

October Newsletter

From Principal Buss' Desk:

September was an exciting and memorable month at St. Mary's! Our students continued settling into the school year while enjoying many opportunities to lead, learn, celebrate, and grow together. We began by electing our new Student Council members. I am proud of every student who stepped forward and showed a willingness to serve our school. I look forward to seeing the leadership, school spirit, and fresh ideas this group will bring throughout the year. We also celebrated a very successful Picture Day, our first with Madison Laws Photography. Madison and her team did a wonderful job, and we are grateful for the care and energy they brought to capturing the personalities and smiles of our students and staff.

One of the highlights of the month was our incredible Grandparents Day celebration. We were blessed with an amazing turnout as grandparents joined us for Mass, fellowship, classroom visits, lunch, and time with their grandchildren. I especially enjoyed hearing the wisdom and advice our grandparents shared. Their stories, encouragement, and love are such a gift to our students and to the entire St. Mary's community. Our mornings received an extra boost when athletes from Wabash Valley College joined us for "Fist Bump Friday." The high fives, smiles, and excitement created a fantastic start to the day. We also showed our community spirit on September 25 by celebrating Maroon and Gold Day in honor of Mt. Carmel High School's Homecoming.

September also gave our students some wonderful learning experiences beyond the classroom. Students in first through eighth grade visited WVC's Brubeck Arts Center to enjoy a live bluegrass performance, while our fifth through eighth graders headed outdoors for a canoe trip filled with adventure, teamwork, and plenty of memories.

We were also proud to recognize Wesley Trapp and Evelyn Crummley as our Rockets of the Month. Wesley was honored for the compassion he shows by making sure others feel included, while Evelyn was recognized for her patience, gentleness, and ability to help others work through conflict. Both students represent the kindness, character, and servant leadership we hope to see in every St. Mary's Rocket.

On a personal note, I had the opportunity to attend a retreat with fellow principals from across the diocese. It was a meaningful time of reflection, learning, and connection. I returned with renewed energy and several great ideas as we continue looking for ways to grow and improve St. Mary's.

September reminded me once again that a great school is about so much more than what happens inside the classroom. It is built through faith, relationships, service, leadership, new experiences, and the support of an incredible community. Thank you to everyone who helped make this month so special. I cannot wait to see what October brings!

God Bless,

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