

# St. Mary's Departmentalization for 2010-11

## Philosophy

The primary mission of Catholic schools is to provide a faith based education for students. St. Mary's School follows this long standing tradition while designing curriculum that complements the needs of children blossoming into young adults.

The faculty and staff are very well aware of the physical, emotional, spiritual, and social changes occurring in their students and blend these changes with the teachings of Jesus, The Department of Public Instruction's Teaching Standards, and the Diocese of Superior Policies.

## St. Mary's School Department Goals

- + Student needs will be addressed individually and in group instruction.
- + Weekly meetings will be held to identify student needs and modify instruction.
- + The Renaissance Accelerated Math program will be available for students in Grades 4-8.
- + Teachers will rotate writing curriculum updates in the weekly Family Newsletter.
- + Parent feedback will be strongly encouraged through direct contact.
- + Community Service will occur throughout the school year.
- + Our Pastor, Reverend James Brinkman, will visit on Wednesdays for religious instruction.
- + Teachers will use diverse instructional strategies.
- + Higher-order thinking skills and hands-on instructional activities will be encouraged.
- + Teachers will research lesson plans and incorporate them into the curriculum.
- + Students will have access to teachers before, during, and after school.

**Uniqueness:**

- + Safety Patrol will be under the direction of the Seventh and Eighth Grade students and teacher.
- + Teachers will provide help with homework, classroom assignments, and special projects during after school hours.
- + The Seventh and Eighth Grade students and their teacher will perform daily service for the Recycling Program.
- + Cooking lessons will take place in the Multi Purpose Classroom.
- + Community volunteers will address health issues.
- + A teacher will direct the gardening needs of the school and church.
- + A teacher will organize a shawl ministry.
- + A teacher organizes community service opportunities that include traveling to Amery, WI or St. Paul for the Help my Starving Children Program.