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Parent Newsletter

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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.

Home and School: Please mark your calendar for a very special Home and School event. All of our students are working on projects or performances of our Evening with the Saints which will be held Thursday, November 2 from 6:00 to 7:00pm. This is a family evening, and all students will be involved. We hope you plan on attending!

Book Fair: SMS will be hosting a Lowry's Book Fair November 8-13. We are looking for parent help to run it. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COE4DABA822A0FAC61-45680378-book>

End of Marking Period and Parent/Teacher Conferences: On November 3, we will have completed our first marking period for this school year. Report cards will be sent home on Wednesday, November 8 and conferences will be held on Thursday, November 9. This will also be a half day of school, dismissing at 11:20am.

Monday, Nov. 1: All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics and a full day of school for St. Mary Students. Mass times are at 8:30 am and 5:30pm. Our school children will be going to Mass at 8:30 a.m. Please join us for Mass with the children. The Public School does not have school on this day, so there is no bussing available.

Wreaths: All orders and money must be turned in on or before November 7th. Wreaths will be delivered on Monday, November 20th. Please help us to make this a successful fundraiser by selling as many wreaths as you can.

Halloween Parties: We will have parties in the classrooms on October 31st. Parents should contact teachers to help organize this. Costumes must be Catholic School appropriate, which means no witch costumes, or anything related to witchcraft (including Harry Potter Characters), devil costumes, blood, gore or weapons. Ask if you are unsure.

Swim Lessons: Sign up now for Group Swim Lessons at the Charlevoix Area Community Pool. Classes are after school on Nov 7, 9, 14, 16, 21 and 28. Closed on Thanksgiving. They have scholarships available for children and toddlers who qualify for free or reduced lunch. The scholarship application is on our website or stop by the pool to pick one up. Cost for the set of lessons is \$61 (residents of Hayes/Charlevoix Township/City of Charlevoix), or \$74 for all others. If not using a scholarship, you can sign up online at: www.charlevoixpool.org/lessons. For questions call 231-47-0982.

Week at a glance.....

| Monday, October 30 | Tuesday, October 31 | Wednesday, November 1 | Thursday, November 2 | Friday, November 3 |
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| | Hot Lunch: Spaghetti P.E. Happy Halloween! | 8:30am Student Mass Hot Lunch: Breakfast Builders Club | Hot Lunch: Soup and Sandwich 6pm Evening with the Saints Music | 8:30am Student Mass ART End of Marking Period |
| Pray for Mayor Gennett | Pray for Mrs. AL | Pray for Andrew | Pray for Sully | Pray for St. Mary Parents |
| Potter; Scheller | Nordman: Help! | Jess; Peak | Bingham; Help! | Mailloux; Shoemaker |

Upcoming Dates:

- Tuesday, October 31: Halloween
- Wednesday, November 1: Full day of School – **No Busing**
- Wednesday, November 1: All Saints Day. Mass at 8:30am
- Thursday, November 2: 6pm Evening with the Saints
- Friday, November 3: End of First Marking Period
- Friday, November 3: 8:30am Student Mass
- Sunday, November 5: Fall Back
- Monday, November 6: Bully No More Presentation
- Tuesday, November 7: Wreath Orders/Money Due
- Wednesday, November 8: Book Fair Begins – After School
- Thursday, November 9: Picture Retake Day
- Thursday, November 9: ½ Day of School – Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Monday, November 20: 7/8 Grade to Visit American House