



St. Mary Cathedral School

Mission Statement

Our Mission is to serve God by providing a challenging academic education integrated with Catholic values and morals developing the whole person spiritually, intellectually, physically, and socially.



August

Reminders:

Aug. 14

Sunday Open House
12:30—1:30 at St. Mary School

Aug. 15

Feast of the Assumption of Mary

Aug. 16

First half-day of school
8:00—11:30 No after school care

Aug. 17

First full day of school!
8:00—3:00 (Bring lunch!)

Aug. 19

All School Mass 8:15 Please wear your official uniform.

Aug. 20

Kindergarten and 1st Gr. parent parties 7:00—9:00 9Irish Bros. E.

Aug. 24

PTO Back to School Night

Aug. 26

All School Mass 8:15 Please wear your official uniform.

Aug. 27

2nd and 3rd Gr. parent parties
7:00—9:00 @ 9Irish Bros. East

He shepherds.

We shape.

They shine.

Strong Catholic Formation

High academic standards

Accessibility

Positive Christian Environment

Excellent teachers and facilities



✠ Welcome to a new school year! The teachers and staff have been working hard to get the school ready for everyone! You are all welcome to come see your classroom, meet your teacher, and see some old and new friends at our **Open House on Sunday, August 14th, from 12:30 to 1:30.** The children may bring their school supplies and put them in their new classroom so they are ready for

the first day of school on Tuesday, August 16th. We will have tables set up in the gym for parents to sign up for various activities and to find answers to any questions you may have. You will receive a more detailed calendar during the first week of school, but here are a few important dates to be aware of. We are looking forward to a wonderful year.

✠ As you prepare to adjust back to school routine, remember to give your brain and body plenty of sleep so you are ready to learn. Read a bedtime story and say a nighttime prayer to Jesus with your family before you fall asleep. What a great way to end the day and prepare for a successful school year ahead!



✠ Please remember that you are always able to access our supply list and uniform code information on our website. Go to <http://www.lcss.org> and click on St. Mary. You will find all the links you need along the left side to help you with your before school preparations! Uniforms are available at Many Things just off Creasy Lane. Please remember shoes are solid colors. Thank you!

✠ There will be no hot lunches until September. **Please bring your lunch!**

✠ There is **NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE** on Tuesday, 8/16.

Loving God,
bless this journey of a new school year.
Refresh our souls and renew our spirits.
We welcome families who are new to our school community and ask that you bless them, and all those who are returning to our St. Mary family. Lord, bless our students, and guide them to return to school with open hearts and minds eager to learn.
We ask this in Your name. Amen.



Check out these Websites!



Here are some fun ways to get your brain ready for school!

<http://www.funbrain.com>

<http://funschool.kaboose.com>

<http://starfall.com>

Morning Drop-off Procedure

In order for our drop-off to run smoothly and safely for all of our parents and children, it is critical that *everyone* follows the same procedures. Please pull your car forward as far as possible, let your child open their door and proceed out of the car and around to the tunnel doors. It is very important that **no parent gets out of the car** in the drop-off lane closest to the curb. If you must get out of the car, please park in a parking spot in the center of the lot and walk your child to the sidewalk or into the building.

While we all understand that a good-bye kiss and hug is very important, we ask that you do this before you get in the car at

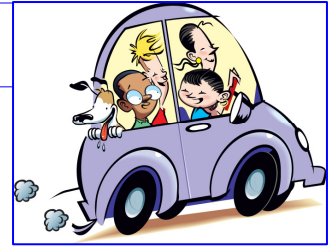
home, or park in the lot and walk your child into school and say your good-byes there. It causes severe disruptions and delays when you get out of the car in the drop-off lane by the curb to say your good-byes, and especially if you wait while watching your child walk around the church building. Please be considerate to those who are waiting behind you and help us keep the line moving as quickly as possible. It is upsetting to be caught in a line that is not moving as it should.

It is also important that **no parents pull up along the curb on South Street** to drop their children off on this busy street. It makes it difficult for the parents exiting the parking lot, and it is not safe to have

the children walking along the sidewalk on

South Street. This is also the parking for the teachers as they need to keep the lot open for parents, and so they can be closer when carrying their loads of materials!

There will be an adult outside helping to open the doors and to help the children out of the cars so parents can stay inside and drive away as quickly as possible to keep things moving. Thank you for helping us to make the morning drop-off a positive experience for all.



After School Dismissal Procedure

It is important to avoid too many people congregating in certain areas and to avoid children running near the moving cars. Please look over the dismissal procedures so we can make a safe, orderly dismissal for everyone!

If you come early and want to park in the lower lot, please **back your car into the parking space** so you are able to drive out easily after picking up your child. We know the lines are not clearly marked so we hope to get cones out there to help with knowing where not to park.

We know that dismissal is a great time to socialize with other parents. We encourage you to come early to do this. When the children start to come out, we are asking that you take your child and safely depart.

The best parking lot for socializing would be the bottom lot since it has more spaces and it does not back onto South Street – which is a state highway.

If you want to socialize on the upper lot, please **gather on the bricks** by the entrance to the Bishop's Memorial Hall doors. This will allow us to get the children in place on the sidewalk along the church without the extra crowds. We don't want to lose anyone!

The teachers will each walk their classes outside. The **Bottom Lot** children will go first led by one teacher from each grade down the steps to the lower lot.. The **Upper Lot** children will follow behind and proceed to their designated area to wait for their parents to come take them by the hand and lead them safely to their car.

Once you see your child and the teacher has stopped in their spot, please come take your child's hand and walk him or her safely to the car where they can buckle in and be ready for take-off!

Please do **not drive up to the sidewalk** and ask your child to get in the car. That disrupts the flow of traffic and is not safe for others who are trying to walk or drive around you. If there is no spot available, you may need to pull out, drive around the block, and come back in the lot to find a space if you want to stay on the top lot.

Our children are young and they often act without thinking first. It is our goal for dismissal to be a safe and orderly time for everyone concerned.