

THURSDAY THOUGHTS

JANUARY 4, 2024



The entire St. Mary's Staff would like to thank each and every one of you for your support, prayers, thoughtfulness, and generosity this Christmas season. We are excited to be back in school and look forward to the year ahead.

Diocesan Educator Awards

The Diocese of La Crosse is seeking nominations for the annual educator awards. Pastors, administrators, teachers, support staff, parents, students, and parishioners can all nominate an individual for a Diocesan award.

The nine awards are:

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Award
Holy Family Award
Volunteer of the Year
Support Staff of the Year
Early Childhood Educator of the Year
Elementary Educator of the Year
Middle School Educator of the Year
High School Educator of the Year
Administrator of the Year

(The links are on the attached document)

Nominations will be accepted through Sunday, January 28th.

Early Release

As a reminder, Wednesday, January 10, is an early release day. Dismissal will begin at 1:25 pm and end at 1:40 pm.

***After school care and bussing WILL NOT be available.**

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.

[2023 Tuition Tax Deduction Information.](#)

It's Jump Roping Time!

Jump ropes will be sold in the Parish Hall on MONDAYS and WEDNESDAYS from 8:15-8:30 through January 10th. The cost per jump rope is \$1. Those that qualify 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. More details will be available after Christmas break.

Book Club is Switching to Wednesdays

Beginning on Wednesday, January 10, families are invited to join us for Book Club from 8:15-8:30 on Wednesdays. Beginning tomorrow, Friday, January 5, families are invited to join us for Walking Club on Fridays.

Healthy Habits

As we welcome the new year, we are continuing to model healthy habits. Please find our Healthy Habits document that was shared with you at the beginning of the school year attached to the original email.



IMPORTANT DATES

Upcoming Mass Schedule

Friday, January 5th - 5th Grade

Friday, January 12th - 4th Grade

Friday, January 19th - 3rd Grade

Friday, January 26th - 2nd Grade

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

1/8	5th Grade Shadow Day
1/10	1:30 Early Release (No after school care or bussing)
1/13	Father-Daughter Dance
1/15	No School
1/16	Quest for Kindness Field Trip K-5
1/17	Jump Rope Contest
1/19	End of 2nd Quarter
1/23	Casual for Christ
1/28-2/2	Catholic Schools Week



All School Sing-Along



Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

Regis Catholic Schools is dedicated to educating students of all faiths in a Catholic, Christ-centered environment. We are united by Our Core Values of **Living Faith**, **Accepting Responsibility**, **Promoting Teamwork**, **Achieving Excellence**, and **Inspiring Leadership**.