

**SAINT MARY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL**  
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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers:

Greetings and Happy Spring. We've welcomed the arrival of Spring but are still experiencing cold weather some days. So please make sure that students are dressed appropriately.

**Registration for the 2009-2010 School Year**

Classes are filling up. We will be accepting registrations from families not currently enrolled St. Mary's next week. Registration packets were sent home at the beginning of March and are due back on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Parents are required to re-register their children for the next school year. In order to register your child, you must fill out the forms in the registration packet and return them to the office along with the registration fee and book fee. Parents that are registering their children as parishioners must have the Parish Affiliation form completed and signed by their pastor. Families will not receive the parishioner rate for tuition unless their pastor completes the Parish Affiliation form. Students will not be considered registered unless all past due tuition and fundraising assessments are paid and all fees for the new school year are paid. Compass Commitment forms cannot be signed unless your child is registered for the 2009-2010 school year, tuition and Before/After Care are current, and fundraising commitments have been met.

**Uniforms**

Students are required to wear their uniforms to school each day. As of April 2<sup>nd</sup>, girls can no longer wear pants. They must wear the appropriate jumper or skirt. Boys are required to wear the school tie everyday. St Mary's tee shirts are required on gym days and sneakers are allowed only on gym days. Girls with pierced ears may wear one stud or small hoop in each ear. Necklaces are to be kept underneath blouses or shirts. Rings, make-up, lip-gloss, nail polish, cologne, perfume, or after-shave is never permitted. If parents or students have any questions regarding what is permitted to be worn to school, please refer to the Parent and Student Handbook.

**School Calendar**

Our last day of school is scheduled for June 12<sup>th</sup>. The end of the school year has been extended due to the snow days. June 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> will be full days. June 12<sup>th</sup> will be a 12:30 dismissal. There will no Before and After Care on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Reminders**

Tuition is due the first of the month. For those families paying monthly, 90% of your tuition should be paid by April 3<sup>rd</sup>. It is essential that your tuition be paid on time because St. Mary's primary source of funds is tuition from our families. Families that are not current in paying their tuition will not be allowed back to school after spring vacation.

We are already in April. Each family must meet their fundraising obligation of \$100 per child or \$150 per family, **AND** 10 hours of volunteer service by the end of May. Families that do not fulfill **BOTH** of these requirements by the end of May will be assessed an additional \$100, which will need to be paid before the end of the school year. Please call the office to sign up to help at the following upcoming events:

- Book Fair
- Diversity Night and Art Show
- Field Day
- Class Field Trips
- Pancake Breakfast

### **Important dates**

- April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12:30 Dismissal, no lunch served
- April 9<sup>th</sup> – Holy Thursday, 12:30 Dismissal, no lunch served. No After Care.
- April 10<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday. No school.
- April 13<sup>th</sup> to April 17<sup>th</sup> – Easter vacation. No school.
- April 27<sup>th</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup> – Book Fair
- April 29<sup>th</sup> - Art Show/Diversity Night Supper.
- May 24<sup>th</sup> – First Communion

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me 443-7758.  
God bless you,

Regina Ferrante  
Principal