



Rooted in the Dominican Tradition since 1948!

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:

Aug 19: Decorating the float

Aug 20: Parade

**Aug 22: Curriculum Night 6:00 -
7:30 PM (Grades PK-5)**

Aug 24: Sports Mtg

**Aug 29: Curriculum Night 6-7:30
PM (Grades 6-8)**



It was wonderful to see the smiles on students' and parents' faces as we opened car doors this morning. The 2016-2017 school year is off to a great start.

A special welcome to all our new students and their families. Our faculty and staff were ready for our new school year to begin, especially our new staff: Mary Patricia Harms - Pre-Kindergarten, John Kastl - 6th Grade, and Jenny Schafer - Technology Specialist and Library. There were some changes in the building discovered at the ice cream social.

Middle school classrooms are all together and the lockers have been moved to the hallway. Pre-K has moved to the primary wing, third grade is in the main hallway next to fourth grade, and fifth grade is in the front hallway where their class is the first you pass as you enter from Mission Avenue. Although some things have changed, the most important things about St. Mary's School have been constant since its dedication in 1948. Namely, that we are rooted in the Dominican tradition. Our charisms include, "Veritas" or truth, learning, and service to others. As we move through the year, we will pray together the prayer written especially to remind us of our strong roots and devotion to our faith. Watch for opportunities to learn about how the Dominican Sisters served our community and how their dedication helped to create our wonderful school. Thank you for sharing your children with us.

Patricia Wallinger

-Dr. Trish Wallinger, Principal

New St. Mary's School Crest. Speaking of new this year, St. Mary's has a new school crest (please see top of newsletter). On your next visit to St. Mary's school, please stop by the bulletin board near the main office to see an explanation on some of our history you may not know. Thanks to the Menzel and Halliburton families for their work on this project.

Sports Registration. See attached flyer for girls' volleyball. Hard copies will go home on Thursday. Questions, please call Jen Kreps, the Sports Program Coordinator (402) 881-2576 or megjen992000@yahoo.com.

School Beacon Update. School Beacon is a great option for notifications - you will receive messages via text for fast breaking events such as snow, etc. Last year, parents were asked to register themselves. From this point forward, we will register all new families for the *Beacon*. For any new families that want to opt out and not get texts from the school, please call the office. For returning families, there's a presumption that if you didn't register, you didn't want to receive them. If this isn't the case and you need assistance getting assigned up, please let me know.

Preferred Method of Communication. Every Wednesday, St Mary's publishes a newsletter for our families. During on-line registration, families selected if they wanted to receive electronically or hardcopy. For this week, the newsletter will only come home electronically, but next week it will be sent as indicated by families. If you would like grandparents to receive the newsletter and other announcements, please call the office and we can add them to the distribution list.

School Pictures. Picture day will be Thursday, September 1st. Look for more information in upcoming newsletters.

Breakfast / Lunch Menu. Attached is the August menus. These are also always available on Sycamore and on the webpage under School Life/Cafeteria.

Summer Photo Contest Winner. Thanks to all who participated in the "Where Are Our St Mary's families spending their Summer Break?" Photo Contest. Congrats to the Kouba family, the winner of a \$25 SCRIP card to Marcus Theaters. Check out the fun stories on the school's facebook page.

Speaking of pictures....

First Day of School Pictures...we would love to see your first day of school pictures to share on our school facebook page and webpage. Please email to cathy.braxton@stmarysschool.com. What a fun way to celebrate our first day!

Girls Religious Awards Program. First meeting and registration for Girls Religious Awards Program was held on Sunday, August 14th from 6:00-7:15 P.M. in the Parish Center. The program will run through Sunday, November 13th. If interested, but missed info in previous email blast, please call Maria Reiter at 871-7099 or e-mail reiterr@cox.net.

Cub Scouting Sign Up Night. Interested in the Cub Scouts? Come check out St. Mary's Pack 305 at the sign-up night on Tuesday, August 23rd at 630pm. Flyer will go home tomorrow.

Home and School Association

Arrows to Aerospace Parade – this Saturday, August 20th

Come join us on **Saturday, August 20th**, for the annual Arrows to Aerospace parade. It's a St. Mary's tradition to walk in the parade and our goal is to get as much of our St. Mary's family together as possible for this fun event. For those new to the area, the parade route starts right in front of the school, heads eastbound down Mission Avenue, then turns north down Franklin, and finishes up at Washington Park. **We'll meet in the school parking lot that morning at 8:45 am.** We will have donuts and juice before the parade.

You may bring candy in buckets to hand out during the parade. You may also bring wagons and ride/pull them during the parade. We ask that there be **no bikes**. Wear St. Mary's gear or blue. Come out and show your support! Together we can have our best turnout yet! Please contact Janet Yale at 402-926-8910 with any questions!

Don't forget....This year we are going to have a float in the Arrows to Aerospace Parade and we need your help to decorate it. We will be meeting at the school on Friday, August 19 at 7pm. If you would like to help, please sign up on SignUp Genius ([link](#)) or contact Janet Yale (402-250-7190).

Thank you for your support! First, we would like to thank all those who came out to help us during our annual school cleanup this past weekend. With your time and talents, the task at hand was made so much easier. Cleaning, furniture assembly/moves, and outdoor yard/garden cleanup was accomplished. We are ready for the 2016-2017 school year.

Our annual **Ice Cream Social** was a blast! It was great to see all the students loaded with energy ready to start the school year. Special thanks to Miss Sheridan and her 8th grade class for helping with ice cream distribution and event clean-up. A big "thank you" to **Dairy Twist (Dan Kouba)** for generously supporting our event again this year.

Feel free to thank him in person next time you stop in.

