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**Parent Newsletter**

**January 19, 2024**

**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.

**Monday Lunch:** Landon Kurtz will be bringing in pizza (as well as fruit, veggies, chips and cake and ice cream) for lunch for EVERYONE on Monday, January 22 in celebration of his birthday.

**Spelling Bee:** St. Mary Students in grades 5-8 will have our annual Spelling Bee on **Monday, January 22**, at 10:30 am in the Family Center Parents are welcome to watch!

**Hot Lunch Help:** Mrs. Mailloux is back, but still needs a little help with lunch. We are looking for someone to help cut up vegetables and wash dishes this coming Tuesday and Wednesday. Please let us know if you are able to help! Also, please check below to see if you are available to help with lunch duty. We are short handed on 3 of the five days.

**Catholic Schools Week** begins from January 28 at the 8am student led Mass and ends with special person's day on Friday, February 2. We will celebrate with Mass at 12:30am and a reception following. A full schedule is attached. We are looking for a few volunteers to help. Attached is a sign up for a pancake breakfast on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45ABAB2EAAFDC25-47214313-pancake#/>

**End of Marking Period:** Yesterday was the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> marking period. Report cards will be sent home on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**School Closings:** When the Charlevoix Public Schools cancel classes due to inclement weather, St. Mary School is also closed. To receive notification from St. Mary School, you may sign up for Remind by following the link and entering your contact information. <https://www.remind.com/join/1005bridge> OR send a text to 81010 and text this message: @1005bridge

Week at a glance....				
Monday, January 22	Tuesday, January 23	Wednesday, January 24	Thursday, January 25	Friday, January 26
10:30 5-8 Spelling Bee <b>Report Cards Sent Home</b>	P.E. Hot Lunch: Hamburger Casserole	<b>8:30am Mass</b> Hot Lunch: Chicken or Veg Quesadillas	Music Hot Lunch: Soup and Sandwich	<b>Art</b>
Pray for Jude Kline; Help needed	Pray for Odin Maggrett; help needed	Pray for Elliot Jess: Peak	Pray for Ivanka Tofil; Help Needed	Pray for Eliza Mailloux; Shoemaker

**Upcoming Dates:**

- January 22: Report cards sent home
- January 22: 10:30am Spelling Bee
- January 24: 8:30 Student Mass
- January 28: Catholic Schools Week Begins
- January 28: Pancake Breakfast
- February 2: 12:30 Student Mass/Special Person Day
- February 12: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade swimming 12:00pm to 2:30pm
- February 14: Ash Wednesday – Lent Begins
- February 16: No School – Teacher Professional Development Day
- February 29: Half Day of School Dismiss at 11:20am
- February 29: Parent/Teacher Conferences 1pm-7pm
- March 17: St. Patrick's Day Dinner
- March 21: ½ Day of School Dismiss at 11:20am