



St. Mary Catholic Schools

Grades P3-5

St. Gabriel Elementary Campus
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St. Margaret Mary Weekly Update August 31, 2016

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Important Dates

9/2/16 Liturgy 8:00

9/5/16 No School

9/6/16 SMM Parent Night 6:30pm

9/8/16 Hooked on Hooping Program

9/9/16 Liturgy 8:00-Mrs. Zeinert's Class

9/10/16 Virtus Training

Welcome to a New School Year!

We are off to a great start. The school year began with a prayer service and introduction of new students.

Pictures have been taken, all students will be receiving an order form in their backpack very soon.

Please note the new location of our school office, immediately to your left as you enter the front doors of the school.

3rd Graders Learn about the Flag

This week our 3rd graders learned about the American Flag. Students practiced raising and lowering the flag, folding the flag and the importance of respect. Beginning next week 3rd graders will be responsible for raising and lowering our school flag.



Reading Tips for Pre-readers: Preschool-K

Children's names are the most powerful tool to help begin your child into reading! With your child, using a variety of home objects such as Q-tips, paperclips, Legos, playdough, sand dough, shaving cream, etc. Build, trace, draw or write your child's name with them. Take time to look at each letter. How many big lines, small lines, big curves or little curves does it have? After you write your child's name, touch each letter, trace each letter as you say the name of the letter together.

Other activities: while taking a walk, look for letters, numbers. While driving, see how many signs they can recognize? Such as McDonalds, Target, Walmart, etc.

Most importantly is to READ to your child! Their listening vocabulary grows quicker than their speaking, writing and reading. This is where all the great foundations of a strong reader begin. Next week-tips for older students

Food Service

SMCS Food Service Director Lynn Graves recently shared a [back-to-school message for school families](#). Please read this important letter for information about our food service program and the USDA's new prices for school lunches.

Scouts

As the school year approaches we look to start new scout groups. **New this year cub scouts starts as an option for incoming Kindergarteners.** We will be having a meeting for all boys and parents new to scouting for all levels starting in Kindergarten through 5th grade. Even if you joined in the spring this meeting would be beneficial.

What: New to Scouting Meeting

When: Wednesday, August 31

Where: St. Gabriel Stingle Hall

Time:6-7pm

Who: YOU and your SCOUT

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