

***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. Friday, February 6th 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.
- Provide your child with one healthy snack, not chips or cookies, or more than one item for snack
- 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, light blue shirt, black shoes, and a school tie each day. Girls are to wear the uniform jumper 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.

Thank You!

A big "Thank You" goes out to the Parents' Guild and parent volunteers for organizing and helping with Catholic Schools Week events.

Reminders

February vacation begins with a 12:30 dismissal on February 13th and goes through February 20th. School will be closed that week. There will be no After Care on February 13th.

Ash Wednesday is on February 25th and begins the Lenten Season. Stations of the Cross Service for families will be held at 6:00 in English and 7:15 in Spanish every Friday beginning February 27th. Members of the Parents' Guild will be hosting Fish Fries during the Lenten Season on Friday nights. A schedule of the dates will be distributed.

Please remember to check the local stations for information regarding school cancellations. St. Mary's follows New London Public Schools regarding cancellation of classes.

Tuition is due the first of the month. For those families paying monthly, 70% of your tuition should be paid by February 6th. 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 6st – 12:30 Dismissal
- February 13th – 12:30 Dismissal, no After Care
- February 16th to 20th – February Vacation, no school
- February 25th – Ash Wednesday
- February 27th – Stations of the Cross

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

God bless you,

Regina Ferrante
Principal