St. Mary's
Catholic School

HOME OF THE ROCKETS

From the Principal's Desk

Dear St. Mary's Families,

October has been a busy and exciting month at St. Mary's! As we begin November and enter a season of thanksgiving, I am reminded of how blessed we are to have a school community filled with faith, generosity, and Rocket pride.

Our Catholic faith remained at the heart of our October activities. From the Pet Blessing to the Living Rosary and our schoolwide Rosary gatherings, students had meaningful opportunities to grow in prayer and celebrate the traditions that unite us. Watching our students lead, participate reverently, and support one another is a wonderful reminder of the value of a Catholic education.

Learning also took us beyond the classroom! Pre-School, Pre-K, and Kindergarten all enjoyed trips to local pumpkin patches. Our 1st-4th graders were able to visit a nursing home and spend quality time with the residents. Our 5-8th Grade took a trip to visit St. Mary's of the Woods in Terre Haute, IN for a meaningful day of learning and growing. Finally, students in grades 3–8 also attended a health fair at Parkview Church put on by the MCHS Health classes. These experiences gave our students opportunities to explore, build relationships, and represent St. Mary's through their words and actions.

October brought the end of our first quarter, report cards, and parent-teacher conferences. Thank you to our teachers for their dedication and to our families for partnering with us. Those conversations help us celebrate progress, identify areas for growth, and keep every student moving forward.

Our school community also showed its generous spirit by raising **$630 for the Keepes family** following their house fire. Your kindness provided gift cards to help with everyday needs during a difficult time. This was a beautiful example of putting our faith into action.

The gym is also starting to get busy as basketball and cheerleading start to ramp up! Hosting Ambassador Christian Academy was another opportunity to welcome families into our school and share our Rocket pride. We look forward to closing out October with our Rocket of the Month celebration and Trunk or Treat!

As we enter November, please know how grateful I am for our students, staff, parish, and families. Thank you for all you do to make St. Mary's a place where children can learn, grow, serve, and deepen their faith.

God bless, and Go Rockets!

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