



The Saints Go Marching On!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- JANUARY 24
Report Cards
- JANUARY 26
Kindergarten
Round-up
5:30 p.m.
- JANUARY 29
Home & School
Breakfast
- JAN. 29 - FEB. 3
Catholic School
Week
- JAN 24 - FEB. 7
Roller Skating in
Physical Educa-
tion
- FEBRUARY 4
Pre-K Open
House 9am - noon
- FEBRUARY 10
Mardi Gras

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents:

Feed my Starving Children – Grades 4-8 have visited this program in St. Paul in the last few days. Grades 4-5 visited on last Thursday and Grades 6-8 today. All the grades went with monetary donations to contribute to the fund that enables this humanitarian program to be the success that it has been for several years. Community service is part of our school's mission so I appreciate the support from parents, teachers, and the students.

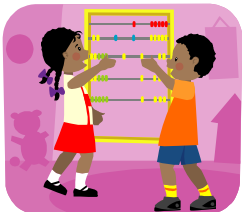
Staff Development – Last Wed., Mrs. Wanda Erwin, an instructor from UW River Falls, facilitated an in-service here. The agenda included an introduction to the changing educational laws relevant to WI and the latest reading trends for primary grades. She also assisted us in brainstorming future instructional needs and the faculty decided that an in-service on using IPADS and Nooks would be very helpful. Mrs. Erwin is making some contacts this week and hopefully will solicit someone who may assist us with this goal.

GOAL Program – As the new semester begins, the teachers and I will be meeting in our designated teams to assess students' learning needs. These meetings will occur in the next few weeks and will address accommodating these needs from now until the end of the school year. Three of us will be attending the next GOAL in-service next month in Ladysmith, WI.

Health Insurance - During this school year, our school's health insurance has increased 16%. Our health insurance is available through the Diocese of Superior which is self insured. As Ministry of Ed and the Budget Committee along with Fr. Jim prepares the budget for next school year, alternatives to the diocese plan are being addressed. It has been determined by our school representatives that the cost is rising every year which is expected but the rate of increase has all of us concerned. Church and school staff have already begun researching alternative health plans and will bring these to a future meeting with the diocese next month. Most schools within the diocese will be doing the same thing since pastors and principals collectively agree that the present plan offered is becoming too costly for our schools.

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

Thursday, Jan. 26th





St. Mary School

Kindergarten Round-Up

January 26, 2012
5:30pm

Please help promote St. Mary School by sharing this information with friends and family who have children entering Kindergarten in the fall. If you would like a poster to put up at your business or place of employment, please stop in the school office and pick one up.



Catholic School's Week Activities
January 29 - February 3

- Sunday** All School Mass
Breakfast following Mass in Corrigan Hall
- Monday** Pajama day/Sweat suit
7:50 Pep Fest in the gym – Middle School Sister Act/ Teacher Act
12:30 Teacher Switcheroo Activity
- Tuesday** Wacky hair and Mismatched clothes
Faith Friend activity in the morning- board games
12:30-1:05 5th grade Wax Museum
Movie
- Wednesday** Uniform Day
Mass at Immaculate Conception Church with the other St. Croix County
Catholic Schools
Afternoon - Relay races
- Thursday** Sports day- wear your favorite team's jersey
ZUMBA lessons for each PE class
Community Service day
Grades 4 – 8 "Jeopardy"
- Friday** Color Day
10:30 Spelling Bee grades 3-8
12:30 Talent Show (guests welcome)

FUN! FUN! FUN! FUN! FUN! FUN! FUN!

Bits & Pieces
Doris Mitchell

Check your family folders for Report Cards today!

Thank you for your continued prayers for my family. We are hoping Mr. Mitchell will get the go ahead to walk without crutches on Friday. I see the oncologist on Tuesday next week and will hopefully find out my treatment strategy!

REPORT CARDS
Tuesday, January 24



KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP
Thursday, January 26
5:30 p.m.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK

Sunday, Jan-



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MARDI GRAS

Friday, February



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EARLY DISMISSAL

Thursday, February 16

NO SCHOOL

Friday, February 17 and Monday, February 20