

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

Greetings! It is amazing how quickly time goes by. Monday, February 8th marks the 100th day of school. We are more than half way through the school year. There are a number of ways you, as parents, can help your child continue to be successful at school.

- Make sure that your child comes to school and arrives on time.
- Children should be dressed for the weather – warm coats, gloves, and hats.
- Homework is given each day. Students are ultimately responsible for completing their homework and returning it to school each day.
- Students are required to wear their uniform everyday, unless it is a dress down day. Boys are to wear blue uniform pants, long-sleeved, light blue shirt, black shoes, black belt, and a school tie each day. Girls are to wear the uniform jumper, skort, or blue uniform pants, light blue shirt, blue knee socks or blue tights, and black shoes. Sneakers are only to be worn with the gym uniform and boots are never to be worn. Only St. Mary's fleeces and sweatshirts are to be worn inside the building.

Children need the support of their parents in order for them to be successful at school. Please make sure you are doing your part.

Reminders

We are in the midst of celebrating Catholic Schools Week. The School Mass will be held on Saturday, February 6th, at 5 pm. Immediately following the mass the Parents' Guild will host a Pasta Dinner and Basket Raffle. Please make sure that you attend to show your support of the school.

February vacation begins with a 12:30 dismissal on February 12th and goes through February 19th. School will be closed that week. There will be no After Care on February 12th.

Please remember to check the local stations for information regarding school cancellations. St. Mary's usually follows New London Public Schools regarding cancellation of classes, but always has a separate listing under "St Mary Star of the Sea - NL."

Tuition is due the first of the month. For those families paying monthly, 70% of your tuition should be paid by February 5th. It is essential that your tuition be paid on time because St. Mary's primary source of funds is tuition from our families.

All families are required to volunteer at the school or at Parents' Guild sponsored events. Parents must volunteer a minimum of 10 hours by the end of May. In addition, families are required to raise a minimum of \$100 in fundraisers. If these requirements are not met, families will be assessed an additional \$100 to be paid before the last week of school.

Cell phones are never allowed in school. If your child must carry a cell phone because of after school activities, they must give their cell phone to their teacher at the beginning of the day and pick it up at the end of the day. If a cell phone is found on a student, it will be confiscated, a parent must come to pick it up, and that student will receive an after school detention.

Some important dates to remember:

- February 5th – 12:30 Dismissal, After Care ends at 3:30
- February 12th – 12:30 Dismissal, no After Care
- February 15th to 19th – February Vacation, no school
- February 17th – Ash Wednesday
- February 22nd – Pennies for Patients starts

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

God bless you,

Regina Ferrante
Principal