



## Saint Mary's Schools PreK-12

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### Informational Packet for 2018-2019 School Year

We are excited for another school year to begin at St. Mary's. We have been diligently preparing and updating our school as we await your return. We look forward to seeing you.

#### Essentials

##### New Student Requirements

Once a student has been accepted to St. Mary's Schools, records from the previous school must be forwarded to St. Mary's Schools. Please send the following: final report cards, final transcript, test scores, IEP (if applicable), and school health records. A transcript release form is available in our office if the sending school does not supply one.

##### Kindergarten, 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Medical Forms

We are required by state law to have a copy of a current physical and updated immunization record for students entering **kindergarten, 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> grades**. Please bring this information to the school office prior to or on the first day of school.

##### Schedule for the First Week of School PreK-12

Grades PreK-12

- Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup> - HALF DAYS OF SCHOOL
- Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup> - NO SCHOOL
- Arrival by 7:40 am; dismissal at 11:25 am
- Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> - FIRST FULL DAY OF SCHOOL
- Arrival by 7:40 am; dismissal at 2:15 pm

PreK students

- PreK students may be dropped off no later than 8:15 am
- PreK instructions begin at 8:15 am and it is highly recommended for students to be present from the beginning of the instructional time

##### Uniforms/Dress Code Reminders

Uniforms can be purchased at **Allen's Uniforms**, located at 452 West Boylston Street in Worcester, (508) 853-1993. The staff at Allen's will be happy to assist you with any questions you the purchase of school uniforms and answer any questions that you may have. For specific detail on the St. Mary's uniform policy, please consult the Student Handbook. You may find a copy on our school website or in the school office.

We will be holding a used uniform sale during the week of August 20-24 and during the first week of school. All items will be \$5.00 each. Uniform coupons can be redeemed at that time

### **Before School and After-School Program for Grades PreK-8**

Our **Before School program will open at 6:30 am**. A light breakfast will be served at that time. Students in grades PreK-8 dropped off prior to 7:15 am must attend the Before School Program and will be charged a flat fee of \$5.00 per day. Any students arriving after 7:15 am will not be charged for the program. **The After School will open at 2:15 pm and close at 5:45 pm**. A snack will be provided for students. The flat-rate for the After School program is \$10.00 per day. This program will also be available for students on half days for a flat fee of \$15.00 per day. **Any fees charged for the After School program will automatically be added to FACTS at the end of each month**. The policy and fees are subject to change. If you are interested in registering your student for either program, please send in the registration form ASAP, so that we can coordinate and plan for staffing in advance.

### **Required Junior/Senior High School Supply List**

- Blue or Black Pens
- Red pens
- Pencils
- Markers
- Crayons
- Ruler
- Colored pencils
- Highlighters
- Glue Sticks
- **Graphing calculator for all students in grades 9-12**
- 2 packages loose leaf paper (college-ruled)
- 2 packages printer paper (500 sheets)
- 2 boxes tissues (200+)

It is suggested that the above craft items are kept in some type of container. Individual teachers will let students know of their own requirements for binders and folders. Homeroom teachers will check with students for these supplies during the first full week of school.

**Elementary school** teachers will send home a supply list during the first week of school.

### **Fall Sports and Sports Physicals**

An informational athletic packet will be mailed in August with details about fall volleyball and soccer, as well as a Physical Form and Parental Consent Form. We are required by state law to have a copy of a current physical for every student who chooses to participate in athletics. The completed physical form used must include the **date of exam, clearance for the student to participate in sports and must be signed by the physician**. The form must be returned before the student is allowed to practice or play in the games. **For 7<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> graders, the mandatory school physical form may be copied and used for the sports program.**

### **New Families and New Students Barbecue for PreK, K and Grade 7 and all new families**

Join us for our **New Families and New Students Barbecue** on Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm in St. Mary's Auditorium (please use gym entrance). Students in PreK and K will have the opportunity to meet their teachers as well as visit their classrooms. All other students will have a tour of the school. Please RSVP with the number attending by calling 508-753-1170 or emailing Mr. Cormier at [acormier@stmaryshigh.org](mailto:acormier@stmaryshigh.org) no later than August 24<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see you all there.

## **Summer Reading**

Please complete your summer reading projects as assigned in June. Your teachers are excited to hear about your reading adventures. Summer reading information can be found on our website.

## **Ways to help our school**

### **Please market our school – Social Media Incentives**

Friend us on Facebook. Send a Tweet or post on Instagram about the awesome things happening at St. Mary's. We encourage you to help us market St. Mary's Schools. We keep these social media sites up-to-date with important events and news from our schools. The best way to share information with the larger community is through social media. Great things are happening at St. Mary's and we want others to know. Help us get the word out! Thank you.



Twitter: @stmworcester



Instagram: @stmworcester



Facebook:stmworcester

### **Referral Incentives**

We would like to reward you for sharing the excitement about St. Mary's Schools with your friends and relatives. After you provide us with the names of the families with a prospective student(s), we will send to them an informational packet along with an invitation to visit the Schools. When this prospective family visits and tours the schools, you will be rewarded with \$50.00 off your tuition. If that family enrolls their child at St. Mary's Schools, both families will receive a one-time total reward of \$200.00 off tuition. The Student Referral Program can earn you rewards fast and give your friends and their child(ren) an opportunity to receive a great education at a reasonable tuition rate. There is no better advertisement than "word of mouth" and we are most grateful to you for sharing the good news about our St. Mary's Schools.

## **Website Information**

Please visit our website regularly for important documents, memos, and updates.

Visit [www.stmarysworcester.org](http://www.stmarysworcester.org) to stay up-to-date.

## **What's New**

### **Welcome to Mrs. Campbell!**

We are very pleased to announce that Mrs. Campbell will serve as the new Vice Principal of St. Mary's Schools. She has served as a Language Arts teacher in our Junior/Senior High School for the past two years. Prior to joining St. Mary's Schools, she worked at Holden Christian Academy for 10 years. She is a graduate of the University of Connecticut and received her master's degree from UMass Lowell. We welcome her in this new role and she is excited to continue serving the St. Mary's community in this capacity. Mrs. Campbell can be reached at [mcampbell@stmaryshigh.org](mailto:mcampbell@stmaryshigh.org).

## **Technology Updates**

St. Mary's is very pleased to announce our Chromebook 1:1 pilot program for all Grade 11 & Grade 12 students. We have selected the Acer R11 model, which is a significant upgrade over the basic Chromebook model. The Acer R11 has a touch and 'flip' screen which allows for using the Chromebook in a tablet style. Students will use Chromebooks across disciplines, to increase digital literacy and exposure to technology, which is an essential 21<sup>st</sup> century life skill.

Additionally, we will utilize the technology based NICERC (<https://nicerc.org/>) curriculum for revamped Physics and Computer Science courses, using Google Classroom for online homework and we are implementing the digital based MAPs testing. Our goal is to increase your child's readiness for life beyond St. Mary's, and we consider technology literacy as a critical component of that goal.

St. Mary's is also very proud to share that we have been selected as recipients of a \$10,000 grant from the Mass Networks Education Partnership! This grant is earmarked to improve the technological offerings and kickstart a STEM program here at St. Mary's. Here's a sample of the initiatives for this year:

- LEGO Robotics kits - for our elementary and middle school students, we will be rolling out LEGO Mindstorms robotics. After school Builder clubs, using the LEGO curriculum are currently being planned.
- Raspberry Pi personal computing platforms - every Senior will have access to a Raspberry Pi, along with sensors, robotics add-ons, and more. These will be used in the classroom, and for science fair projects.
- Dremmel Professional 3D Printer - a large multi-material 3D printer to help students bring their ideas into the real world.
- Digital Action Cameras - to help involve our students in documenting their school, and increase their engagement with the outside world, we will be offering a Photography Club and be having students promote St. Mary's through various media platforms.

## **Building Renovations**

- Our Gym floor is currently being replaced. Pieces of the old floor will be on sale as a memento. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Cormier at [acormier@stmaryshigh.org](mailto:acormier@stmaryshigh.org)
- Thanks to the class of 1966, and especially John Hunter and Kenneth Baldyga, our Before and After School room is in the process of renovations.