



## Saint Mary's Schools PreK-12

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### **Informational Packet for 2016-2017 School Year**

#### **Summer Camps at St. Mary's Schools**

We are very pleased to offer summer camp here at St. Mary's Schools this summer for all 9 weeks of the summer for grades PreK-5. Each week is a themed event with many activities planned. We are also offering Athletic Camps from grades 7-12. Please go to [www.stmarysworcester.org](http://www.stmarysworcester.org) for more information or call the school office.

#### **FACTS Tuition Payment Program**

REMINDER: Tuition payments have begun. This was done specifically to make tuition payments affordable. The method of payment is the FACTS Tuition Program. **If you have not yet signed up for FACTS, please do so ASAP to avoid additional fees.**

#### **Tuition Rewards Program – Social Media**

We would like you to become "friends" with our school's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages to help us market St. Mary's Schools. We keep these social media sites up to date with important events and news from our schools. The best way to share information to the larger community about St. Mary's is through social media. Those families who actively "like", "post" positive comments, "share", "tweet", etc. on a regular basis (at least twice a week) will receive a \$25.00 discount in tuition per year.

#### **Student Referral**

We would like to reward you for sharing the excitement about St. Mary's Schools with your friends and relatives. After you provide us with the names of the families with a prospective student(s), we will send them an informational packet along with an invitation to visit the Schools. When this prospective family visits and tours the schools, you will be rewarded with \$50.00 off your tuition. If that family enrolls their child at St. Mary's Schools, both families will receive a one-time total reward of \$200.00 off tuition. The Student Referral Program can earn you rewards fast and give your friends and their child(ren) an opportunity to receive a superior education at an affordable tuition rate. There is no better advertisement than "word of mouth" and we are most grateful to you for sharing the good news about our St. Mary's Schools.



Twitter: @stmworcester



Instagram: @stmworcester



Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stmworcester>

#### **Parish Assessment**

We will provide Parish Assessment forms in the month of September for you to bring to the pastor of your parish. OLC parishioners do not have to have a form signed.

#### **New Student Requirements**

Once the student has been accepted to St. Mary's Schools, records from the previous school, including final report cards, final transcript, test scores, IEP (if applicable), and school health records need to be forwarded to St. Mary's Schools. A transcript release form is available in our office if your school does not supply one.

### **Kindergarten, Fourth, Seventh and Ninth Grade Medical Forms**

It is a state law that all students entering **kindergarten, grades 4, 7 and 9** have a physical by their family physician. A printed form showing your immunizations must be returned to the office prior to or on the first day of school. For all students entering St. Mary's for the **first** time, it is **mandatory** that their health records from the last school attended be forwarded to us prior to the first day of school or the student will not be allowed to attend classes.

### **Sports Physicals**

Any student interested in participating in the sports program must have a physical by their family physician. The form used must include the **date of exam, clearance for the student to participate in sports and must be signed by the physician**. The form must be returned before the student is allowed to practice or play in the games. **For any 7<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> graders: the mandatory physical form may be copied and used for the sports program**. A Physical Form and Parental Consent Form can be printed out by going to the school website and selecting athletics and see downloads for athletic forms.

### **Soccer**

Reminder: the first day of practice for students interested in playing varsity soccer is **Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>** at Crompton Park.

### **Volleyball**

Reminder: the first day of practice for students interested in playing girls volleyball is **Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>** in the school gym. For more information, including practice times, please contact Mr. Barbale, Athletic Director, at 508-753-1170 or e-mail: [jbarbale@stmaryshigh.org](mailto:jbarbale@stmaryshigh.org).

### **Uniforms/Dress Code Reminders**

Uniforms can be purchased at **Allen's Uniforms**, located at 452 West Boylston Street in Worcester, (508) 853-1993. Any questions you may have concerning the purchase of school uniforms can be answered by the staff at Allen's.

Per St. Mary's uniform policy:

- **No sandals, slippers, boots (other than during winter uniform) or moccasins are allowed;**
- **No facial piercings allowed;**
- **Hair is to be of your own natural hair color.**

We will be holding a used uniform sale at school during the week of August 22-26 and during the first week of school. All items will be \$5.00 each.

### **Summer Reading**

The summer reading list for grades 7-12 was sent home on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Summer reading and packets in the elementary school were sent home during the last week of school. Individual elementary school teachers will set dates of when assessments are due. All summer packets for all grade levels can be found on the website.

### **PreK, K and Grade 7 and all new families to St. Mary's School**

All students and families entering PreK, K and 7 along with all new families are welcome to attend a **New Families and Students Barbecue** on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm -8:00 pm in St. Mary's Auditorium (please use gym entrance). Students in PreK and K will have the opportunity to meet their teachers as well as visit their classrooms. All other students will be given a tour of the school by our Honor Society Students. Please RSVP with the number attending by calling 508-753-1170 or emailing Mr. Cormier at: [acormier@stmaryshigh.org](mailto:acormier@stmaryshigh.org) no later than August 26<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see you all there.

### **Website Information**

Reminder: updates are regularly posted on our website. All important documents and memos are also posted on our website. Please visit: [www.stmarysworcester.org](http://www.stmarysworcester.org).

### **Junior/Senior High School Supply List**

- Blue or Black Pens
- Red pens
- Pencils
- Markers
- Crayons
- Ruler
- Colored pencils
- Highlighters
- Glue Sticks
- **Graphing calculator for all students in grades 9-12**
- 2 theme packs loose leaf paper for school, college-ruled
- 2 packages of 500 sheets of printer paper
- Clorox wipes
- 2 boxes tissues (200+)

It is suggested that the above craft items are kept in some type of container. Individual teachers will let students know of their own requirements for binders and folders. Homeroom teachers will check with students for these supplies during the first full week of school. These items are required and are necessary for students to have for their classroom work. Homeroom teachers will also collect loose-leaf paper, printer paper, Clorox wipes and tissues.

**Elementary school** - teachers sent home a supply list at the end of the school year; the supply list can also be found on our website.

### **Schedule for the First Week of School PreK-12**

#### **Grades PreK-12**

- **Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> - Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> - HALF DAYS OF SCHOOL**
- **Arrival by 7:40 am; dismissal at 11:25 am**
- **Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> - FIRST FULL DAY OF SCHOOL**
- **Arrival by 7:40 am; dismissal at 2:15 pm**

#### **PreK students**

- **PreK students may be dropped off no later than 8:15 am**
- **PreK instructions begin at 8:15 am and it is highly recommended for students to be present from the beginning of the instructional time**

### **Bus Reminders**

Please see our website under Forms and Documentation to locate the Bus Registration form for this upcoming school year.

### **Before School and After-School Program**

St. Mary's Schools offer a Before School Program and an After-School Program for Grades PreK-8. The Before School Program will open at **6:30 am**. A light breakfast will be served at that time. Any students in grades PreK-8 dropped off prior to 7:15 am must attend the Before School Program and will be charged a flat fee of \$5.00 per day. Any students arriving after 7:15 am will not be charged for the program. The After-School Program is open to any students in grades PreK-8. **The After-School will open at 2:15 pm and close at 5:45 pm**. A snack will be provided for students. The flat-rate for the After-School Program is \$10.00 per day. This program will also be available for students on half days for a flat fee of \$15.00 per day. All fees must be paid in advance; no student will be allowed to attend either program without payment. The policy and fees are subject to change. Please send in registration form ASAP so that we can coordinate and plan for staffing in advance.

### **Save the Date - September 10, 2016**

Please join the St. Mary's Community as we kick off our second hundred years! Alumni, parents, parishioners and friends are all invited to the 4:00 p.m. Mass at Our Lady of Czestochowa, followed by dinner and the induction of St. Mary's best into our Hall of Fame! Achievements in athletics, academics, performing arts and others will be recognized. While our alumni are part of our history, you, as parents of current St. Mary's students, are truly our "present". We hope to see you with us on September 10, 2016. More details to follow.