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**Parent Newsletter**

**September 8, 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.

**Welcome!** This is the first of many parent letters, which will be sent out electronically every Friday. This week, everyone will receive a paper copy also to ensure that all email addresses work. **If you did not receive this letter via email, please let me know and I will check/correct your address.** If you would like to receive a paper copy, let me know and I will send one home in your child's Friday folder. Should you have other members of your family (aunts/uncle/grandparents/caregivers) who might like to receive this letter, please let me know and we can add them to the list as well.

**FORMS:** There are many forms that were sent electronically. The forms are fillable, so you can just fill them in and email them back to Mrs. Dvoracek. Please fill these out as soon as possible. If you need paper copies of the forms, please let us know!

**HOMEWORK HELP:** We offer homework help for students in grades 2-8 every day after school until 4:15pm. Mrs. Walker and Miss Allen are available each day to supervise and to give students a quiet place to work on homework. Once in homework help, they will stay there until picked up by a parent or homework help ends. All students must be picked up by 4:15pm unless other arrangements have been made. Please keep in mind that homework help is truly homework help. Homework help is located in the computer lab.

**EXTENDED CARE:** We offer extended care for students after school until 5:30. If you would like to utilize this program, please sign up with Mrs. Baldwin. This is a very popular program and space is limited. Parents must sign up to use this service. Help is needed every day in Extended Care from 3:15 to 5:45. Please let us know if you are interested or would just like to help!

**HOT LUNCH and MILK:** Hot lunch will be offered on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week. The price is \$3.50 per lunch. If you haven't signed up for FACTS, our financial management system, please do so as soon as possible. Lunches are paid through FACTS. Lunch will begin at 11:45 a.m. for all students. All lunch supervisors will go out with the students. Students will continue to go out as they finish eating.

**End of Day Plans:** It is very important to let your teacher know as soon as possible your child's end of day plans (are they riding bus, getting picked up, homework help, walking, etc.) We need to ensure your children get to the proper place at the end of the day. The bus arrives around 3:20pm each regular bus day.

**School Schedule:** School Begins at 8:20am and ends at 3:20pm. Please remember that your child should enter through the main school doors – by the playground. Lunch begins at 11:45 and ends at 12:20.

**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.

**Weekly Student Mass:** K-8 students attend Mass weekly. Parents are always welcome to join us in prayer!

Week at a glance.....				
Monday, September 11	Tuesday, September 12	Wednesday, September 13	Thursday, September 14	Friday, September 15
	Hot Lunch: Spaghetti P.E.	8:30am Student Mass Hot Lunch: Quesadillas	Hot Lunch: Soup and Sandwich	<b>ART</b>
Pray for Arianna	Pray for Hannah	Pray for Madison	Pray for Reagan	Pray for Adikin
Potter: Pirie	Nordman: help needed	Jess; Peak	Bingham; help needed	Mailloux; Shoemaker

Upcoming Dates;

September 19: Mrs. Walker's Class field trip to Flywheelers

September 22: 7/8 Grade field trip to Harsha House

September 25: Picture Day

September 25: 7pm Protect Young Eyes Program