



ACADEMY NEWS



St. Mary's Academy Weekly Newsletter

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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

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed, saying: "Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me. Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me. I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them.

REFLECTION

Consider how many lives we touch. Not only do we have an impact on the lives of our families but also our friends and acquaintances. Think about everyone who is in relationship with us. Pray that all might one day – be the example of Christ's love – be one.

Important Dates:

- Monday, June 3rd is Field Day. Please make sure to send your child/children with sunscreen, a hat, water bottle, sneakers and gym uniform shorts. Students should also wear their field day t-shirts which will be sent home today.
- Mr. Gurt has been working with some students for our Talent Show on Tuesday, June 11th at 1:00 p.m. The students will all gather in the gym to watch their fellow students perform. This is a casual event and a great activity as we look toward the end of the school year. Please join us if you are available.
- **Cleaning Day** - All students, grades 1-7 are allowed to wear their gym uniforms on Wednesday June, 16th. 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.
- For students in grades 1-7, our last day together will be Thursday, June 13th. Our 1st grade class will begin working at preparing the Mass for us to celebrate together. Please join us at 9:00 a.m. for our final school year Mass. The official dismissal time will be at 11:30, but parents may sign out their children after Mass.

Principal's Message



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 jbanaitis@stmaryslongmeadow.org or 413.567.0907.
- We congratulate all of our 8th graders as they will be graduating next Thursday evening, June 6th at 7:00 p.m. They have worked very hard throughout their time here at St. Mary's. They have grown spiritually, physically, and emotionally. They have been there for each other and have made incredible friendships. We wish them the best as they now venture out into the world of high school. CONGRATULATIONS!
- Our Kindergarten graduation and last day will be on Friday, June 7th at 9:00 a.m. They have begun practicing a very special show for us.
- Our Pre-Kindergarten graduation and last day will be on Monday, June 10th at 9:00 a.m. They are also practicing their very special show for us.

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.

Field Day reminders for volunteers- Monday, June 3rd:

- Wear gym shorts and field day shirts (will go home prior to field day)
- Wear sunscreen, water bottles and hats (please label)
- Lunch will be provided (hamburgers and hot dogs)
- All volunteers must check-in at the main office foyer to receive your lanyard for the day.
- Volunteers *should park in the street*, not the parking lot. The parking lot will be used for activities throughout the day.

Field Day Parking for Pick Up:

- At the end of every field day, we have a show for the kids to enjoy that we bring in from the outside. This year, the show will be held in the parking lot, so we are asking all parents to refrain from pulling in the lot until the show is over, which should be no later than 2:15pm. Please plan accordingly on field day, June 3rd. Thank you for understanding.



- I would like to thank Ms. Gregoire and all of our students for an amazing 7th Annual Art Show. We had many families join us. The gym was transformed into a wonderful art museum, displaying pieces of our students work. Many people commented on the uniqueness and tremendous talents of the students.
- I would like to thank Mrs. Widmer, Ms. Quinn, Mrs. Matte, and Ms. Eak along with all of the parents and students who participated in our first Cultural Fair. So many people brought such amazing food and students were so prepared to speak about their heritage. It was an amazing time!
- Thank you to all of our students, faculty, staff, and parents who participated in the celebration for Miss Leclair. I truly believe we showed her how special she is to us. I am sure she was so pleased with the wonderful party we had in her honor.

