

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC
SCHOOL**

**Tuesday Times
October 20, 2020**



Leaves on the pumpkin.
Leaves on the tree.
Leaves on the house.
Leaves on me.
Leaves on the ground.
Leaves on the street.
Leaves on the car.
Leaves on my feet.
Leaves on the wagon.
Leaves on the bear.
Leaves on the dog.
Leaves EVERYWHERE!



WHAT'S NEW?

Please remember that this Thursday, October 22, and Friday, October 23, dismissal for students in K-8 will be at 1:30 p.m. There will be no After School Care for students in grades K-8. Thank you.

The SMS Junior Beta Club will be leading our school in celebrating Red Ribbon Week from Friday, October 23 through Friday, October 30. The red ribbon symbolizes a personal commitment to live a drug free life with the ultimate goal being the creation of a drug free America. Spirit Days will be celebrated throughout the week to send a strong message that SMS will remain drug free. The following outlines the Spirit Days:

**St. Mary's Beta Club is sponsoring Red Ribbon Week
October 23 through October 30**

Friday, October 23 - Proud to be Drug Free! - Red Day

For a donation of \$1.00, you are invited wear red to help kickoff Red Ribbon Week!

Monday, October 26 - Don't Let Drugs Make You Crazy! - Crazy Hair Day

Students are encouraged to wear their hair in a crazy style - spike it, braid it, tease it - you decide how crazy to make your do!

Tuesday, October 27 - Drugs mix you up! - Mis-matched and/or Backwards Day

Don't get mixed-up in drugs; your life will go backwards if you do. Pull out your plaids, your stripes, and your dots - you don't have to choose - wear them all together for a totally mixed-up look! Better yet - you can wear them backwards, too!

Wednesday, October 28 - Team Up Against Drugs!

Keep your head in the game; don't do drugs! Students are invited to wear their favorite team jersey, t-shirt, or sweatshirt. Top it all off with an awesome hat.

Thursday, October 29 - PJ Day - Follow Your Dreams - Don't Do Drugs!

Come as you wake! Stay cozy all day in your pajamas! Participating students are asked to bring in a donation of \$1.00.

Friday, October 30 - Drugs Are Scary!

Students are invited to wear those spooky Halloween colors to let everyone know that SMS is committed to staying drug free!

The following students will be making their First Holy Communion this Sunday, October 25th: Aubree Farrar, Alivia Korando, Kevin Korando, and Jackson Powell. We pray that they will remain as close to Jesus as they are on this day.

IMPORTANT – PLEASE NOTE:

Early Dismissal – Thursday, October 22 – No Aftercare for K-8

Early Dismissal – Friday, October 23 – No Aftercare for K-8

Friends of Mary Help of Christians Committee is sending home an important letter to K-8. We ask that everyone please read this information and respond as soon as possible but no later than Friday, October 30. Thank you!

Report Cards for K-8 will be sent home this week on Thursday, October 22nd.

THOUGHTS ON REPORT CARDS

Dear Mom, Dad, or Guardian,

I'm bringing home a "snapshot" of myself. This picture is a time exposure of me that's been developing during the past weeks. Considering my many likes and dislikes, my mood changes from day to day, I think it's a pretty good likeness of me.

When you see my snap shot, remember this is a report of someone near and dear to you. So, please don't get too uptight if you see a blemish. I hope you will accept me as I am.

Please do not picture me as being better than all the other children. Remember that all children do not learn to talk or walk at the same time, nor do they learn math and reading at the same time. I ask you not to compare me with my brother, my sister, or the kid next door. Please set realistic goals for me, but be careful not to push me to succeed at something that is beyond my ability. I really need you to help, guide, and encourage me to be my very best. I want you to understand that my report card is a picture of my school progress. My teacher knows me as I am at school. You know how I am at home. The "real" me is somewhere in between. When these two pictures become blended with acceptance and understanding, I hope my "snapshot" will be a shining portrait.

Love,
Your Child

We are also sending home the results of the ITBS Tests that the students (grades 1-8) took at the end of September. Please read the letter regarding these tests, and if you have any questions please contact your child's teacher.

If you have not yet sent in your \$10 (per child) for the K-8 holiday parties, please do so as soon as possible. We have begun making purchases for the Halloween parties and want to budget appropriately. Thank you for your prompt response!

PTO Needs Your Input

St. Mary's PTO is searching for fundraising ideas. With the current environment, we as an organization are limited in the ways we can fundraise for our school. If there is something you would like to see the group sell or participate in, please contact the school office or Dainelle Powell at 618-559-0555. Thank you so much for your continued support!

SMS BOOK FAIR IS GOING ON RIGHT NOW, JUST GO TO OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND HIT THE LINK TO START SHOPPING! HELP US EARN BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL!

REMINDERS:

Help PTO Fundraise with Gift Cards

Gift card fundraising is a great way to raise money for our school. Buy gift cards from your favorite brands to earn on your daily purchases. It's never been easier to create opportunities for what matters most to you. No extra money spent. No extra time wasted.

How it works:

- Buy gift cards at face value
- Earn up to 20% for our school on every gift card you buy
- Use gift cards at full value for your everyday purchases

Get started: Create an account on [the RaiseRight app](#) or at [ShopWithScrip.com](#) using our school's enrollment code: **69A199FD1LL98**

Seamlessly check out by securely paying online with a linked bank account or credit card.

Have questions? Contact: Brandy Maes @ 618-615-7020

CAN YOU HELP US?

Please continue to save and send in the following items: Box Tops for Education, Best Choice, and empty computer ink cartridges to the school office. For the Best Choice programs, please send in **ONLY** the UPC codes. We do not need the entire label. Your efforts with these fundraisers truly help our school. This does add up quickly and every little bit helps. We truly appreciate your efforts with these programs. Please know that your efforts do make a difference. Thank you so much.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...

...Please pray for Mrs. Zimmerman's husband who recently had surgery. We ask that God comfort him in his suffering and bring him strength and healing.

...Please continue to pray for Mrs. Fogerson's mother as she recuperates. We ask that she continue to gain strength and be restored quickly to health.

...We continue to pray for all those who have been affected by the Coronavirus...those who are ill, those who are suffering, those who have lost loved ones, and those who are financially burdened. We ask God to quickly heal the sick, bring comfort to those who have experienced the death of a loved one, and hope to those facing financial hardships.

THANK YOU...

...We thank everyone for their continued support of St. Mary's School!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 20	Day 1	
October 21	Day 2	Mass 9:00 a.m. Grades 5-8
October 22	Day 3	Early Dismissal 1:30 p.m. – No Aftercare for K-8 students.
October 23	Day 6	Red Ribbon Week – Wear Red -- \$1.00 Donation Early Dismissal 1:30 p.m. – No Aftercare for K-8 students.
October 26	Day 4	Red Ribbon Week – Crazy Hair Day School Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. School Cafeteria
October 27	Day 5	Red Ribbon Week – Mis-matched/Backwards Day
October 28	Day 1	Red Ribbon Week – Favorite Team – Bring Food Item for Food Pantry
October 29	Day 2	Red Ribbon Week – PJ Day -- \$1.00 Donation
October 30	Day 6	Red Ribbon Week – Halloween Colors Halloween Party Day