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St. Mary School Newsletter

September 4, 2019



Notes from the Principal

Dear St. Mary School Families,

The school **OPEN HOUSE** for grades K to 6 is scheduled for tonight **September 4th from 6 to 7:00 p.m.** ***All parents should come to the gym before going to their child's classroom.** Refreshments will be available. Information about the school and the introduction of the school faculty and staff will be presented at this time. Parents/ guardians are invited to visit their child's class afterwards to learn information about their child's teacher and classroom policies. Families who have students in grades 4 and 5/6 and the other grades should attend the first presentation in grades 4, 5, and 6.

TEMPORARY GYM DAY CHANGE: Due to some changes with staffing, we have to change the **gym day scheduled for Sept. 16 to Friday, Sept. 20th.** **September 16th is picture day** so all students should follow "dress-up" attire as written in the school handbook. Students should dress for gym on Friday, Sept. 20th.

CAFETERIA/ PLAYGROUND HELP NEEDED

St. Mary School is looking for part-time help a few days a week to help with supervision on the playground and in the cafeteria. The time would be from 11:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. If you know someone who may be interested have them contact Mrs. Bialko at the school office at 967-7911 or e-mail: bbialko@stmaryvermilion.org.

This was the first week for the 3 and 4 year-old preschoolers and one of their first lessons was learning how to pour water for themselves at snack. It also happens to be one of their favorite activities!

Attached to today's newsletter is a "welcome back article". We will be sending home informational articles a couple times a quarter for families to read.

God bless,

Mrs. Barb Bialko

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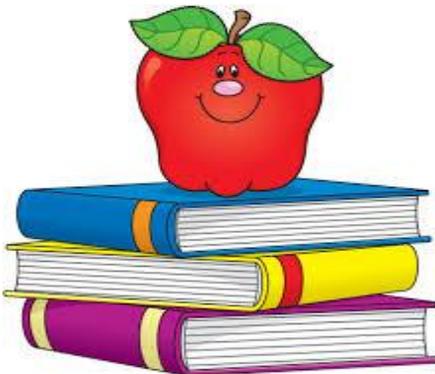
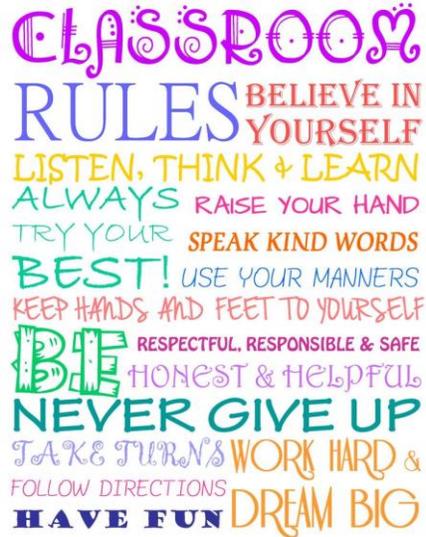
REMINDERS: **NOTE GYM DAY CHANGE**

- ******GYM DAY is ON MONDAY.** Students may wear gym clothing to school on Mondays only beginning September 9th.
- School Uniforms are to be worn Tuesday. through Friday with the exception of the gym uniform on Monday.
- Hot Lunches will be available on Tuesday, August 28. Hot lunches cost \$2.75 (includes milk). Students may purchase milk for \$.50. (See menu attached to Email.)

BUSING INFORMATION* Families needing busing should contact the bus garage to let them know your child will need busing for the year. Call the Vermilion Bus Garage at **204-1700 Ext. #141**

Events

- Sept. 6 Gr. 5 Mass at 9:00
- Sept. 11 PSO Meeting at 6:30
- Sept. 16 Ripcho Picture Day
K-6 & 4 yr. old preschool (3yr. olds will be taken on retake day)
- Sept. 17th Marcos Pizza Day
- Oct. 10th Bike a Thon



For More Information

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St. Mary School's Family Reading: September 2019 Each quarter we will be offering one or two articles that give advice or guidance or informational readings for school families

“BACK TO SCHOOL”

“Here we are again, happy as can be, All good friends and jolly good company.” Although these words were written as lyrics for a song by Raymond Wallace in 1931, they do resonate some relevance as we say, “Welcome to the New School Year!” We do hope that all members of our school community return happy and eager to resume old friendships and be introduced to new ones.

Now, here's a little parable of sorts: “One day as the Buddha was sitting under a tree, a young, trim soldier walked by, looked at the Buddha, noticed his weight and fat and said, ‘You look like a pig!’ The Buddha looked up calmly at the soldier and said, ‘And you look like God.’ Surprised by this comment, the soldier asked the Buddha, ‘Why do you say that I look like God?’ The Buddha replied, ‘Well, we don't really see what's outside of ourselves, we see what's inside and we project it out. I sit under this tree all day and I think about God, so that when I look out, that's what I see. And you, you must be thinking about other things’.”

It is our sincerest hope that all students, as they gather to commence the new school year, will regard their opportunity for education as a privilege rather than an obligation and so embrace this new school year with enthusiasm, determination and a positive mind set. The great St Thomas Aquinas made the comment that, “Whatever is received is received according to the mode of its receiver”. Again, we hope that all students return in goodwill and with an attitude to do the best they can for themselves and for their fellow students.

In a sense, our school has a double staff; the staff that performs within the school and that very important “staff” that performs within the home. Your Child's education can be greatly enhanced by your involvement at home, in particular, but also through involvement in school activities. It is parents' enthusiasm, support and involvement that will inspire children to do their best. Children frequently adopt attitudes and opinions held by the adults they look up to; and enthusiasm for learning is no exception. If children sense that parents consider their education to be a high priority, they are likely to view it in a more positive manner themselves. Positive reinforcement will help children to adopt a more enthusiastic attitude towards their learning processes.

When the Gospels described Jesus' Baptism, they told how the heavens opened and God's voice was heard to say, “This is the blessed one in whom I take delight”. It seems that for the rest of His life, Jesus was always in some way conscious of His Father's words. His actions were always positive and supportive of others and His words were always gentle, encouraging and forgiving. As we all teach in Jesus' name, we all have Him as a wonderful example from whom to draw inspiration and confidence as we, the staff at school and the “staff” at home, work together to create the best possible learning environment for all the students in our school.

Once again, “Welcome everyone, to the New School Year!”

Peace and Best Wishes.