

# From the Principal



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## Mission Statement:

Under the protection of Jesus and the Blessed Mother, and guided by the Holy Spirit, St. Mary Catholic School is a faith centered academic community that encourages service to God and others and strives to form the hearts, minds and souls of our students in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Faith.

Happy New Year!

Welcome back and welcome to the 3rd quarter! I trust that you and your family had a joyful Christmas break. I am looking forward to the second half of the school year with your children. I wanted to take a moment to thank you for the thoughtful Christmas gifts that many of you gave to me. I appreciate your kindness.

## Grades

The grades will open again in FastDirect tomorrow, January 7th for grades 2nd-8th. This is when you will be able to see your child's report card. Kindergarten and first grade report cards will be sent through FastDirect email. Please review the report card carefully and contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns you may have. Hopefully your child has already set 3rd quarter goals. I encourage you to review these goals with

your child often during the 3rd quarter to help them successfully reach these goals.

## BirthDay Spirit Day

BirthDay Spirit Day for our January birthdays will take place tomorrow, January 7th. If your child celebrates a birthday in January, they may wear a spirit shirt tomorrow with their uniform bottom.

## January Lunch Orders

The January lunch orders were sent to you via FastDirect on Monday. Please have these orders completed and returned to our school office by the end of the day Wednesday. Please remember to put your child's name on the order form!

Remember that all school lunches are free until the end of the 2020-2021 school year, so do not send any payment.

## Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week is a national celebration of our Catholic Schools. This year's celebration will begin on Sunday, January 31st and end on Friday, February 5th. This year will look differently as many of our traditional celebrations will not take place. The PTO, SAC, teachers, staff and I are planning events that will be fun for all and will continue to help us celebrate the gift of our Catholic school! Once we know more about what this week will look like, I will share the schedule with you.

## Martin Luther King Jr. Day

There will be no school on Monday, January 18th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Please mark your calendars.

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## Upcoming Events:

- January 7– Grades open on FastDirect
- January 7– Birthday Spirit Day
- January 10– Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
- January 12– PTO Meeting via Zoom 6:30pm
- January 16– 3rd Grade Confessions 10am in the church
- January 18– No School– Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- January 20– Confirmation Rehearsal 6pm
- January 21– Spirit Day
- January 24– Confirmation and First Communion 1pm
- January 31-February 6– Catholic Schools Week

**“Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means “God is with us.” Matthew 1:23**

## STAR Assessments

The STAR Assessments have taken the place of the Iowa Assessments in the Archdiocese of Denver. The STAR Assessments test reading and math skills. These tests are taken 3 times during the year by 2nd -8th grade students in the Archdiocese of Denver Catholic School System.

The first assessment took place in September. The next window is January 4th-February 4th. The third and final testing window is May 3rd-June 4th. These tests are used primarily for comparing individual, school and system scores over a period of several years. We also use these scores at St. Mary as a progress monitor

throughout the school year.

## Ways to Support Your Child

1. Avoid absences during these weeks.
2. Ensure your child has a healthy breakfast each day.
3. Ensure your child gets plenty of rest.

## Quarterly Tuition Past Due!

A reminder that if you pay tuition quarterly, your December payment is now past due! If you haven't made your payment, please do so right away. If there is a problem making this payment, please contact Mrs. Bornhoft or Mrs. Benke as soon as possible. Thank you!



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Notice of Student Non-Discrimination Policy The Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Denver, under the jurisdiction of Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila, S.T.L. and at the direction of the Superintendent, state that all of their Catholic schools admit students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the schools. Furthermore, Archdiocesan schools admit disabled students in accord with the policy on Admissions in the Archdiocese of Denver Catholic Schools Administrator's Manual. These schools do not discriminate on the basis of race, age, disability, color, and national or ethnic origin in the administration of their educational policies, employment practices, scholarship and loan programs, athletic or other school-administered programs.

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