



The Saints Go Marching On!

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

- OCTOBER 19
EARLY OUT
12:35 P.M.
- OCTOBER 17-21
Iowa Basic Test-
ing Grs 3, 5, & 7
WKCE Gr 8
- OCTOBER 21
Movie Night
- NOVEMBER 4
Picture Retakes
First Quarter
Ends
- NOVEMBER 8
Report Cards
- NOVEMBER 11
Veteran's Day
Assembly 9 a.m.
- NOVEMBER 17
Home, School,
Church 6:00 p.m.
- NOVEMBER 18
Movie Night

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents:

Accreditation Process: I periodically update you regarding our school's commitment to this process. This school year is referred to as, "St. Mary Self Study Year." This means that committees consisting of faculty, staff, and parents meet throughout the school year to review our school's mission. As the committees review the mission which is defined by standards, reports are written which include defining our strengths and areas for improvement. This process started in September and will continue until May. After the self study is complete, I schedule the next step which is a visit from the Accreditation Team. The team consists of diocese representatives chosen by our Superintendent of Schools. I'm targeting the latter part of October, 2012 for this visit. The team will spend three days at our school reviewing the responsibilities established by WCRIS. I have included a description of the primary responsibilities of this organization along with its core values and member benefits.

Wisconsin Council
of Religious
Independent Schools www.wcris.org

Who is WCRIS?

- WCRIS is a non-profit, government relations association representing the needs of over 650 religious and independent schools serving 100,000 students across Wisconsin.
- We defend the parents' right to select the best education for their child and a school's right to pursue the unique mission of its individual charter. In addition, we promote the understanding of all educational issues, support student rights, and represent the special concerns of our teachers in areas of licensure and professional development.
- Matt Kussow, Executive Director, is a registered lobbyist exclusively for WCRIS. In addition to promoting issues such as school choice, tuition tax credits, and equitable bussing services, Matt defends our independence against burdensome regulations and new government mandates.
- WCRIS advocates our participation in government programs and secure equitable access to available public resources when applicable.
- WCRIS monitors the actions of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Board (WIAA).
- WCRIS hosts a bi-annual leadership conference for members.

**HAPPY
HALLOWEEN**



- WCRIS is a charter member of the Coalition for the Advancement of Private Education (CAPE), our affiliate on federal government issues, and actively participates in advocacy efforts on a federal level.
- WCRIS partners with Wisconsin Catholic Conference to help advocate for our schools.
- WCRIS in its inception was formed by the Wisconsin Catholic Conference as WANS. It has expanded to include many faith based and independent jurisdictions in the faith thus becoming independent of WCC and changing its name to WCRIS.

WCRIS's CORE Values...

Educational Integrity—Ensuring that pupils at all schools have the resources they need to become productive, responsible, and engaged members of society.

Equitable Opportunity for ALL Children—Parents have the right to select the educational path that best serves their child(ren). Public policy should affirm this, and empower parents by providing the resources necessary to weigh educational options while

Supporting the Tradition of Independent School Missions—Non-public education is protected. Private education upholds and affirms the role of parents as the primary educators of their children.

WCRIS Member Benefits:

Government relations services, state and federal issues

Current Events!" -the latest news from your elected officials

Legal Handbook-Revised 2/2011

Staff training, medicinal applications (Act 160) - NEW!

Tech plan certification for federal E-rate funding

Urgent announcements and communications from DPI and other state agencies

Our Family Labels for Learning

We received a check from Nash Finch for \$75.00 for turning in the Our Family Labels that were collected.

Community Service at St. Mary School

Community Service has always been a part of St. Mary School. We are continuing our commitment to community service this year. Fifth grade students were asked the question “Why is it important to do community service?” They replied:

Jordon: So the world is a better place for other people.

Tony: God would want you to help. It helps people and it helps us to feel good about helping people. To show that you care and they should also care.

Charlie: To help people. To feed the poor.

Cole: That’s what Jesus would do. To make the world a better place.

Sophie: To show the community that we can also help.

Carson: To help the people in the homeless shelter.

Jacob: No matter how different you are from each other you can still help.

Sam: To give the homeless a home.

Noah: To make people happier.

Peyton: To show other people that it is good to do community service so they will do it too. You are setting examples for everyone else.



Bits & Pieces Doris Mitchell

Wednesday is an **early dismissal** so it's a spirit day! Spirit shirts and Spirit Gear shirts may be worn.

Home Room parents are still needed in all grades except 5th.

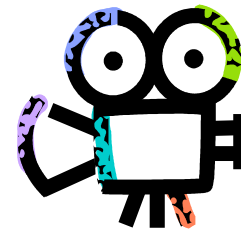
Parent logins for Option C is complete for those of you who sent in a password request. You may access option C by using your (parent) user name (FirstLastname) and then your password. Call me if you have difficulty or forgot your password.

IOWA BASICS **Grs 3, 5, 7**
WKCE **Gr 8**
Monday - Friday Oct. 17 - 21



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PICTURE RETAKE
Friday, November 4

