



ACADEMY NEWS

Our Mission Statement:

St. Mary's Academy promotes academic excellence within a Christ-centered Catholic community. Students from Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8 learn acceptance and appreciation of others and develop to their full potential within a nurturing, family environment."

Gospel Reflection

GOSPEL

Jesus came home with his disciples. Again the crowd gathered, making it impossible for them even to eat. When his relatives heard of this they set out to seize him, for they said, "He is out of his mind."

His mother and his brothers arrived. Standing outside they sent word to him and called him. A crowd seated around him told him, "Your mother and your brothers and your sisters are outside asking for you." But he said to them in reply, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking around at those seated in the circle he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

REFLECTION

We all have had "moments" with our own families. In this passage, Jesus, too, had a family that didn't always understand him. (To be fair, they were only trying to protect him from harm.) Yet, the image that Jesus uses for his companions and disciples is of a family. No family is perfect, as the Lord knows. Even with our own imperfections, we are invited to be his disciples and his brother, his sister, and his mother.

Important Dates:

June

- 8th - Grade 8 Graduation – We congratulate all of our 8th graders as they will be graduating this evening. They have worked very hard throughout their time spent at St. Mary's. They have grown spiritually, physically, and emotionally. We wish them the best as they now venture out into the world of high school. CONGRATULATIONS!
- 15th - Kindergarten graduation 9:00 a.m. - They have begun practicing a very special show for us.
- 18th - Pre-Kindergarten graduation 9:00 a.m. – They are also practicing their very special show for us.
- 19th - Talent Show 1:00 p.m. in the gym
- 19th - **Cleaning Day** - All students, grades 1-7 are allowed to wear their gym uniforms on Thursday, June 1 19th - This is traditionally known as our cleaning day. Students clean out their desks and help their teachers take down the room decorations in preparation for summer cleaning.
- 20th - Last day of school – Mass at 9:00 a.m. Dismissal at 11:30 a.m.

•Legacy Bricks – Order forms Due June 15th!

Have you seen the beautiful Legacy Bricks lining our front sidewalk? These were all purchased by SMA families, parishioners, and donors who want to honor or remember a loved one, commemorate a student's time at the Academy or advertise a local business. Each summer we personalize another batch and this summer is no exception. If you would like to purchase one for \$125, please fill out the attached form and return it to the front office. All brick purchases are 100% tax deductible. Not sure what to get your 1st communion student or graduating 8th grader or Pre-K Student? This would make an incredible gift! If you have any questions, please contact Jenna at banaitis@stmaryslongmeadow.org or 413.567.0907.

Principal's Message



I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all of their hard work and dedication this year. With everyone's help, we certainly have had an amazing school year. So many activities happened this year.... First we celebrated an incredible birthdate—St. Mary's (School) Academy celebrated our 50th year!!!! So many students throughout the course of these 50 years have been educated here. So many friendships, as alumni, that are still as strong today as if they were still attending the academy and sitting next to their best friend. So many alumni went on to be so successful in their chosen careers. It is always so exciting to read about them or to visit with them when they come back. Having the Class of '79 visit this past Fall was such a reminder of how strong the bonds are here at our school.

So much to look forward to.... We are so excited about the beginning of our newest program this Fall, our Pre-K 3 students. There has been such a wonderful interest in this program and we are so excited to see it begin. We are also so excited to see the newest of playgrounds come to fruition, our Pre-K/K playground. We are equally excited to see our new 8th graders take on the added responsibilities of being the oldest, being our new leaders.

Fair Share Opportunities:

It is important that all families fulfill their financial commitment to St. Mary's Academy prior to the end of the school year. We still have outstanding tuition, Extended Day, and Fair Share dollars. I am requesting that all bills are paid in full before the close of the last day of school. Report Cards will be distributed to students whose families have met their financial obligations. Please contact Joan MacDonald with any concerns.

FALL SOCCER

Fall 2018 Soccer Registration:

Fall 2018 registration is now open! We know the beginning of each school year is overwhelming with information and paperwork, so to avoid adding one more item on your list, we are opening up Fall Soccer registration now. Please see attached forms to fill out. If you have any questions, please contact Lindsay at heyshonak@comcast.net.



Thank you to the Parent Association and their many volunteers!!! We had such a wonderful Field Day once again this year. It was so nice to see the many new games for the students to participate in. It was also so wonderful to enjoy such a great show in the afternoon. We are all so grateful for all the hard work and dedication necessary for this day to be so successful!!!