

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his path”. John 3:4

Dear Families,

Some of students last spring participated in the Pray For and Honor Our Diocesan Clergy and Religious art contest for the Serran Vocations Calendar. Congratulations to Evelyn Lavey, her art work was selected for the month of August.

A few of our students from our Lego Robotics team presented at the School Council meeting last week. Students did a great job explaining aspects of the competition and welcomed questions from the Council. The team competed this past Saturday in Pellston, MI where they placed 19 out of 26 – the first time our school has participated in the regional event and mentor Wendy Aikens said it was a great learning experience for the team. Many thanks to Rusty Aikens, Wendy Hughes, and Kathy Spencer who mentored the team.

Progress Reports go home today. If progress is not where you would like it to be, please speak with your child and reach out to your child’s teacher. Thank you.

Preschool Development: It is a very exciting time at St. Mary’s. The planning for an all-day preschool has been in the making for approximately a year and a half. We surveyed preschool parents, who welcomed the idea of an all day, 4-year-old program. The St. Mary’s Preschool Program, starting 2019-2020, will be returning to a **4-year old program**, but an **all-day, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., 5-days-a-week program**. Students must be 4 years old by September 1st of that calendar year. An additional change is removing the Montessori piece as it traditionally is a three-year process with a year dedicated to each of the age groups: 3, 4, and 5 years. The last piece, year three, under the Montessori way has been missing since its inception at St. Mary’s in 2014 because we have not offered the third year. Due to this, Highscope is the preschool curriculum of choice for the incoming year; it is researched based, teacher training is often offered locally as well as online, and will provide for a smooth transition into our traditional Kindergarten. Tuition is set at \$3,572.00; a very reasonable hourly rate of \$2.83. Enrollment will begin when we return from break, January 2, 2019.

Advent Penance Service:

Tuesday, December 11th, 7:00 p.m. – St. Kateri, Bay Mills

Wednesday, December 12th, 7:00 p.m. – St. Ignatius Loyola, St. Ignace

School Penance Service: Wednesday, December 12th, 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 13th, 6:30 p.m. – Holy Name of Mary, SSM

God bless,

Hedy A. Yanni
Principal

Looking Ahead:

We have two programs next Thursday, December 20th. We appreciate the students working so diligently to put on these programs, but a little extra down time between the shows may come as a nice welcome to families, so please know students are welcome to leave; approximately 2:00 pm. **If you plan to have your child(ren) leave at 2:00, please email the teacher(s)**. Thank you. As a reminder, the After School Program will not be held on the 20th due to the Christmas Program.

December 10, 2018



School Office Hours:
Monday-Friday
7:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

Third Sunday of Advent:
December 16th

Progress Reports Issued:
Monday, December 10th

Christmas Program:
December 20th, 1:00 pm
(grandparent show) and
6:00 pm (school families) –
two shows due to maximum
number allowed in
gymnasium. Students may
leave after the 1:00 pm
program – parent discretion –
after school program will not
be held due to the evening
program.
Students are to arrive, back in
their classrooms, no later
than 5:45 p.m.

Color Day and Early
Dismissal: Friday, December
21st, 11:00 am



Saints Snapshots

