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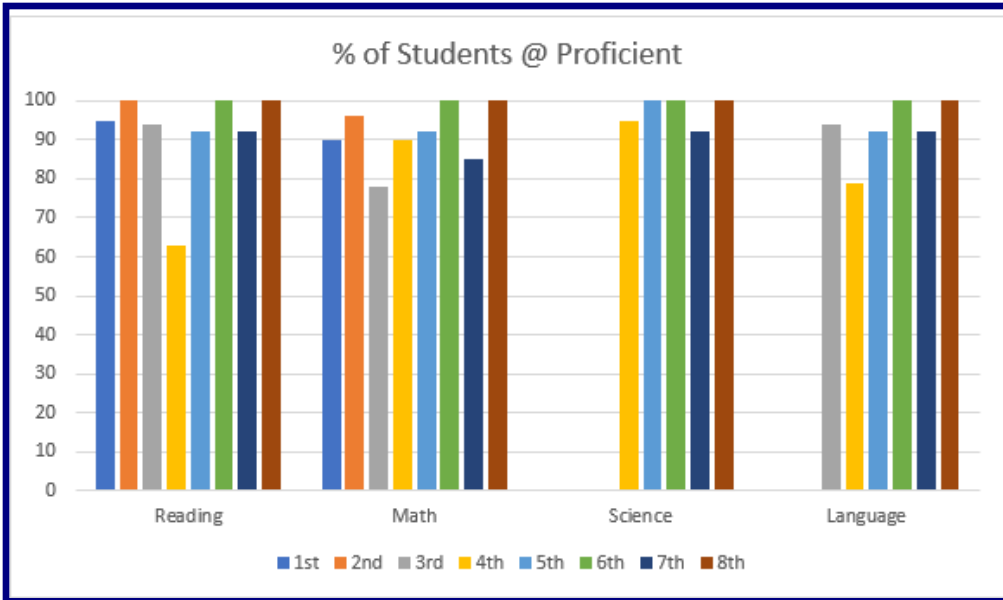
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## Grow in Knowledge

As we begin to wind down the 2022-2023 school year, St. Mary School is proud to announce that students continue to Grow in Knowledge. Each student in grades 1 through 8 takes the NWEA Measurement of Academic Progress test. Students in grades 1 –3 are tested in reading and math along with students in grades 3 who also are tested in language usage. Students in grades 4-8 are tested in reading, language usage, science and math. This series of assessments helps the school create individual learning plans for students and to identify areas to strengthen instruction.

National proficiency rates for 2023 were: 46% for reading and 38% for math. Wisconsin proficiency rates for 2023 were: 39% for reading and 37% for math. The graph below are the proficiency rates for students at St. Mary School, and the success of the students is a team effort of the teachers, parents, and students. St. Mary School has proudly offered an education of excellence for over 130 years.

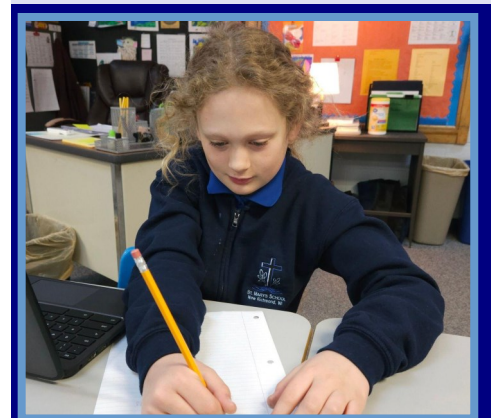


### CONSIDER INCLUDING ST. MARY SCHOOL IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING

A gift to St. Mary School can have a lasting impact on the future of Catholic Education. Contact Mrs. Jarchow for help guiding you through the process.

### Upcoming Events:

- May 29  
No School - Memorial Day
- May 30  
Last day for 8th Grade
- May 31  
8th Grade Graduation Mass
- June 1  
Last day of school
- June 19  
SMS Golf Tournament



Students MAP testing on Chromebooks



# Congrats to the Class of 2023



Evelyn Dietzman



Anna Engelhart



Adalyn Geist



Megan Gross



Allie Harrold



Hannah Humphrey

# Building Improvements

The summer of 2023 is bringing some exciting projects and updates to SMS. With the help of our wonderful building and grounds team and a group of dedicated volunteers, multiple areas within the school will be receiving some updates.

First off a large section of tile will be replaced in the multipurpose room, one classroom, and a section in the south east entrance of the school. Next on the list is the replacement of three rooftop heating/cooling units with three more scheduled to be replaced in the summer of 2024. To insure the safety of our students, staff, and parishioners new security and video systems will be installed in June at both the school and church. The final projects to round out the summer is the installation of a new accordion door in the gym, and construction of the new SMS library will begin on the 2nd floor.



# Alumni Update

St. Mary School is taking the summer and fall to try to bring Alumni records up to date. If you have names, addresses, and emails for classmates please send them via email or phone to the school. We are hoping to move to an online format to preserve and update all records.

Any alumni information you have may be sent to [saintmry@st-maryschool.com](mailto:saintmry@st-maryschool.com) or by calling 715-246-2469.



*St. Mary School Gala, formerly known as Mardi Gras, was held February 4th at Ready Randy's Event Center. Thank you to this group of wonderful ladies who make up the Gala Committee! Your hard work made a night to remember!*



# A Note from the Principal

I started my first day at SMS in September of 2000 when I was hired to teach music. Little did I know that I would go on to teach middle school reading, language arts, social studies, and serve as the 8th grade teacher. In August of 2015 I moved on to the role of principal. In the last eight years I have been blessed to lead a school with wonderful students and staff. I can honestly say my life has not been boring during my stint as Principal.

For those of you that have not heard, it is once again time for me to take on a new, but much slower role, at SMS. Starting July 1st I will step down as principal and move into a part-time Assistant Principal position. This change is to help mentor the new principal and make



the transition as smooth as possible.

I would like to thank everyone who helped me lead the school these past eight years. It truly was a team effort, and I could not have done it by myself. I look forward to working with Mrs. Jami Engelhart, SMS's new principal, to continue to grow our school.

Blessings,  
Mrs. J.

# St. Mary School Gala

The St. Mary School Gala (formerly known as Mardi Gras) took place on Saturday, February 4th at Ready Randy's Event Center. It was a night to remember! Those in attendance enjoyed wonderful food, fellowship, and giving back to the school.

This year's fund-a-need was for new Science curriculum and hands on STEM kits for each grade. Guests also had a wide range of live and silent auctions to bid on. The committee added a new twist to the giving this year and had sponsored educational field trips that could be funded. The students in kindergarten through third grade will attend the Bell Museum and students in fourth

through eight grade will go to the Minnesota History Center.

Students and staff would like to thank everyone who supported the school through their giving at the event.

Save the date for next year as the Gala will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2024!



4th Grader Gracie Cole took first place at the Knights of Columbus State Free Throw Competition for her age group!



Students had a blast at the Centre during swim day!



Students visit the Centre in New Richmond twice a year for swimming.



St. Mary School friendships are the best!



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Registration for 2023-2024 is OPEN!

