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New Staff @ SMS

St. Mary School is excited to announce the addition of three new teachers for the 2023-2024 school year.

Ms. LeAnne Larson joins the faculty in the Kindergarten room. Ms. Larson has experience in early childhood and special education classrooms. *The thing I like best about teaching at St. Mary School is I love that I feel completed in this community of kind and wonderful people. The students and staff are amazing and I am so proud to be a part of this school. I have found my place here at St. Mary School and love every moment. I am happy to be able to work in a place where I can live in my faith and grow with the students. I can see myself being here for a long time.*

Mrs. Jessica Thompson, alumni of SMS, joins SMS as the 1st grade teacher. Mrs. Thomson comes to SMS with experience as a Catholic school teacher. *The thing I like best about teaching at St. Mary School is I am able to talk & teach about God! Sharing my faith with my students.*

Mr. Matt Dunlap, an alumni of St. Patrick School in Hudson, and joins SMS with 23 years experience in education. *The thing that I like best about teaching at St. Mary School is I am looking forward to teaching students who live in the same community as I do and getting to know the school community like family.*



Ms. LeAnne Larson ~ Mr. Matt Dunlap ~ Mrs. Jessica Thomson

Upcoming Events:

- November 2
End of 1st Quarter
- November 7
Veteran Day Assembly
- November 22-27
Thanksgiving Break—No School
- November 30
Hometown Holiday Parade
- December 22
Christmas Program
- December 25th –January 1st
Christmas Break
- January 28 - February 3rd
Catholic Schools Week
- February 3rd
SMS Gala - Once Upon a Prom

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Marathon It

The 18th Annual Marathon It was held on a beautiful morning in October. Students collected pledges and committed to walking, biking, rollerblading, or running the course. SMS would like to thank the event sponsors: Cullen-Crea Funeral Home, Beth's Jewelry Shop, Derrick Construction, FNC Bank, Knights of Columbus, Fr. John C. Anderson, and James & Susan Davis for their generous sponsorship of the event.

71% of the students participated in the event raising approximately \$20,000 dollars. It was a great event that allowed families to come together to support the school. Emma Jo was the student who raised the most money and was

rewarded with a cool prize and giving Mrs. Engelhart a pie in the face!



Community Partnerships

St. Mary School is blessed with many amazing community partnerships. Students get to experience many facets of the New Richmond community. Some of the great things available are presentations from the New Richmond Fire Department, the VFW, and New Richmond Utilities. Students also get to experience swimming at the Centre, theatrical performances at the Gem Theatre, and visiting the Friday Memorial Library.

St. Mary School is also blessed with local financial support from grants and gifts by the Ann Marie Foundation, the Jack Reckord Star Grant, the New Richmond Community Foundation, FNC Bank, and the local chapter of the Knights of Columbus. With these grants and gifts the school is able to provide extras that enhance the learning experience for students.

Students take part in many locally sponsored contests such as the Knights of Columbus Knowledge Contest, Respect Life Essay & Free Throw Competition, the St. Croix County Sheriff's Stop Drugs Calendar Contest, the Rotary Community Service Essay, and the Hometown Holiday Button Contest.

Our marketing photography is also done by alumni Nate Peterson, and his wife, Teresa, at NP Design & Photography.

Thank you New Richmond! You truly are the CITY BEAUTIFUL!

Save the Date



Save the date for a fun evening of fellowship and fun. The Annual SMS Gala (formerly known as Mardi Gras) will be held Saturday, February 3, 2024 at Ready Randy's Banquet Event Center.

Contact the school office @ 715-246-2469 or saintmry@st-marysschool.com for ticket and event sponsorship information.



July 5, 2023

Mrs. Jarchow turned over the keys of the school to Mrs. Engelhart.

"I have loved every minute of my time being principal of SMS. I know Mrs. Engelhart will do a fantastic job!"

~Mrs. Jarchow

A Note from the Principal



It is with great honor and excitement that I am writing this introduction to you as the newly selected principal of St. Mary School! I have been in education for 16 years with 11 of those as a teacher at SMS. For as long as I can remember, I have wanted to be a teacher, but to now have the opportunity to be a principal is truly a blessing. I am overjoyed to work with the amazing faculty at SMS to ensure every child's success socially, emotionally, academically, and faithfully. I know that having Mrs. Jarchow, now the assistant principal, guiding me through this transition will ensure that SMS continues to be a school growing students in faith and academics for years to come.

In becoming the new principal of SMS, I believe it is important for you to know a little bit about me. I am married to my husband, Benjamin Engelhart for 16 years, and we have two wonderful children who are currently attending New Richmond High School. Our son, Benjamin, is in 10th grade and our daughter Anna, is in 9th. Both of our children attended St. Mary School preschool - 8th grade before transitioning to high school. So SMS has felt like a family and a home away from home for me. My hobbies include attending my children's many athletic events, walking my beloved basset hounds, and visiting state parks when I find the time!

I understand the importance of

strong values and educating our students to be leaders of tomorrow, but I also want them to be strong leaders of the Catholic faith. My hope is for SMS students to carry their love and faith for God with them for many years even after graduating from SMS. Please know that my door is always open, and I look forward to continuing to help SMS grow the great bond between school and community for years to come.

Joyfully serving,

Mrs. Engelhart



Mrs. Engelhart receiving her "pie" (in the face) during the Marathon It awards ceremony! One of many fun jobs in her future!



SMS was awarded a grant by FNC Bank to purchase math manipulative libraries for the elementary classrooms.



2023-2024

Student Council



SMS Annual Pet Blessings in observance of St. Francis Assisi's Feast Day.



3rd Grade students leading the music ministry at Mass.



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Pastor:

Fr. John C. Anderson

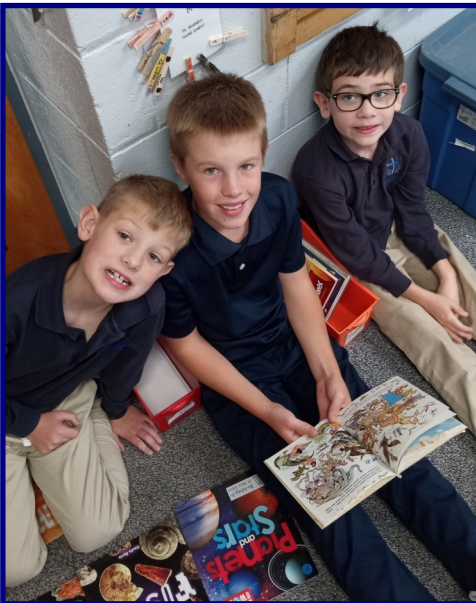
Principal:

Mrs. Jami Engelhart

Assistant Principal:

Mrs. Laura Jo Jarchow

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Older students mentoring
younger students

#Grow in Knowledge



Blessing of the Backpacks on
1st day of school

#Follow in Faith



Student Council serving C.F.
Dinner

#Serve in Harmony