

Saint Mary's Catholic School



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Dear Parents,

It is that time of year when planning is underway for the new school year beginning in August. The 2017-2018 calendar is enclosed. The calendar was aligned with St. Joseph's High School and Greenville County Schools as much as possible. Events are subject to change throughout the year, so please check the Weekly Quacker and the Google Calendar for updates.

We will begin our new school year on August 21, 2017 at 8:00am with Mr. Steven Zimmerman as our new Principal. We are all looking forward to welcoming Mr. Zimmerman to St. Mary's and have lots of plans to make his introduction to everyone very special. You will be advised of these activities as plans are completed.

All students will go home on the first day of school, Monday, August 21 at Noon with a special "Eclipse Bag" provided by our PTO. The bag will include a pair of viewing glasses and special instructions for viewing the eclipse.

Some changes for the 2017-2018 school year include a change in starting time to 8:00am. This will enable the Middle School to have a designated Home Room period and allow the younger grades to have a longer recess. Ending time for the school day will remain at 3:00pm. Drop off in the morning will begin at 7:20am in Sacred Heart Hall for K3, Gallivan Hall for K4-5th grades, and Pazdan Hall for 6th-8th grades.

Another change is that the Diocese has replaced Iowa Testing with MAP Testing (Measures of Academic Progress). MAP will be administered three times per year and will provide current progress information to you and to your child's teacher. We will conduct an initial trial in the beginning of May. In August, all teachers will receive in-depth training and will be provided continued professional development in order to utilize the MAP results for the benefit of our students.

Progress Reports will only be issued during the Parent-Teacher Conferences in September. Grades are always available online and formal grade reports will be issued electronically at the end of each quarter.

Thank you again for your support of our efforts at St. Mary's. You are appreciated for all you do. The Faculty and Staff join me in wishing you a restful vacation and a Blessed Easter.

Mrs. Patricia Lanning

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Interim Principal



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