

January Newsletter 2024

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FROM THE (PRINCIPAL'S) DESK



Happy NEW YEAR! New beginnings, new goals,
new commitments, new connections and new baby
for the Soderbloms!



Welcome
Boe Paul Soderblom
12-4-23, 1:40pm,
8 lbs, 1oz. 21 in. long



Just a reminder - Teachers and staff have been briefed on protocols for my maternity leave. I would like to share a few things with families as well:

Students displaying extreme behaviors listed below will be sent home on the day of the incident. This ensures the school can regroup, plan, and contact the Archdiocese if any assistance is needed.

Extreme behaviors include:

- Threats ("shoot up the school", "I'm going to kill myself", "I'm going to kill you", etc. NOTE: this is in actions or statements)
- Physical Aggression or Fighting (hitting, kicking, biting, etc.) towards other students or staff. Use best professional judgment.
 - First Offense: 2 Day Suspension
 - Second Offense: 3 Day Suspension
 - Third Offense: School Board decision
- Major Non-Compliance (continual eloping, refusal to follow directions to the point it is CONSISTENTLY interfering with whole classroom instruction on that day, etc.
- Weapon-Related (pocket knives, etc.)

Our staff is top-notch! Building communication, Delays/Cancellations, and many administrative duties are going to be handled effectively in my absence. If you have any questions, call the school @ 563-927-3689. Together they will find an answer for you! Thank you all for a GREAT semester!

A CONTACT TO ANSWER QUESTIONS REGARDING **ESA** THAT MAY ARISE WHILE MRS. SODERBLOM IS ABSENT FROM OUR BUILDING....

*ESA - board@st-marys.pvt.k12.ia.us,
president Brett Logan
ESA applications are due Feb 1st

EXTENDED CARE



- Schedules are due the Friday before at Noon!
- When billing is emailed out on Monday it is due by Friday!
- Extended care will be **closed**...
 - * December 25th - January 2nd
- * Extended Care will resume Wednesday, January 3rd as usual.
- Please read the Extended Care Handbook about Cancellations, Delays, Early outs due to Weather. It can be found on the St. Mary's website under the Extended Care tab.
<https://st-marys.pvt.k12.ia.us/extended-care-1>



Please email
hhogan@st-marys.pvt.k12.ia.us
with any questions

Weather



As we enter the winter season, please be sure you are on our REMIND text Alerts. Weather Announcements will be sent out via Remind. Please tune in to KMCH radio station as well for weather related announcements.

REMIND Directions --> [HERE](#)

-(MRS. JEN SODERBLOM)

Catholic Schools' Week 2024

Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2024 is January 28 – February 3. The theme for National Catholic Schools' Week 2024 is,

“Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community.”

CSW Mass, Jan 28th *student led - 11:00AM

Soup Luncheon *11:00AM -1:00PM

Basket Raffle *1:00PM

*Please look for more details to come!

-SAINTLY DATES-

JANUARY 1 - SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
- NEW YEAR'S DAY

JANUARY 4 - ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

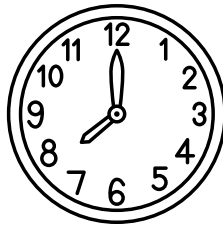
JANUARY 7 - FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 8 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 25 - CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

LATE ARRIVALS/EARLY PICK UPS

**ALL Students arriving late or leaving early need to be signed in/out at the main office by a parent/guardian.
Student safety is the #1 priority!**



SCRIP

Happy Happy New Year to all of our SCRIP family and friends!!! Make the resolution to keep up with your weekly SCRIP buying! If you haven't tried it yet, it's as easy as buying a gift card from your favorite gas, grocery, clothing store or restaurant! We have fabulous local vendors here in town! 1% of the cards you buy come back to you in tuition credit!

Banana Splits during **Catholic Schools' Week** brought to you courtesy of Manchester DQ and SCRIP!!!

- SCRIP forms are available in the back of church, the school office, and the parish office!
- SCRIP is sold at the school on Tuesday and Wednesday
- SCRIP is sold at 8:30 Mass on Fridays, orders can be sent home with students
- SCRIP is sold before and after weekend masses at St. Mary's

Upcoming Events

January 3rd - classes resumes - 1:15 dismissal

January 4th - Together We Are shirt day

January 5th - Epiphany Mass lead by teachers

January 8th - FAST Testing begins - Math

January 15th - FAST Testing begins - Reading

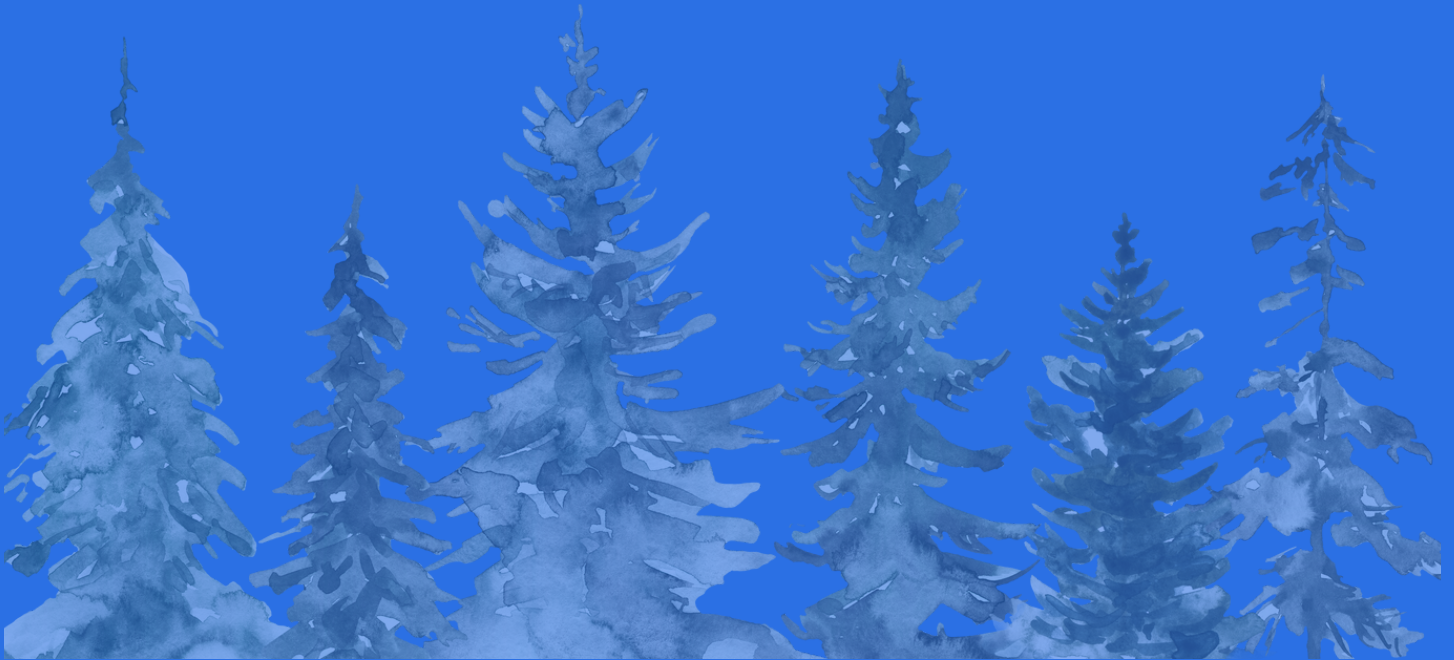
January 17th - No school for students

January 25th - Report Cards and FAST scores go home to students

January 28th - St. Mary's School student led Mass 11:00

January 28th - St. Mary's School's Soup Luncheon Kick Off 11:00-1:00

January 29th - February 2nd - Catholic Schools' Week 2024!





**MOMENTUM WILL
BE REOPENING
THE ST. MARYS,
"TOGETHER WE
ARE" STORE**

**STAY TUNED FOR
MORE INFO**

Home & School Stars



Friday - mass dress code

- Students are expected to DRESS UP for mass on Fridays.
- We encourage dress shorts, slacks, shirts with collars, dresses, capris, skirts or skorts
- NO JEANS, wind pants, sport shorts, leggings, sweatpants or sport t-shirts/sweatshirts should be worn at Mass.

Why is this important?

This short article explains it well --> [Link](#)

As you do your winter cleaning, remember the Home & School Stars host a garage sale each April! Save your items and be a part of this fundraiser this spring!



Community Events



Mayor, Connie Behnken has declared "A Year of Kindness"
January's Theme: "Be Kind to Animals"

Go to the City of Manchester's Website or Facebook page for more information!

Website: <https://www.manchester-ia.org/>

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/ManchesterIA52057>

"We can judge the heart of a man by his treatment of animals."

Students at St. Mary's and Lambert will be discussing each monthly theme and finding ways to do their part in keeping our community KIND!

DO YOUR PART

SLOW THE SPREAD OF GERMS



FROM REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER - "WE ARE SEEING AN INCREASE IN UPPER RESPIRATORY AND GASTROINTESTINAL INFECTIONS."

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE REGARDING THE POTENTIAL UPTICK IN SICKNESS AT SCHOOL:

"PER CDC GUIDANCE, STUDENTS WHO TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 SHOULD STAY HOME FOR 5 DAYS AND WEAR A MASK FOR 5 DAYS WHEN RETURNING.

AS ALWAYS, STUDENTS SHOULD BE 24 HOUR FEVER FREE TO RETURN TO SCHOOL."

Monday

1
NO SCHOOL

8
CEREAL—TOAST
HAM & CHEESE ROUNDS
GREEN BEANS
CHIPS
PINEAPPLES

15
CEREAL—TOAST
TOMATO SOUP
GRILLED CHEESE
RAW CARROTS—RANCH
MANDARIN ORANGES

22
CEREAL—TOAST
CHICKEN ALFREDO
GARLIC BREAD
PEAS
PEACHES

29
CEREAL—TOAST
SPAGHETTI
MEAT SAUCE
BREAD STICKS
GREEN BEANS
MANDARIN ORANGES

Tuesday

2
NO SCHOOL

9
SAUSAGE & PANCAKES
CHICKEN TENDERS
MASHED POTATOES—GRAVY
CORN
BREAD & BUTTER
APPLESAUCE

16
BISCUITS & GRAVY
GRILLED CHICKEN SANDWICH
FRENCH FRIES
PEAS
PEARS
*JELLO

23
BREAKFAST PIZZA
HOT DOGS/BUN
POTATO WEDGES
BAKED BEANS
PEARS
*CHOCOLATE BEARS

30
CAKE DONUTS
BREAKFAST FOR LUNCH!
PANCAKES
SAUSAGE
TRI TATERS
YOGURT

Wednesday

3
WELCOME BACK!
CHOCOLATE CAKE DONUTS
SLOPPY JOE'S
TATER TOTS
CORN
PEACHES

10
MUFFINS
GOULASH
GARLIC BREAD
RAW BROCCOLI—RANCH
COTTAGE CHEESE
PEARS

17
NO SCHOOL

24
DONUT HOLES
HAM/TURKEY/CHEESE SUBS
CHIPS
CORN
APPLESLICES

31
BREAKFAST BAGELS
CHICKEN DRUMMIES
(LEGS)
MASHED POTATOES—GRAVY
CORN
PEARS

Thursday

4
FUNNEL CAKES
MAC & CHEESE
POPCORN CHICKEN
COOKED CARROTS
PEARS

11
BREAKFAST CROISSANTS
WAKING TACOS
LETTUCE-TOMATOES-CHEESE
CELERY—PB
PEACHES
*COOKIE

18
MINI DONUTS
HAM PATTIES/BUN
MASHED POTATOES—GRAVY
CORN
PEACHES

25
CINNAMON ROLLS
BREADED CHICKEN SANDWICH
SPIRAL POTATOES
GREEN BEANS
STRAWBERRIES

Friday

5
LONG JOINS
SAUSAGE PIZZA
MOZZARELLA STICKS
SALAD—RANCH
MANDARIN ORANGES
*BROWNIES

12
FRENCH TOAST STICKS
HAMBURGER/CHEESEBURGER
FRENCH FRIES
BEANS & WEENIES
BANANA

19
EGGOS
CHEESE PIZZA
BROCCOLI—CHEESE SAUCE
BREAD STICK
GRAPES
*COOKIE

26
PANCAKE WRAPS
LOADED NACHOS
LETTUCE—CHEESE
COTTAGE CHEESE
RAW CARROTS—RANCH
ORANGES



THIS MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE UPON THE
AVAILABILITY OF FOOD ITEMS AND PRODUCT.