back on Monday, September 25. Pick up will be on Wednesday, September 27 from 2-5pm. If you can help tally orders on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> or help with sorting orders on Wednesday morning (need 4-5 people), please contact Mrs. Hayes ([khayes@stmaryschoolchx.com](mailto:khayes@stmaryschoolchx.com) or text: 231-675-4708). The mums come from Seigrist Greenhouse in Boyne Falls and are beautiful. Proceeds from the mum & honey sale will go toward the middle school trip fund. Thank you for supporting St. Mary Middle School!

**Protect Young Eyes:** St. Mary School is excited to offer Protect Young Eyes student presentations on Monday, September 25 during the school day and a parent presentation for parents at 6:30 pm on that same day! Chris McKenna’s Protect Young Eyes organization exists to keep kids and teens safe from the dangers lurking on portable, Internet-ready devices. Chris regularly posts blogs on the website with insights and tips to help parents keep their kids safe with their technology. I would encourage you to check out the website for Protect Young Eyes <https://protectyouneyes.com/event/st-mary-school-how-to-create-a-tech-ready-home-with-pye/> If you would like more information on our presentation, please see the attached.

**Picture Day:** Monday, September 25 is our School Picture Day. Please remember to turn in your form to your teacher on Monday. Pictures may be ordered online at: <https://store.geskusphoto.com/search/651IELJSHPIQH>

**Builders club:** Builders Club is the largest service organization for middle school students, with more than 45,000 members worldwide. Members learn to work together and develop servant-leaders skills as they serve their school and community Builders Club begins Wednesday, September 27, and will meet during the lunch hour, for students in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**HOT LUNCH:** We need parent supervisors during lunch. Please let me know if you can help!

**Keep Up To Date:** Check out our website: at [www.stmaryschoolcharlevoix.com](http://www.stmaryschoolcharlevoix.com) to keep up to date on events and other news. Please join St. Mary School Families for notifications. Sign up [https://www.remind.com/join/1005bridge?utm\\_medium=ios](https://www.remind.com/join/1005bridge?utm_medium=ios) or on your phone: Enter the number 81010 and text this message: @1005bridge.

**Blessing of the Pets:** On October 4<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi with a blessing of the pets. Father Peter will be outside at 3pm to give your pets a blessing on that day. Please bring pets on a leash!

**Blue Mass:** On Friday, October 6, our student Mass will be a “Blue Mass” where we celebrate those employed in the in the field of public safety, i.e. police officers, firefighters, correctional officers, 911 operators, EMS personnel and all first responders. If you know of anyone in this field, please invite them to Mass with us! We will have a reception for them following the Mass. Please note that all Friday Mass times are 12:30pm

<b>Week at a glance.....</b>				
Monday, September 25	Tuesday, September 26	Wednesday, September 27	Thursday, September 28	Friday, September 29
<b>Picture Day</b>	Hot Lunch: Tacos P.E.	Hot Lunch: Chicken Alfredo Builder’s Club Kick Off	Hot Lunch: Soup and Sandwich  <b>Music</b>	12:30pm Student Mass  <b>ART</b>
Pray for Morgan	Pray for Bevin	Pray for Matthew M.	Pray for Shelby	Pray for Julius
Pirie; Scheller	Nordman: Spears	Jess; Peak	Bingham; Spears	Mailloux; Shoemaker

**Upcoming Dates;**

September 25: Picture Day

September 25: 6:30pm Protect Young Eyes Program

September 27: Builder’s Club Kick Off