



# School Connections From the Principal's Desk September 2015

## Dates to Remember...

### September

- 1 – Open House/Tasty Tuesday/Home Volleyball  
Out of Uniform - Spirit Day
- 4 – Midterms
- 7 - Labor Day - No School
- 18 – Out of uniform day.  
Girl Scouts Join Night
- 27 – Fire Prevention Week
- 30 – First Reconciliation Parent Meeting - Church

### A Look Ahead:

- October 1 – Fireman visit to St. Mary's
- October 2 End of First Nine Weeks  
Fall Break begins at the end of the school day!

## OPEN HOUSE

6:00 – 8:00

5:30 – MASS AT CHURCH

5:30 – TASTY TUESDAY DOORS OPEN

6:00 – 7:00 - CLASSROOMS OPEN

6:45 – VOLLEYBALL GAME BEGINS

**\*Teachers may not be present in the rooms at all times. We all want to take some time for food, fun, and fellowship. Our "Swap Shop" will also be on display for those that are interested. We hope you enjoy this evening and are able to come and share a bit of your time with us.**

## Stewardship Pledge Cards

For parish families stewardship pledge cards were sent out to all parishioners at the same time this year. We need these to document the support that school families show towards the school. Many have already sent these in and we thank you for your quick response. If you have not turned in your pledge card yet, a new one can be sent home so that we have a response from each family. Please let us know if you did not receive a card in the mail or if you have misplaced the one you did receive. Thank you for your participation in this important ministry.

## Spirit Day!!!

In honor of our first home volleyball game....our Open House....and Tasty Tuesday....September 1<sup>st</sup> is "Spirit Day"! Students can be out of uniform and dress in gold and/or blue or in Knight's wear to show their SPIRIT!!!

## Don't Forget...

**Anyone who wishes to volunteer at St. Mary's or go on any fieldtrips during the school year has to complete training in our "Safe and Sacred" program.**

**This is a one time, online training that is required by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.**

**The program ensures that all adults having contact with our students are trained to know how to keep our children safe. In addition, it requires a background check and signing of a "code of conduct".**

**We value our volunteers and are blessed by so many people helping out with our school activities. We even added a few helpers in our cafeteria this year. We also know that we are fortunate that all those who work with our students care enough to complete this training. If you are a new volunteer or intend to go on any future fieldtrips and have not finished this step yet, please go to the following website and complete the training.**

[www.safeandsacred-archindy.org](http://www.safeandsacred-archindy.org)

**Thank you for your willingness to help and for your cooperation with this important policy.**

## Other tidbits...

\*Detergent order forms that were sent home can be returned to Carol Reed at the address listed on the order blank. Those that have already been returned to school will be forwarded to her as well. They are due to Carol by September 11<sup>th</sup>.

\*Opening school forms have been compiled and organized. If we are missing any of these forms, we will be sending home additional copies this week. Please complete these and send them back to school.

\*\*“One Call” is an automated calling system that alerts parents about school announcements such as closing in the case of inclement weather. We submit our list of numbers to Greensburg Schools and we are added to their calling list. We also post announcements on WTRE and some of the television stations. If you filled out the “One Call” form at the beginning of school, your number will be added to the list. Let us know if your wishes about phone notifications changes as the year progresses.

\*If you have been by the school lately, you have notice the construction for the church is coming along nicely. They still expect it to be complete by next summer and we are enjoying watching the progress. Every effort is being made to ensure that school is not interrupted and that your children are kept safe. Father John and I attend building meetings on a regular basis, and we have noticed that the contractors do a great job of working in a school setting and maintaining that safety standard.

\* At various times throughout the year St. Mary’s participates in health screenings to make sure our students are progressing as expected. We have already had a hearing screening, and vision screenings are given to some of our students later in the year as well. Suzi Johannigman helps with these along with keeping our health files up-to-date. Please make sure you send in any updated shot records so those can be added to your child/rens files. She works hard to keep track of things and we thank her for all her hard work!

## **Sports/Academic TEAMS!**

Congratulations to the following students who will be representing St. Mary’s at events this fall:

Volleyball – Isabella Bower, Ella Chapman, Maria Fogg, Abigail Hoeing, Caroline Kennelly, Jenna Kohrman, Cassie Kramer, Tinei Kramer, Loren Martin, Annaliese Nobbe, Allison Ripperger, and Emma Wilmer. The girls are coached by Jess Barker

Cross Country – Jack Cathey, Adam Hollowell, Natalie Kalinowski, Aubrey Kennelly, Adam Koester, Adam Maloney, Josh Schneider, Macy Simmonds, Macey Smith, Luke Stephens, Eric Stuehrenberg, Paul Stuehrenberg, Abe Tebbe, and Isaac Tebbe. These students are coached by Andy Fisse and Staci Schutte.

Spell Bowl – Clare Ginder, Aubrey Kennelly, Bryce Koors, Malana Kramer, Molly LIpps, Charlie Maloney, Kenlee Martin, Allison Peetz, Macey Smith, and Evie Vanderpohl. Our spellers are coached by Jenny Smith and Sue Myers.

**Good Luck TEAMS....WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!!!!.**