

# ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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*"We, the family of St. Mary's School, are committed to promoting Catholic values to God's children through faith, Christ-centered worship, service and academic excellence."*

St. Mary's Parishioners,

School's out for the summer! It is Friday morning and I finally have a moment to write a parish letter updating you with all the end of the year happenings at St. Mary's School. I imagine most of the junior high students are still well asleep in bed while the younger students are up and at it, asking their parents what they are going to do today, because they are bored! There was no chance to be bored at St. Mary's School during the final days of school. The final days were filled with: May Crowning, track meets, field day events, junior high trips to Valleyfair and La Crosse, piano recitals, Jump Rope for Heart, Awards' Night, fiestas in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, trips to Wildwood Park and Marshfield Zoo, praying the rosary, Talent Show, Kickball Rally, and we threw in some MAP Testing to determine if the students were learning in between all the extra activities. I was very pleased to see that a great deal of learning happened from the beginning of the year to the end of the year. Hooray for the students and the teachers!!

Now it is me at my computer with my final thoughts as the 2016-2017 school year has come to a close. I was teaching my last literature class for the year and the lesson was reading a myth entitled, "The Doomed Quest." It was a story about a king whose best friend dies tragically. In the king's sorrow he goes on a quest in search of the Immortal One, in hopes that the Immortal One would give him the secret to living forever. The king after overcoming obstacles in his path finally meets the Immortal One to ask for the secret to living forever. The message given was for the king to go home and take pride in the beautiful city that he created. Through the success of his kingdom and his mighty deeds the king's name would never be forgotten. After the reading I discussed with the students the idea of living forever through our legacy. Our legacy could be money or property left behind after our death, but a more meaningful legacy would be to make a difference in the world. The king's legacy was to leave behind a magnificent city he created. An athlete's legacy may be his or her name on the school record's wall for years and years. A candy maker's legacy may be to create a candy that melts in your mouth but not in your hands! A teacher's legacy may be making a difference in the life of a troubled child. A government leader's legacy may be instituting a law that protects all children's right to life. A writer's legacy may be to write a book like "Where the Red Fern Grows" that is read and loved by children (teachers) for generations. A loved one that leaves this world way too soon leaves us with a legacy that reminds us to cherish those we love and never take that love for granted.

The song "Something Worth Leaving Behind" speaks of one's legacy:

*"I'll probably never hold a brush that paints a masterpiece  
Probably never find a pen that writes a symphony  
But if I will love then I will find that I have touched another life  
And that's something, something worth leaving behind."*

*Continued...*

The song concludes, *“Our love lives on in the lives of our children and that’s something worth leaving behind.”*

As my time as principal of St. Mary’s School comes to an end I do reflect on my legacy at St. Mary’s School. I went back and read my first parish letter written in May 2008. In the letter I introduced myself and wrote about my Catholic education and my hopes for St. Mary’s School. My final thought was that with all of us working together, teaching as Jesus taught, the children of St. Mary’s School can go out and change the world. It was my wish that St. Mary’s School would impact the children in a positive way and they would go out and change the world! I am proud of all the wonderful things that have happened at St. Mary’s School in the past nine years and the exceptional students that have come and gone and are now changing the world for the better.

I also have regrets with mistakes that were made during my time as administrator. I pray especially for those students with academic, behavioral or emotional struggles that I may have failed in making a difference in their lives. It is my prayer that God continues to watch over all these children and guide them with His loving care.

I will never paint a masterpiece, break an athletic record, make a million dollars, develop a cure for cancer or even keep a plant alive through the summer months, but it is my hope that someone will remember me and know that I tried to make a difference at St. Mary’s School. *“That’s something worth leaving behind.”*

Thank you, St. Mary’s parishioners, for your generosity and continual support of St. Mary’s School. In addition thank you for encouragement with my monthly newsletters. These monthly newsletters have given me the opportunity to let the writer in me clear my head of the thoughts that sometimes keep me up at night! Even though I will not be principal of St. Mary’s School next year, maybe I’ll write a monthly newsletter about life and stick it under your car windshield or set up a booth like Lucy in the peanuts cartoon and sell my thoughts for 5 cents!

As always, please continue to keep St. Mary’s School in your prayers.

Terese Globensky, Principal



*“Today I shall behave as though this day is the one by which I shall be remembered.”*

R.A. Tuerski