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Rejoice and Be Glad!

We had a wonderful PTU meeting last night! Lots of energy so should be a great year for our students.

Breakfast begins - Monday, September 17, we are excited to begin serving breakfast each morning from 7:15 a.m. - 7:35 a.m. Keep in mind, breakfast will only be served until 7:35 a.m.

Grandfriends Day - Look in today's folder for the flier regarding Grandfriends' Day. Please return the tear off sheet by Wednesday, September 19.

Many important dates . . .

- ★ **September 13** - 6:00 p.m. - Band meeting for students interested in joining band
- ★ **September 14** - 8:30 a.m. - All School Mass
- ★ **September 16** - 9:30 a.m. - Mass - Catechetical Sunday - Celebrate with our teachers - reception to follow in the Weigand Room
- ★ **September 17** - Breakfast begins
  - LifeWorks - Choose Life! program begins for Grades 6-8
- ★ **September 19** - 7:00 p.m. - Confirmation meeting for parents and students - Weigand Room
- ★ **September 21** - 8:30 a.m. - All School Mass with Grandfriends followed by an activity until 11:00 a.m.
  - **Early Dismissal** - 1 p.m.
- ★ **September 21 - 23** - Apple Festival - Look for the St. Mary School booth - Volunteers are needed
- ★ **September 24** - 6:30 p.m. - Grade 6 Bible Service - Upper Church
- ★ **September 28** - 8:30 a.m. - Mass - Grades 1 - 8
  - Inservice day for kindergarten and preschool teachers - no school for preschoolers and kindergartners

Have a great week!

~ Ms. Urig

September 12, 2018

Dear Students and Parents,

¡Hola! My name is Jill Breton and I am the Spanish teacher at St. Mary School this year. I work for a company called Viva Spanish, which sends teachers into schools to teach the Spanish language and culture to students in grades K through 8. I love to incorporate music, games, motion and technology into my lessons. I'm very excited to pass along my passion for Spanish language and culture and to begin a new school year!

My goals this year are:

- to expose students to the Spanish language and culture
- to increase the interest, motivation and confidence of students learning a foreign language.
- to make language learning meaningful and enjoyable for all students.
- to help the students develop listening and speaking skills in Spanish.

I will be following the Viva Spanish! Curriculum, which cycles through important content for the early language learner. This curriculum strives to solidify a concrete base in the language that will prepare them for high school learning and beyond.

K-3rd Grade: The focus is on building vocabulary and developing the basics in interpersonal communication.

4th-5th Grade: The vocabulary is reinforced, and communication skills sharpened, while introducing some of the basic grammar concepts of the language.

6th-8th Grade: Students use their knowledge of vocabulary and apply it with grammatical concepts, refining their listening and speaking skills and becoming competent at reading and writing in the language. *Upon completion of the 6-8 program, students will have learned from an entire Spanish 1 curriculum, and may consider testing into High School Spanish Level 2.

Spanish is a class that is meant to be fun and engaging, but does require students to practice outside of the classroom in order to achieve mastery. Please encourage your student to practice outside of class; repetition and reinforcement are crucial in the process of language learning.

Expectations for students in Spanish class:

1. Listen.
2. Participate.
3. Complete all classwork.
4. Turn your homework in on time. Homework is given so you can practice Spanish during the week and to identify what questions you may have about the concepts. This will assist you in increasing your Spanish language skills.
5. Bring your materials to class each week:
   For 4th and 5th grades: Viva Spanish Workbook and a pencil.

   For 6th- 8th grades: a folder, notebook, pencil, and Voces log in.

6. If you are absent, it is your responsibility to find out what classwork, homework or quizzes were missed.

Grading:

As we progress through the year, your student will be evaluated based on their content mastery as well as engagement and effort in the classroom.

K through 3rd grade will be graded using the O, S, N, and U Scale:

Grades will be based upon Class Participation and Behavior according to St. Mary's behavior rules.

4th through 8th grades will receive a letter grade according to St. Mary's grading system and is based on the following:

Class Participation, Classwork and Behavior:	60% of total grade*
Homework:	20% of total grade (graded for completion and turned in on time; partial credit will be given if turned in no later than two weeks.)
Tests/Quizzes:	20% of total grade (6th through 8th grades will have a quiz almost every week and a take home test after each unit. 4th and 5th grades will have a quiz when new vocabulary introduced and a test after each unit.)

***Grading Rubric for Class Participation, Classwork and Behavior (60% of total grade):**

A student will receive a 10 each week To earn their 10 points, students need to come to class prepared, be ready to learn, stay on task and actively engage in class. Because the class is only once per week, participation and class engagement are a large part of student evaluation. Encourage your child to be prepared and actively participate in class.

A student will receive a 9.3 if they are off task, not prepared for class, if homework is not turned in on time or if they do not have their Voces log in to do classwork and quizzes.

A student will receive an 8.5 if they are talking too much, being disruptive, impeding learning of others, not doing their classwork, not following instructions the first time they are given, using a Chromebook when not allowed to do so, getting up out of their seat, or for any other reason for which they would receive a white slip or violation.

About Me: I started learning Spanish in seventh grade, studied at the Universidad de Salamanca, Spain for a semester in college where all of my classes were in Spanish and earned a B.S. Degree in Marketing and a Spanish minor from Penn State University. I enjoy working with the students at St. Mary School and seeing them grow in their language abilities!

If you have any questions, comments or feedback, please feel free to contact me at:
jbreton@smselyria.org

I look forward to a great school year!

Saludos/regards,

Señora Jill Breton

Parents & Guardians:

You indicated that you do not wish to receive paper copies of the SMS Wednesday folders. There will be times when paper copies are unavoidable and will be inserted in your child(ren)'s folders, i.e., items that need to be returned to school, lunch menus, etc.,

If you find paper copies in the folders, please remember to also check the website: http://www.stmarycatholicschoolelyria.com to make sure you have all the information for the week. Thank you.

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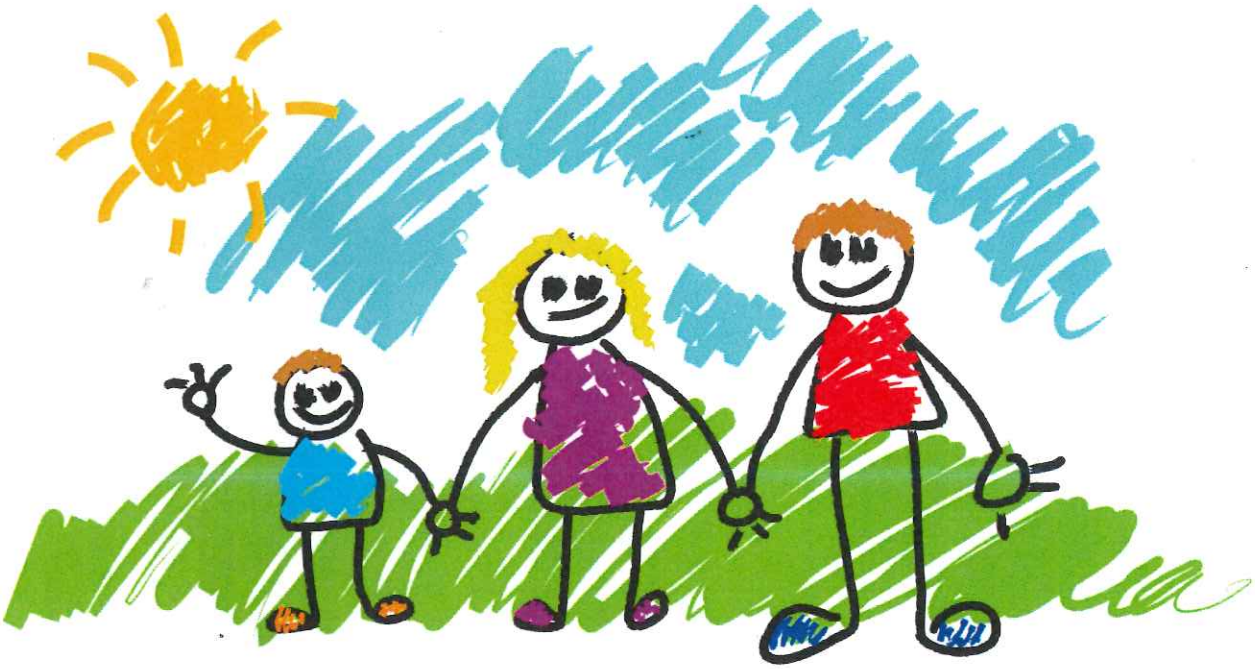

Grandfriends' Day

Friday, September 21, 2018 - 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

8:30 Mass followed by activities in the Parish Hall

RSVP by September 19

All grandparents and grandfriends are welcome!

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Student's name(s): _____ **Grade(s):** _____

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_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

Number of grandfriends attending: _____

St. Mary School Library
Library Book Permission Slip 2018 – 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The students at St. Mary School love books and reading. We have a wonderful collection of books for them to enjoy. This year we are having all students return a permission slip allowing them to check out books and magazines from the SMS library.
We encourage students to check out library books to extend their enjoyment of reading. Some classrooms require students to have a book on hand for quiet reading time.
It is their responsibility to return the books they borrow, so that other children have the opportunity to enjoy the same book. If your child doesn't return his/her library book, he/she will not be permitted to check out another until the library has received the book or has been reimbursed for the lost or damaged item.
Together we can help your child develop a love of reading as well as responsible habits in the care and use of books. Please discuss the importance of library responsibility with your child.
Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

I hope your child has a wonderful year at SMS!

Kelly Copa
Librarian
kcopa@smselyria.org
(440)322-2808

Library Hours:
Wed. & Fri. 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Please detach and return the bottom portion to Mrs. Copa as soon as possible.
This form must be returned before your student can take books home.

_____ I give my child permission to borrow library books, and I understand and accept the responsibility to pay for lost or damaged books.

_____ No, I do not want my child to check out books from the SMS Library.

Student's Name: _____

Teacher/Room# _____

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Parent/Guardian Name: (Please print)

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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The Scholastic Book Fair is coming !!!!

The theme this year is:

Enchanted Forest
Let Your Imagination Grow!

As always we are in need of volunteers for this event. I need people to help set-up the book fair (Good chance to get a sneak peek at all the great selections), to help students with wish lists during the book fair, and for general assistance during the different hours we will be open. Please fill out the section below and return it to Mrs. Copa by Oct. 1, 2018. Again, thank you for offering your time to the library and to the student's at St. Mary School. As an incentive, all adult volunteers will receive a 10% off their purchases.

Thank you.

Name:_____ Phone:_____

Do you text? Yes or NO

	Day	Time
_____	Fri.. Oct. 5th –Set-up (after school)	_____
_____	Sun. Oct.. 7th – 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	_____
_____	Wed. Oct. 10th – 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	_____
_____	Thurs. Oct. 11th – 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.	_____
_____	Thurs. Oct. 11th 5:30 - ? Take down fair	_____

Return to the library

SPECIAL EXTENDED DAY FUN LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

NEXT WEDNESDAY!

Come meet Andy the ambulance, tour the ambulance and meet some EMTs!!

I would like to announce our 1ST activity on Wednesday September 19,2018 at 2:45p.m. It is being offered through the Extended Day Program. We will learn about safety, meet Andy the ambulance, and tour the ambulance. If you are part of Extended Day that day, the safety program is free, but, if not stay with your child and enjoy the activity, for free.

Thank you again for your involvement in our program.

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Join Us for a fun Saturday without the kids to enjoy good friends, good food, and great wine!

Each reservation gets you a bottle of wine from Matus

Along with your reservation, PTU is providing a

Food Bar, Raffle Baskets, 50/50 Raffle, and a chance to win a door prize

**Food Bar includes Taco Bar, food trays, salad, desserts, and non-alcoholic beverages such as water and soda*

Ticket Prices…

$25.00 - if attending, includes; choice of a bottle of wine from Matus, and access to the food bar, raffles and door prize

$20.00 - if you cannot attend, but would like a ticket for the event, which includes a bottle of wine from Matus.

All reservations must be pre-paid by Oct 5th. Reservations will also be available after Masses the weekend before the event

Tickets will be provided at the door. Attendees must be age 21 or older.

Matus Winery can re-seal non-empty wine bottles intended for travel.

Please note: St Mary PTU does not accept the responsibility of additional purchases during the event. Any sales conducted between an individual and Matus Winery is the sole responsibility of the purchaser.

If you would like to make a change to a reservation or if you have questions, you may contact Amy Taylor at 216-219-0560.

Matus Winery Reservation – Please return to Amy Taylor by Oct. 5th					
Name:		Ph Nbr: *Text: Y / N*			Payment
Yes, I'm attending the Event		# attending		x $25.00	$
I cannot attend, but would like my bottle of wine…		# of tickets		x $20.00	$
				Total $ Included	
Leave any comments or questions here, and Amy Taylor respond back to you via call or text.					