

# February Newsletter 2024

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## FROM THE (PRINCIPAL'S) DESK Happy Catholic Schools' Week!



### Prayer for Catholic Schools

Lord, in all ages you breathe life into your Church, as you call us to deeper holiness. Thank you for the gift of Catholic Schools, which form new generations in virtue and wisdom. Inspire our parishes with zeal to make you known, loved, and served, and grant that all families who desire a Catholic education for their children be given that blessing. Amen

As every year, St. Mary's School is buzzing with excitement to celebrate our Catholic School! We are blessed with dedicated teachers and staff, outstanding families and the ultimate blessing to celebrate God's love for each and everyone of us! Our top priority is to live, teach, and share our faith! No better environment to do this than St. Mary's School! Thank you for your commitment to Catholic Education and the support you continue to show! We are grateful for our community support and continue to strive to be our very best!

Just a reminder - Teachers and staff have been briefed on protocols for my maternity leave. I would like to share a few things with families as well:

Students displaying extreme behaviors listed below will be sent home on the day of the incident. This ensures the school can regroup, plan, and contact the Archdiocese if any assistance is needed. Extreme behaviors include:

- Threats ("shoot up the school", "I'm going to kill myself", "I'm going to kill you", etc. NOTE: this is in actions or statements)
- Physical Aggression or Fighting (hitting, kicking, biting, etc.) towards other students or staff. Use best professional judgment.
  - First Offense: 2 Day Suspension
  - Second Offense: 3 Day Suspension
  - Third Offense: School Board decision
- Major Non-Compliance (continual eloping, refusal to follow directions to the point it is CONSISTENTLY interfering with whole classroom instruction on that day, etc.)
- Weapon-Related (pocket knives, etc.)

Our staff is top-notch! Building communication, Delays/Cancellations, and many administrative duties are going to be handled effectively in my absence. If you have any questions, call the school @ 563-927-3689. Together they will find an answer for you! Thank you all for a GREAT semester!

A CONTACT TO ANSWER QUESTIONS regarding ESA THAT MAY ARISE WHILE MRS. SODERBLOM IS ABSENT FROM OUR BUILDING....

\*ESA - [board@st-marys.pvt.k12.ia.us](mailto:board@st-marys.pvt.k12.ia.us),  
president Brett Logan  
ESA applications are due Feb 1st



## PowerSchool

With 1st Semester closed NOW is a great time to login and open up your PowerSchool Parent account,

<https://archd.powerschool.com/public/>

and review and update every tab under your child's/ren's account. Many times there are new email contacts, cell phone #'s or just simple mistakes that were made when you first registered your child/ren. Once updated they will come to the Admin side of PS for approval. THANKS for taking care of this review!

## EXTENDED CARE



- Schedules are due the Friday before at Noon!
- When billing is emailed out on Monday it is due by Friday!
- Please read the Extended Care Handbook about Cancellations, Delays, Early outs due to Weather. It can be found on the St. Mary's website under the Extended Care tab. <https://st-marys.pvt.k12.ia.us/extended-care-1>



Please email  
[hhogan@st-marys.pvt.k12.ia.us](mailto:hhogan@st-marys.pvt.k12.ia.us)  
with any questions



Every year at this time we see our pick up and drop off vehicle lines get slower and longer. This is inevitable as students have more weather gear, more students are not riding the busses, and the snow and ice slow the students down. As always, SAFETY for our students comes first! Please be patient, take extra time, and TOGETHER will do our best to continue to be diligent of time and safety for our students! Thank you also for your patience when it was too cold for students to wait outside after school!

As we are in the Winter season, please be sure you are on our REMIND text Alerts. Weather Announcements AND Flexible Learning Plan will be sent out via Remind. Please tune in to KMCH radio station as well for weather related announcements.

REMIND Directions --> [HERE](#)

-(Mrs. Jen Soderblom)

# Catholic Schools' Week 2024

Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2024 is January 28 – February 3. The theme for National Catholic Schools' Week 2024 is,

“Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community.”

## St. Mary's School's CSW Celebrations -

**Sunday, January 28th - 11:00 Student Led Mass**

**Sunday, January 28th - 11:30 - 1:30 Soup Luncheon (basket raffle drawing at 1:30)**

**Monday, January 29th - ZOOMonday - students will enjoy banana splits**

**Tuesday, January 30th - Tropical Tuesday - BINGO in the gym**

**Wednesday, January 31st - America Wednesday - Buddy Readers**

**Thursday, February 1st - Think Comfy Thursday - Movies**

**Friday, February 2nd - Faith Friday - Mass and Star Sack drawings**

## Saintly Dates



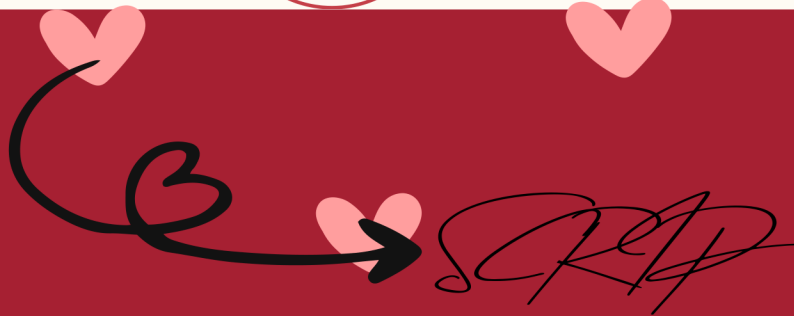
February 14th St. Valentine

[https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint\\_id=159](https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=159)

Late Arrivals/Early Pick Ups

**ALL Students arriving late or leaving early need to be signed in/out at the main office by a parent/guardian.**

*Student safety is the #1 priority!*



Just because it's winter and it's freezing outside and there's snow and ice and cancelled school days...doesn't mean you can't find reasons to use SCRIP!!! Plan a quick weekend getaway or just a Sunday afternoon fun-day! Hotels, car rentals, airline tickets, amusement park passes...check out our national SCRIP list at [RaiseRight.com](http://RaiseRight.com) to see what we can get for you! Castle Theater and Lightning Lanes are great local places to have a great family fun time!

No matter how you use SCRIP, we appreciate all ways you help to bring a wonderful, faith filled Catholic education to the young people of the Blessed Trinity Cluster! (1% of your total SCRIP purchases come back to you or a family you designate, in tuition credit!)

**Banana Splits during Catholic Schools' Week brought to you courtesy of Manchester DQ and SCRIP!!!**

- SCRIP forms are available in the back of church, the school office, and the parish office!
- SCRIP is sold at the school on Tuesday and Wednesday
- SCRIP is sold at 8:30 Mass on Fridays, orders can be sent home with students
- SCRIP is sold before and after weekend masses at St. Mary's



# Upcoming Events

February 1st - Together We Are shirt day

February 8th - 5th Grade D.A.R.E Graduation, 1:45-2:45 in the Parish Center.

February 14th - Ash Wednesday, 8:30 Student Mass

February 15th - Kindergarten Open House for New Kindergarten Families, 5:30-7:00

## Lost & Found

See anything that is your child's/rens' belongings? Please call the office and claim. THANKS!





ST. MARY'S SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE  
\*ANY NEW FAMILIES WANTING TO LEARN MORE ABOUT  
ST. MARY'S SCHOOL AND OUR KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

Thursday, February 15th, 2024  
5:30 - 7:00PM

St. Mary's School  
Rooms #4 and #5



BECOME A STAR!

YOU'RE WELCOMED TO TOUR THE KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOMS!



**BE SURE TO INVITE GRANDPARENTS, FAMILY & FRIENDS!**

TURN IN YOUR RSVP CARD TODAY OR ORDER ONLINE AT: [STMARYSGALA.COM](http://STMARYSGALA.COM)

PUT ON YOUR FLIP-FLOPS  
& WATCH OUT FOR POP-TOPS  
*at the* 17TH ANNUAL  
ST. MARY'S SCHOOL GALA

# On Island Time

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024  
ST. MARY'S PARISH CENTER

5:00pm (somewhere!)  
SOCIAL HOUR & APPETIZERS

6:30pm DINNER  
LIVE AUCTION TO FOLLOW

11:00pm ALOHA

## Menu

CATERED BY ANNETTE HARBAUGH  
DEL. CO. PORK PRODUCERS  
& CAKES BY KIM

### First Course

MIXED GREENS TOPPED WITH FRUIT  
& CARAMELIZED SWEET ROLL

### Main Course

GRILLED CARIBBEAN JERK PORK CHOP  
TOPPED WITH PINEAPPLE CHUTNEY & SHRIMP SKEWER,  
PARMESAN ROASTED POTATOES & BROCCOLI SALAD

### Dessert

TART SIZED KEY LIME, COCONUT CREAM & CHOCOLATE PIE  
ASSORTED COOKIES

## Relax & Enjoy...

- LIVE MUSIC BY BERNIE & DENNY
- CASH BAR FEATURING MARGARITA FLIGHTS
- CASH PRIZE DRAWINGS DURING SOCIAL HOUR
- ONLINE SILENT AUCTION DISPLAY  
(BEGINS MONDAY, FEB. 26 - SUNDAY, MARCH 3)  
[WWW.FASTERGIVING.COM](http://WWW.FASTERGIVING.COM)
- OPTIONAL 50-50 CASH RAFFLE  
(NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN)
- PHOTO BOOTH • LIVE AUCTION

~ Island attire encouraged ~





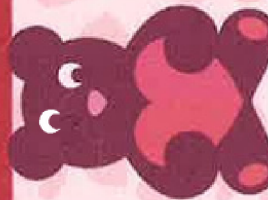
LUNCH

# FEBRUARY 2024

ST. MARY

BREAKFAST SERVED FROM 7:40-7:55 AM

## Monday



5  
CEREAL—TOAST  
CORN DOGS  
POTATO WEDGES  
COOKED CARROTS  
MANDARIN ORANGES

CEREAL—TOAST

12  
HAMBURGERS—CHEESE  
SPIRAL POTATOES  
GREEN BEANS  
PEARS

CEREAL—TOAST

19  
HAM/TURKEY/CHEESE SUBS  
CHIPS  
PEAS  
APPLESAUCE

CEREAL—TOAST

26  
WIENER WINKS  
TATER TOTS  
BAKED BEANS  
PEACHES

## Tuesday



6  
FRENCH TOAST  
STICKS  
SALISBURY STEAK  
MASHED POTATOES—GRAVY  
CORN  
FRUIT COCKTAIL

DONUT HOLES

13  
BREAKFAST FOR LUNCH!  
PANCAKES  
SAUSAGE PATTIES  
TRI TATERS  
YOGURT  
\*RICE KRISPIE TREAT

SCRAMBLED EGGS & SAUSA

20  
CHICKEN NUGGETS  
MASHED POTATOES—GRAVY  
CORN  
PEACHES

LONG JOHNS

27  
LOADED NACHOS  
LETTUCE—CHEESE  
CORN  
COTTAGE CHEESE  
FRUIT COCKTAIL

## Wednesday



7  
LONG JOHNS  
GOULASH  
BREAD & BUTTER  
PEAS  
PINEAPPLES

ASH WEDNESDAY  
FUNNEL CAKES

14  
MACARONI & CHEESE  
GARLIC BREAD  
CELERY—PEANUT BUTTER  
JELLO  
PINEAPPLES

BISCUITS & GRAVY

21  
LASAGNA  
BREAD STICK  
COOKED CARROTS  
PEARS

BREAKFAST BAGELS

28  
HOT HAM & SWISS SANDWIC  
CHIPS  
GREEN BEANS  
PINEAPPLES  
\*BARS

## Thursday

1  
CAKE DONUTS  
HAMBURGER PIZZA  
CHEESY BREADSTICKS  
SALAD—RANCH  
PEARS  
\*OREO FLUFF

MUFFINS

8  
WALKING TACOS  
LETTUCE-TOMATOES-CHEESE  
RAW CARROTS-RANCH  
APPLESLICES  
VANILLA SANDWICH COOKIES

EGGOS

15  
CHICKEN TENDERS  
MASHED POTATOES—GRAVY  
CORN  
STRAWBERRIES

BREAKFAST CROISSANTS

22  
MR. RIB SANDWICHES  
FRENCH FRIES  
GREEN BEANS  
PINEAPPLES  
\*COOKIE

BREAKFAST PIZZA

29  
BEEF & NOODLES  
ROLLS  
CELERY—PEANUT BUTTER  
BANANA

## Friday

2  
PANCAKE WRAPS  
CRISPY CHICKEN SANDWICH  
BUTTERED NOODLES  
GREEN BEANS  
PEACHES

MINI DONUTS

9  
HAM PATTIES/BUNS  
CHIPS  
BEANS & WEENIES  
BANANA

CINNAMON ROLLS

16  
CHEESE PIZZA  
BREAD STICK  
SALAD—RANCH  
MANDARIN ORANGES

CAKE DONUTS

23  
GRILLED CHEESE  
TOMATO SOUP  
RAW CARROTS—RANCH  
GRAPES



THIS MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE UPON  
AVAILABILITY OF ORDERED PRODUCTS AND WEATHER.

*save the date* 

A KNIGHT

FOR A

Princess

FRIDAY, MARCH 1ST

WEST DELAWARE MIDDLE SCHOOL

6:30-8 PM \$25 PER COUPLE

ALL AGES WELCOME

Knights grab your Princess and join us for an evening of dancing and fun!

Snacks, Photos and Craft included with admission

all proceeds go to West Delaware Together We Are Brain Health Campaign