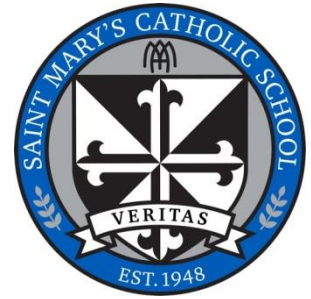




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SPARTAN NEWSLETTER



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MISSION To provide a Catholic education that nurtures students' hearts and minds to become servant leaders in an ever changing world.

Front Office Corner

Office hours 7:30am-3:30pm and by appointment.

School Mass every Wednesday at 8:30am (or Fridays for the First Friday of each month)

Upcoming:

Sep 1: All School Mass

Sep 4: NO SCHOOL; Labor Day

See attached calendar for September events

Volleyball – on-going (see coach for scheduled)



St. Mary's School offers our students a quality Catholic education with academic support for all ability levels. One unique program is the Homework Room staffed by Miss Kallman. Homework room is open from 3:20 to 4:30, Tuesday through Friday for students in grades 4-8. Students can receive help if needed or just enjoy a calm environment to get work done before going home. All students will either go to Extended Day at 4:30 pm or be picked up through Extended Day at or before 4:30 pm. There is no charge for this program. Miss Kallman has been staffing the Homework Room for the past 4 years as a teacher volunteer.

We are also able to offer daily study hall for our students in the middle grades. We have been blessed to have Dr. Liz Wessling come in on Fridays to give math support to students who have specific questions or need a quick review of the lesson. Dr. Wessling plans to continue assisting students on Fridays this year.

We are very blessed to have so many volunteers give their time and talent to support our students. If you have some time to spend in the school, we can find an activity for you. Please call the office for more information and thank you for your service!

Patricia Wallinger

-Dr. Trish Wallinger, Principal

8th grade Confirmation Parents Meeting. All 8th grade parents, whose children are preparing for Confirmation May 2018, are asked to come to the Confirmation meeting on **Wednesday, Sept 6th at 6:45pm at the Church.** Information regarding Group Stewardship Opportunities, Retreat, Sponsors, Confirmation names, Prayer experiences, Youth Ministry will be presented. Information, contact the RE office.

7th Grade Confirmation Parents Meeting Wednesday, Sept 13th at 6:45pm at the Church. Information regarding Group Stewardship Opportunities, Retreat, Sponsors, Confirmation names, Prayer experiences, Youth Ministry will be presented. Information, contact the RE office.

Project Hope. Project HOPE has new coordinators – Rhonda Prewitt and Kati Wilwerding – we can both be contact at the e-mail address: smscripcoord@cox.net. Only \$1000 in scrip purchases makes you eligible to receive a rebate towards next year’s tuition at St. Mary’s, or any Catholic High School. Friends and family can help to increase the rebate amount you receive! SCRIP form is attached and available on webpage.

Where you can buy scrip:

- school Monday 8am - Friday **noon**
- school gym Wednesday 4:30 - 7:30pm (RE)
- Rectory Monday - Thursday 7:30 - 7pm Friday until 5pm
- after Mass Sat 5pm, Sun 7:30, 9:30 & 11am, 5pm Masses

On-Line Prestopay enrollment code - 2L1FB7D76253

Free and Reduced Hot Lunch Applications. Friendly reminder, Free and Reduced Hot Lunch Applications are due September 29th. This is a needs based program.

Math Practice and a Good Cause. Go to www.MultiplicationNation.com and sign up your child in the next two weeks and 100% of the cost will be donated to the flood victims in Texas. To learn more, visit the website and click "I'm a parent". It is a great way to help your kids learn and practice their multiplication facts and help the victims of the Texas flooding at the same time.

Want an easy way to fulfill your services hours? Volunteer in the lunchroom. The lunchroom is looking for volunteers. Greatest need is Thursday. Come once a week or even once a month. Each time you come equals 2 hours of service. This is a fun way to complete service hours and interact with your kids. Come at 11am and help serve lunch and be out by 1pm. Open to parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles or anyone that would like to help. Contact Becky Billings at becky.billings@stmarysbellevue to sign up or for questions.

Volunteer Service Hours. All families are asked to volunteer in some capacity at our school to make it a vibrant place for all our students and families. To log hours in Sycamore, Log onto Sycamoreeducation.com using your id & password. Call the office if you are having trouble logging in. Our Sycamore school id is “1118”. Go to “My School” (left bar) > Service Logs > New Log (upper right) > Enter date & time of hours served > Select appropriate Volunteer Opportunity and enter # of hours served and any notes. Submit!

Breakfast/Lunch Menu – September. Menus attached. They are always available on Sycamore and on the webpage under School Life/Cafeteria.

Club Update

Jr. Legion of Mary. Meetings on Mondays from 3:30- 4:30pm. Open to 4-8th grade students. They are led by a spiritual director and 2 Senior Legion members. They pray the rosary, listen to a reading from the Legion handbook, pray the Legion prayers and report on one hour work they did the previous week. Prayers are very powerful and these Legion members feel they have a purpose. The first meeting is Monday, September 11th. The meetings are held every Monday school is in session. If you have questions, email: joanne.sjostedt@stmarysbellevue.com.

Budding Botanists. September meetings will be Sept 5th and Sept 19th...info sheet going home this week to eligible grades (3-6).

St. Mary’s Karate Club! This school year we have added a new club dedicated to bringing the art of **Karate** to the

St. Mary's community! Classes will be available for children age 6 and up and the club will meet Monday and Friday after school. Cost is \$80/semester and is hosted by club instructors, Sensei James Caldwell and Mr. Andy Metzger from the Shin Ryu Kan Dojo in Papillion. To register or if you have questions, please call Andy Metzger at 402-292-8899 or email: metzgerfj@aol.com.

Chess Club. Chess Club meetings will begin September 7th. The club will meet every Thursday school is in session. The meetings are held in the Spanish room from 3:20 to 4pm. Students are dismissed through extended day. All interested players in 3rd through 8th grade are invited. No experience needed--just a positive attitude and desire to learn. We are fortunate to have Coach Carney return to instruct players. Any questions, please email: joanne.sjostedt@stmarysbellevue.com(teacher sponsor) or kellieandboys@aol.com (parent contact)

Liturgist Visit. The 7th grade Religion class welcomed our new liturgist, Mr. Michael Willis, to our class. Mr. Willis shared information about his job and also instructed the students on the titles and meanings of the sacred altar vessels used at mass. He praised and encouraged the altar servers for their ministry. Thank you, Mr. Willis!

Mr. Targy, our parish youth minister, made a stop in to the 7th grade and shared information and enthusiasm about his job at the parish. The 7th graders are excited about upcoming Wed night youth group meetings. All students are welcome. Thank you, Mr. Targy!

Spirit Wear. As announced during Ice Cream Social, orders for Spirit Wear will be **accepted until Sept 8th**. For more information or with any questions contact Joanna Lee at jllee2367@gmail.com or 402-215-8640. Forms available with eNewsletter or in the office.



Jr High Youth Ministry. We have our first event for Junior High tonight, Wednesday **Aug. 30th (5:30pm to 6:30pm) in the gym.** Hard copy schedules will go home with our 7th and 8th grade families.

From our Youth Minister: My name is Will Targy and I am the youth minister here at St. Mary's Church. This is my 5th year here (although I grew up at the parish) and I love my job and feel very blessed to work at such a special place. The goal for youth ministry here at St. Mary's is to give young people and families lots of opportunities to grow in their relationship with God, create and encourage a strong faith community and have some fun along the way.

*All 7th & 8th grade students are asked to attend at least 2 of our Wednesday night gatherings this semester to fulfill their Confirmation requirements. We also have 2 Encounter Nights on Oct. 15th & Dec. 3rd. We are asking the teens (and at least 1 parent) to attend at least 1 of these as well for Confirmation requirements.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I look forward to serving you and your teens this year. Please contact me at this email (will.targy@stmarysbellevue.com) or by phone/text at [402.659.8981](tel:402.659.8981).

School Pictures. Picture day will be Tuesday, September 12th. Order forms went home earlier this week. You can hold for picture day or return to homeroom teacher. Look for more information in upcoming newsletters.

Safe Environment (SE) Training. All St Mary's School volunteers need to be SE Trained. Thanks to our parents who signed up for August's session. To sign-up for an upcoming session, pre-register at the archdiocesan website and click "Safe Environment" (www.archomaha.org).

Initial Adult Safe Environment Training "Circle of Care" is a two-hour training offered at parishes/schools throughout the archdiocese. SE certification is needed for staff and volunteers who have regular contact with children. Certification is for 5 years. Recertification is an online training for those already trained and whose

certification date is near expiration. Background checks are required with recertification. This recertification is good for five years.

Like Us on Facebook. Did you know we have a [St Mary's School of Bellevue](#) Facebook page? All are invited to "like" us on facebook and if you have school related photos of your family, we'd love to see those too!

Boy Scout Eagle Project. Elwyn Frailey (older brother of Bryce in 8th grade) is working on his Eagle Scout Project. His project will support Moving Veterans Forward (MVF), a small, locally based non-profit organization that helps military veterans, who have recently been homeless, get set up into stable housing and become self-sufficient. My project is a collection drive that will help MVF. If you would like to help, please bring any of the following items to school from 9/15-9/30: shampoo, deodorants, detergents, shaving cream, laundry baskets, etc.

St. Mary's Alumni Association is selling *NEW* St. Mary's Alumni Shirts. Orders are due by Sept. 30. Please see attached. Email MLNARIK.SARAH@GMAIL.COM with any questions.



Couples in Christ is a group of St. Mary's parishioners. We are couples and families sharing and celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage, who come together for religious enrichment, fellowship and education. Please save the dates for these future events:

September 30 – Hayrack Ride and Cookout
November 10 – Potluck Dinner and Games
December 16 – Ollie the Trolley and Christmas Fun

Home and School Association

Home and School Meeting. Our first HSA meeting of the year is scheduled for Monday, September 11th at 6:30 P.M. in the school library. Meet this year's executive officers, tell us what you like – or areas for improvement – and get involved in your children's education. Remember, your attendance at the Home and School Meetings counts toward your volunteer hours!

Upcoming Events:

Parish Picnic (H&S Cake Walk) Sunday, 9/10

H&S Meeting Monday, 9/11 @ 6:30pm

Trivia Night Friday 10/20

President: Mary Sasek, parent to Jillian (5th grade) and Andrew (1st grade)

Vice-President: Bernadette Miller, parent to Jack (8th grade), Caleb (3rds grade) and Mackenzie (PK)

Treasurer: Craig Ames, parent to Preston (8th grade), Carson (7th grade), Hudson (6th grade) and Greyson (4th grade)

Secretary: Janet Yale, parent of Bailey Yale (7th grade)

Volunteer Coordinator: Brenda Achterhoff, parent of Bennet (4th grade) and Ayden (Kindergarten)