

Principal's Letter

September 23, 2011

Dear Parents,

With the new school year in full swing and the children settling into their daily routines, I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some St. Mary's Academy news.

I would like to thank the parents, teachers, and students for the warm welcome to the St. Mary's Academy family. The incredibly dedicated faculty and staff truly make this a unique and special place to learn and grow. First and foremost, we are a Catholic School whose identity is evident throughout the building and among those who work here. I am grateful for the opportunity to share my strong faith on a daily basis and touch the lives of your children.

We begin our school year with the character virtue of Friendship. Each month we will highlight a different virtue that will be taught throughout the month. Our "Flavors of St. Mary's" bulletin board and ice cream cones throughout the building emphasize our virtues.

Our annual Curriculum night will be held on Wednesday, September 28th at 7:00 P.M. We will begin in the Gathering Space for a short presentation and then you will have a chance to visit your child's classroom. All special area teachers will be available to meet you as well.

Bishop Ludden will make a short presentation at the next PTA meeting that will be held on Wednesday, October 12th at 7:00 P.M. If you are considering a future at Bishop Ludden, you may be interested in hearing about their school and what they have to offer.

We encourage everyone to join us at the PTA meetings and consider becoming involved in the activities here at school. The meetings will be held the second Wednesday of every month at 7 P.M. in the school cafeteria.

School pictures will be taken by WMF photography on Friday, October 21st. Retakes are scheduled for Tuesday, October 25th. Students may “dress up” that day.

Parents have been working very hard to organize our uniform exchange program. Even if you do not have a uniform to “exchange” please come in if you need any kind of uniform. All uniforms are laundered and in good repair.

We will continue to offer the students N.U.T. cards, however, the criteria for receiving one may have changed. Therefore, we will not accept N.U.T. cards or snack cards from last year. New cards will be issued.

When a dress down day is offered, please refer to the website for specific information for that event. Only uniform shorts during “casual” times will be allowed. Short shorts, cargo shorts and basketball type shorts are not acceptable.

I encourage all of you to visit our web site at www.smabville.org for the most up to date information about our school. You will find this website very helpful and there is a direct link to your child’s classroom. All communication to you will also be available on the website.

In closing, I would like to thank those of you who helped to make our first chicken barbecue a wonderful success. We raised \$2,634! After expenses, we had \$815 to go toward our beautification project! We look forward to another event in the spring.

Thank you for your support and your trust. Your children are truly special gifts from God that we will nurture, support, and teach every moment they are in our care.

Peace and Grace <>< ,

Mrs. Renae Henderson
Principal