

THURSDAY THOUGHTS

JANUARY II, 2024

Kindergarten & Preschool

If you know anyone interested in attending St. Mary's Elementary School next year, please invite them to our Prepare for Preschool and Countdown to Kindergarten events!

Kindergarten

Thursday, February 8th: 6-7pm

3 & 4 Year Old Preschool

Thursday, February 8th: 4-6pm

Casual for Christ

Casual for Christ is January 23rd. This Son's House sponsored day will have students making cards for local nursing homes.

*Please keep in mind that while this is an out-of-uniform day, all clothing should still represent modesty and shoes need to be closed-toe with a back strap and worn with socks for safety. Leggings are not pants and should be worn under a dress or skirt.

2023 Tuition Tax Deduction Information

When filing for 2023, taxpayers may deduct the private and religious school tuition expenses they have paid up to \$4,000 for each dependent child in grades K-8 and up to \$10,000 for each dependent child in grades 9-12. The tuition expenses must have been paid on or after January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

Please see the attachment below for step-by-step instructions on how to access your 2022 tuition payment statement online via FACTS Management.

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It's Jump Roping Time!

Those that qualified in first through fifth grade will compete during the school wide ***Jump Rope Contest on Wednesday, January 17th at 2 pm in the Parish Hall.*** Please join us if you are able to attend. The 64th Jump Rope Contest will be held on Saturday, January 24th in Bloomer, Wisconsin.



Enrollment for the 2024-25 school year opens January 15th

Current Regis Catholic Schools families will be provided a two-week priority enrollment period in January to re-enroll for the coming school year. Current families will have the opportunity to enroll current students and siblings (new students) during this time. Once this two-week priority enrollment period has closed, current RCS families are no longer guaranteed enrollment within the system. Following the priority enrollment period for current RCS families, enrollment for the next school year will open for families new to the Regis Catholic Schools system.

- Monday, January 15, 2024: Priority Enrollment Opens (Current Families)
- Sunday, January 28, 2024: Priority Enrollment Ends (Current Families)

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week is the annual national celebration which brings awareness and appreciation for our quality education. We join 7500 other Catholic Schools across our nation to illustrate our faith and academic excellence!



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Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

January 28—February 2, 2024

Sunday, January 28

Please join us for 11:00am Mass.
We encourage you and your families to wear Regis Catholic School apparel.

**Family Movie in the Parish Hall at 2:30pm

Monday, January 29

Mystery Monday

Students may wear all black clothing

- Students will solve various mysteries in their classroom and around the school.

Tuesday, January 30

St. Mary's is Magical

Staff and students wear House t-shirts with casual bottoms

- House meeting to celebrate each House
- *Magic of Isaiah: Rise Up, Be a Leader* at 2:15pm (Parents welcome to attend!)

Wednesday, January 31

Art from the Heart

Students will dress in their favorite color from head to toe

- Students will complete a blacklight directive drawing

Thursday, February 1

Snow Day

Students wear comfy clothes

- Students can earn tickets for a chance to play *Minute to Win It* games against staff by bringing in warm weather gear for our Service Project
- Ice Cream Social sponsored by the K of C

Friday, February 2

Sports Day

Students will wear their favorite sports team tops with uniform bottoms

- Mass at 9:00am
- 2:10pm Fifth Grade vs Regis High School Varsity Basketball game. (Parents welcome to attend)

Warm Weather Gear

During Catholic Schools Week we will be collecting items for the Warm Weather Gear for King's Closet and Western Dairyland. Items can be brought in between January 29 and January 31.

Examples of items that can be donated include:

Hats, gloves/mittens, jackets, scarfs, boots, snow pants, & blankets (items may be new or gently used)

IMPORTANT DATES

Upcoming Mass Schedule

Friday, January 12th - 4th Grade

Friday, January 19th - 3rd Grade

Friday, January 26th - 2nd Grade

Friday, February 2nd - 1st Grade

**Mass begins at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend!*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

1/13	Father-Daughter Dance
1/15	No School
1/16	Quest for Kindness Field Trip K-5
1/17	Schoolwide Jump Rope Contest
1/19	End of 2nd Quarter
1/23	Casual for Christ
1/24	All School Mass
1/28-2/2	Catholic Schools Week



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the fresh
fallen snow



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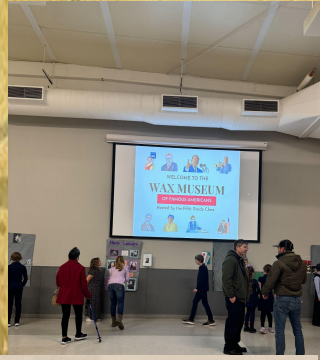
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5th Grade - Wax Museum

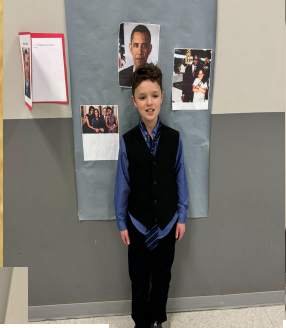
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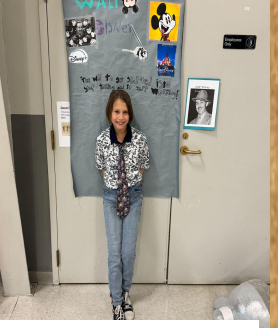
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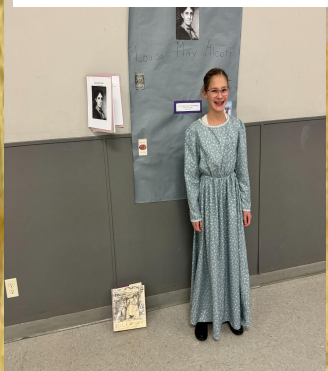
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Walt Disney



Louisa May Alcott



Christa McAuliffe



Sacagawea



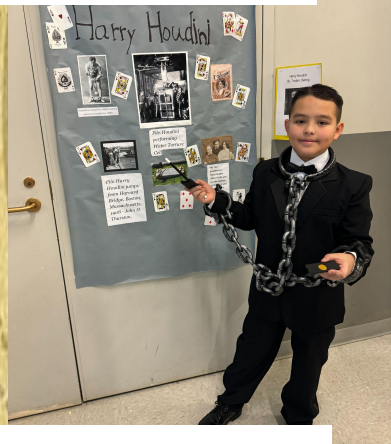
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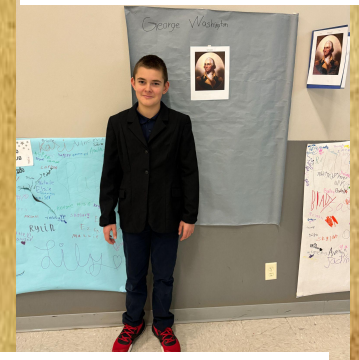
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Harry Houdini



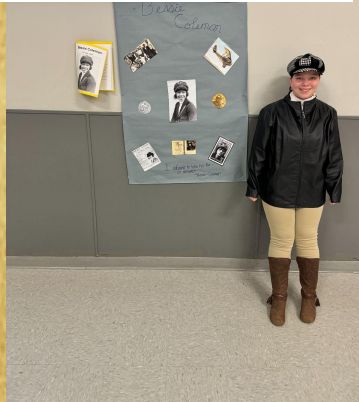
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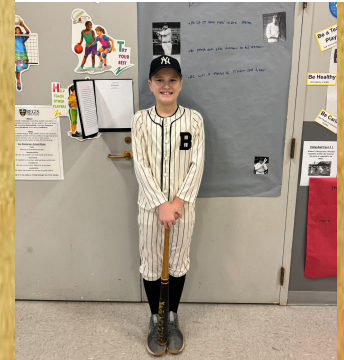
Virginia Hall



Bessie Coleman



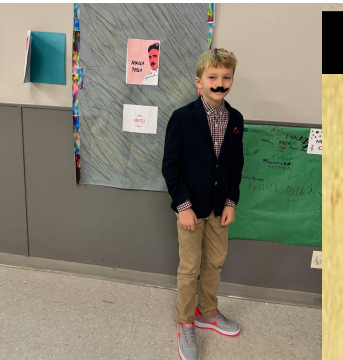
Babe Ruth



Betsy Ross



Nikola Tesla



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