



St. Mary School

Quarterly Newsletter

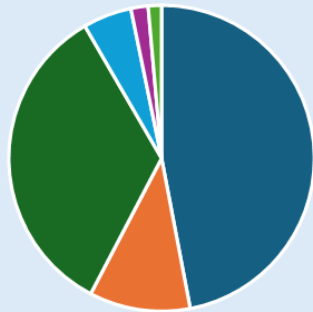
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Cost to Educate a Student

Cost to Educate a Student at SMS for the 2022-2023 School Year was \$6,287.12 per student



Tuition 47%	Scholarships, Grants, Gifts/Bequests 10.69%
Fundraising 33.94%	IC Subsidy 5.15%
St. Pat's Subsidy 1.82%	Scrip 1.41%

During the 2022-2023 school year tuition was \$3,350 per student. Each July after the fiscal year end, the true cost to educate a child at St. Mary School is calculated, and it was \$6,287.12 per student. There are many considerations that are taken into account to meet the growing cost to educate students.

St. Mary School is blessed with many generous donors who give directly to the school, give to help support the Tuition Assistance/Scholarship program, and support the three major fundraisers that the school holds. St. Mary School is also lucky to have two wonderful parishes that support the school through subsidies.

The three major fundraisers that are held are: Marathon It, The Gala,

and the SMS Golf Tournament. Each of these events bring together our school families, parishioners, community members, and alumni.

Marathon It is held in October and is a student led event. Students collect pledges for walking, running, or biking a route. The Gala is held in February and is the largest of the three. This is an adult evening with live & silent auction items and a Fund-A-Need donation. Last, but not least, is the SMS Golf Tournament in June. This is a day of fun, laughter, and golf.

Please contact the school office for more information for donating, attending, or being an event sponsor. It is a great way to catch up with those you have lost contact with and an even better way to support SMS!

Upcoming Events:

February 23 & 26
Winter Break

March 1
2024-2025 Registration Due

March 25 - 29
Spring Break

April 1
PLD for Teachers

April 26
No School

May 27
No School-Memorial Day

May 29
8th Grade Graduation

May 30
Last Day of School



Art work by 8th grader, Josie Smith, was chosen as one of the pieces of art to be used in Bishop Powers' Christmas Cards. The art contest is open to all students in the Diocese of Superior.



Alumni Spotlight



On Saturday, November 4, 2023 St. Mary School Alumni, Monica Edaburn, received the Rite of Initiation to Religious Life and became Sister Mary Monica. Sr. Mary Monica was a graduate of the SMS Class of 2013.

SMS Prayer Team

St. Mary School is proud to announce the formation of a SMS Prayer Team, and WE NEED YOU!

Prayer is the most unnoticed and valuable contribution that you could give to St. Mary School. The first initiative will be the "Seven Students". Be one of the "Seven Students" (parent, student, alumni) that prays for a teacher, administrator, or staff member until September 1, 2024. Each school year prayer commitments will be renewed.

This group was formed to bring prayer opportunities to everyone at St. Mary School. It aligns perfectly with Bishop Powers' Diocese wide evangelization movement Maintenance to Mission.

For more information contact Maria Helgerson at

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SMS Gala

This year's event, Once Upon a Prom, was held on Saturday, February 3rd at Ready Randy's Event Center.

The night was filled with fun, laughter, friendship, and of course wonderful food. The event raised over \$62,000 to help fund St. Mary School.

The Fund-A-Need portion raised over \$24,000 to begin replacing dated interactive boards with Newline Interactive Screens. The replacements will be part of a two year plan, and next year's Gala Fund-A-Need will focus on year two.

Mark your calendars now for next year's event on Saturday, February 8, 2025!



Thank you to everyone who attended, donated, and sponsored this year's Gala!

The students, staff, and Gala Committee thank you for your generosity and support of St. Mary School.



Where students Grow in Knowledge, Follow in Faith, & Serve in Harmony!

Catholic Schools Week 2024

The week, as always, is the highlight of the school year for students. Activities throughout the week included fun dress up days, relay races, an all school trip to Trollhaugen for snow tubing, among many other activities.

St. Mary School had the honor of hosting all four Catholic Schools in St. Croix County for the annual Bishop's Mass. The students look forward to this Mass with Bishop Powers presiding. It is a powerful sight to see so many gathered together, and the value so many put on a Catholic Education.

A tradition that was started eight years ago during Catholic Schools Week was for students and staff to participate in a food drive for the local food shelf. Once again SMS



All school relay races in the gym



lived its mission by serving in harmony and collected 523 pounds of canned goods for Five Loaves Food Shelf. Mrs. Engelhart threw out the incentive that if 500 pounds were collected, the students would earn a non-uniform day and she would wear a chicken suit! The new saying is winner, winner, chicken suit!



Snow tubing at Trollhaugen

A Note From the Principal

I am excited to report that registration for the 2024-2025 St. Mary School year is now open, and classes are filling up fast with our Kindergarten class almost full! Feel free to contact the front office if you would like more information about registering your child. I am happy to give tours and discuss our school with anyone who is interested. The 2023-2024 school year marks an all time high in enrollment at 245 students! Our little school is growing.

It's hard to believe we are now in the 2nd semester of the school year, and that we have entered the Holy Season of Lent. St. Mary School now has a prayer team that

will be implementing new ways for our students and staff to grow spiritually and grow in their relationship with Jesus. In this liturgical season of Lent, I pray that your family can embrace this special time as an opportunity to carve out space for more prayer and giving of self.

Joyfully Serving,

Mrs. Jami Engelhart



Snake Discovery Presentation



Dress like Barbie & Ken Day



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