



St. Mary's Grade School



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September 2015 St. Mary's Messenger



SCHOOL CELEBRATES 60 YEARS OF SERVICE

St. Mary's Grade School was first established in 1956. It was built to establish both a new school and parish. The school was first established as grades 1-6 and over a sixty-year span has ex-

panded its programs to include Early Childhood through grade 6.

Our mission statement also directs in the decision making process as we desire to educate the whole child; mind, body and spirit. Other factors such as stakeholders' perceptions, appropriate curriculum choices, current trends in education, additional programs made available to our students, and staff support also affect the decisions made for our school to aid in the best learning environment for our students.

Sixty years ago the location of St. Mary's School was an empty wheat field. A faith community was developed in the construction of a grade school building that quickly developed into a vibrant Catholic community. Over the years the campus grew which now houses multiple buildings to serve as a place for worship, educational activities, and a place for families to gather to pray, play and collaborate with one another.

It is through the same zeal and inspiration that will lead to future success. In the same way, even though we are many individuals, Christ makes us one body and individuals who are connected to one another. It is in that connection we will find our way.

Fiscal Summary 2014-2015

Total Income for the 2014-2015 School Year.

Tuition and Fees

\$684,332

Church Subsidy

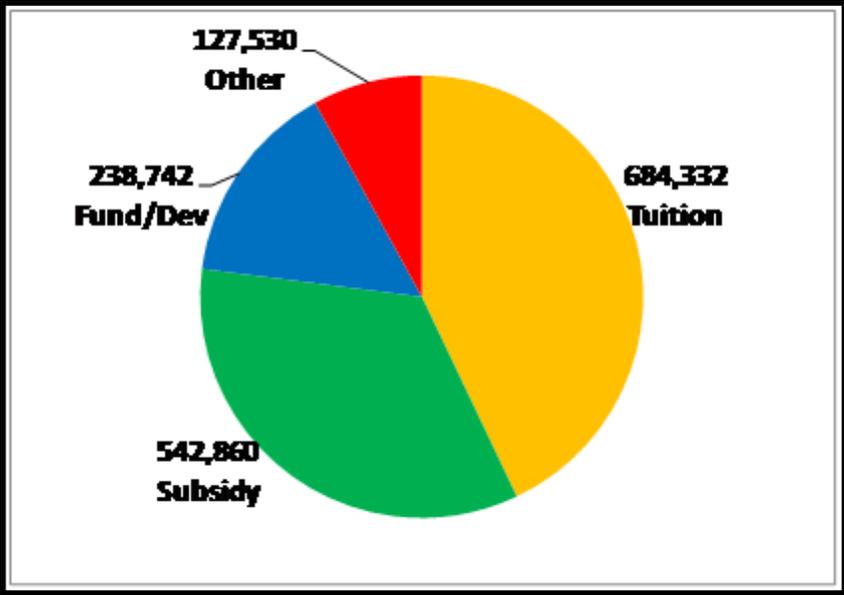
\$542,860

Fundraising/Development

\$238,742

Donations/Endowment/Grant

\$127,530



Total Expenses for the 2014-2015 School Year.

Salaries & Benefits

\$1,307,958

Instructional

\$53,775

Utilities

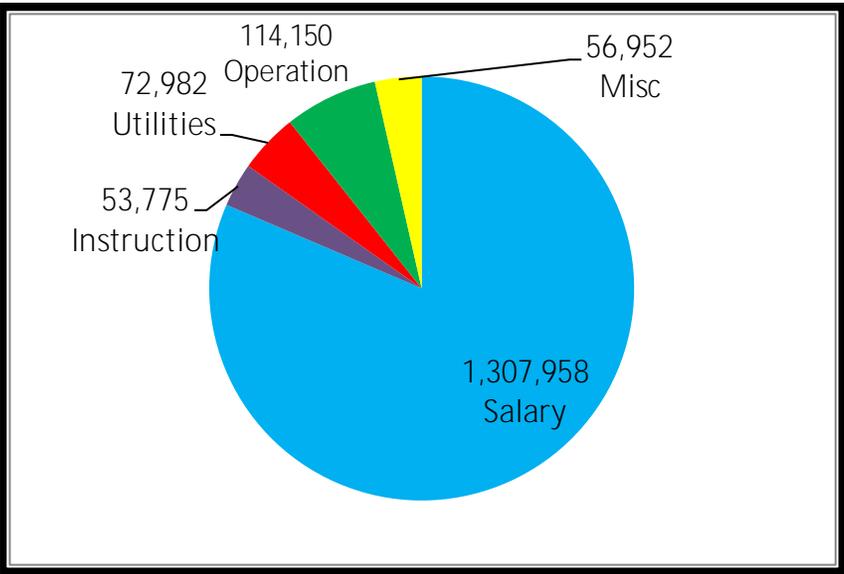
\$72,982

Operational

\$114,150

Misc

\$56,952



School Council Summary

St. Mary's School Council met on August 24.

The School Council was introduced to the new staff of St. Mary's Grade School. Teacher representatives discussed school wide goals. An Executive Summary Report was shared with School Council members. The report highlights accomplishments and challenges of the last five years.

Dr. Compagnone submitted St. Mary's Fiscal Report for 2014-2015 (See summary). The cost per student was \$4800.

There are 41 new families and 61 new students for the new school year.

Announcements

SCHOOL PICTURES

School Pictures will be taken for everyone as per the following schedule.

Wednesday, September 9th, main picture day – All MWF and M-F Preschool classes, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6 will have their pictures taken during regular class time.

Thursday, September 10th, – TT Pre-School Classes

Other than Pre-K students, all students will wear their school uniform for this fall picture. Envelopes will be sent home with more details. Please return these envelopes to your child's teacher before picture day. Make checks out to The Picture Lady. Each child in the family needs a separate envelope and check.

Power School

Power School allows students and parents the ability to check grades and assignments. To access Power School as a parent you will need a password. **Passwords will be distributed to 2nd-6th grade parents at the St. Mary's Grade School Open House On Tuesday, September 15th. Please plan on attending. Parents will get information on fundraisers throughout the year, activities, and basic information about the school. It is very important that at least one parents attend.**

Please join in praying for our students, teachers and needs of St. Mary's and Sacred Heart Schools. We will pray a rosary every Tuesday morning following 8:05 Mass at St. Mary's Church. Moms in Touch



First Fridays

Each month St. Mary's School commemorates First Friday with an adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8:05 liturgy. The student body says a rosary together led by the 6th grade class. Parents and friends are invited to attend.

Uniform Reminders

Thanks to all students and families for complying with the uniform policy. Please look over the policy carefully in the parent handbook. Many times detailed items such as the color of belts or socks, no light-up shoes, hair accessories or make-up, can be accidentally overlooked. Thank you for reviewing it. Parker Uniform will be here on Saturday Oct. 17th from 10am-1pm.

From the Executive Director Texting/Email Guidelines

St. Mary's & Sacred Heart Jr/Sr High School has an important communications tool. The tool utilized through Power School allows the school and staff to send text messages to parents or entrusted groups. It also allows the school to send voice messages.

As a result of this tool, staff has been instructed to communicate to parents and students utilizing the school's communication infrastructure which includes:

- 1) School website (there is a contact form to communicate and make inquiries to school).
- 2) Power School allows parents and students to track grades and assignments. Emails may be sent to teachers through Power School.
- 3) Text messaging for families may be sent periodically to remind parents/students of special events or special alerts.
- 4) Voice messaging: Periodically the school may send out a voice mail to families.

St. Mary's has a new website.

Please visit

www.stmarysalina.org

More Announcements

SCHOOL TARDY/ATTENDANCE POLICY ATTENDANCE

Compulsory attendance is a statutory requirement in Kansas for all children who are seven or more years of age, but less than sixteen years of age. Each school through its designated reporting officer shall report any child who is enrolled but not attending school including all cases of unusual and/or habitual absence to the appropriate local authorities.

Before any report is made that a child is not attending school as required by the law, the Executive Director shall serve written notice thereof, by registered mail, upon the parent or guardian of the child. This notice shall inform the custodial parent or custodial guardian that continued failure of the child to attend school without a valid excuse will result in a report being made to the appropriate law enforcement official.

School's Implementation:

A letter will be sent home if the following occurs in a 9 weeks' period

Five (5) unexcused tardies (parents have not called)

or

Five (5) Absences

Truancy Response: If excessive absences or tardies continue in the 9 week period after a letter is sent home, a report may need to be filed with SRS.

Attendance Policy

Procedure: Parents should contact the school before 8:00 a.m. if their child will be absent. Messages can be left on the school's answering machine during non-school hours. Due to reporting regulations, we must have a reason for any absences. For the safety of the child, an attempt will be made to contact the parent if the school has not received notice.

Tardies: **All classes begin at 7:50 when the bell rings.** It is very important to have students here at 7:50. Tardies are recorded and monitored. If you know your child will be late, please call the school. Children who arrive after 8:00 a.m. or 10 minutes after the p.m. classes begin will be marked tardy. Children who arrive late must report to the office. If the parent does not call, children who arrive late will be considered as an unexcused tardy. After 60 minutes, the child's tardy will be recorded as an absence.

Absences: All absences will be recorded and monitored each 9 week period.

Ill Students

If a student becomes ill at school, parents will be contacted to pick up the child. If the parents can't be reached we will use the emergency contact that was provided at enrollment. Students with a temperature of 100 degrees or over will be sent home. We ask that parents notify the school immediately if contact phone numbers change.

Don't forget to mark your calendar's for the 12th Annual St. Mary's

Extravaganza - Saturday, Sept 26th. Come enjoy a night out, meet new families, enjoy several outdoor games, and BBQ. Buy your event tickets today. Stop by or call the school office to reserve your tickets.

SCHOOL SAFETY PARKING LOT REMINDER

Welcome to a new school year. As many of you have observed our parking lot has gates to regulate the flow of traffic. Yellow arrows and blue lines have also been painted.

When dropping or picking up students, we ask that you follow the arrows. Drop students off on the west side of the school building or along the circle drive. Pull forward so that many students can exit at the same time. Students should exit from the right side of the car. Please **do not** drop students off in the middle of the parking lot. This causes cars to be stalled behind you and creates an unsafe situation for your child. If you wish, you may park your car in a parking space, but an adult needs to accompany the student (s) to a drop-off station. Drop-off stations are designated by blue hash marks.

In the afternoon, students will be instructed to use the blue crosswalks. We encourage parents to meet your student and not let them run into the flow of traffic. If a Sacred Heart High school sibling drives your child to school, please discuss proper safety precautions with them.

Please do not use the circle drive during drop-off and pick-up times. **We ask that cell phones not be in use while picking up and dropping off students in the drop-off zones.**

Lastly, we hope that as adults we are courteous to each other with the goal in mind that we want to be a Christian example to our children. We have maps in the office that illustrate the traffic flow. Thank you.

On rainy or cold days when the students wait in the All Purpose Room, often cars only let their child(ren) out right in front of the that door. This one car at a time causes long lines of cars to back up. As the cars circle around and are next to the west side of the building (approximately 6-8 cars at a time), please allow your child(ren) to exit the right side of the vehicle, walk on the sidewalk, and enter the All Purpose Room. By this procedure, cars will have very little wait time.

***Have you registered your Dillons Card yet?
Register your Dillons card and appoint St. Mary's
Grade School to receive a percentage of all your
purchases. Call the school office if you need
assistance registering your card.***

ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

St. Mary's School publishes this newsletter once a month during the school year, along with one special edition. The purpose of this newsletter is to keep parents informed about school events, general information, and to update parents on the academic progress of the school. We try to keep the newsletter compact, but informative. Please take time to read the articles in this newsletter.

Healthy Tips

Discover fast ways to cook:
Cook fresh or frozen vegetables in the microwave for a quick-and-easy dish to add to any meal. Steam green beans, carrots, or broccoli in a bowl with a small amount of water in the microwave for a quick side dish.

Book Fair

The annual book fair will begin on Tuesday, September 8th and run through Friday, Sept. 11th. The doors will open at 8:00 and remain open until 5:30. The book fair will be held in the multi-media room off the library.

Each year the school has been able to get books for both the library and classrooms through the profits received in this project. Our new automated catalog and circulation system for the library was also purchased entirely from cash profits. This year's profits will go to fund the library.



Holy Smoke Extravaganza

A BENEFIT FOR ST. MARY'S GRADE SCHOOL

September 26, 2015

5:30 pm

at ST. MARY'S GRADE SCHOOL

PRIZES ARE:

1st place \$600.00

2nd place \$300.00

3rd place \$100.00

1 Ticket for \$2.00

3 for \$5.00

10 for \$15.00

24 for \$35.00

Parishioners-

On the back side of this letter are Giveaway tickets for St. Mary's Grade School Extravaganza. Grandparents of students have graciously underwritten these cash prizes for the benefit of St. Mary's Grade School. Three cash prizes will be drawn this year: \$600.00, \$300.00 and \$100.00. Please support the school through this event and consider joining us for a fun evening.

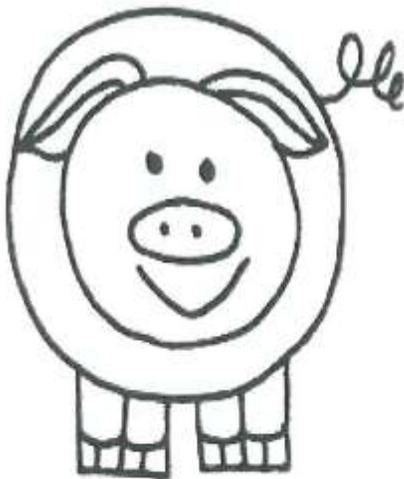
Thank you,

Dahx and Colleen Marrs

2015 Extravaganza Chairs

3RD ANNUAL BBQ CONTEST

We will be looking for individuals, or teams to compete in our friendly Holy Smoke Competition. Details coming soon!!!



Tickets for the event are \$30.00

Ticket price includes, Sampling of BBQ, a chance to enter the Rock, Paper, Scissors contest, Dinner, Drinks and Live and Silent Auction.

Purchase your tickets now, \$30.00 per person

must be 21

Name: _____ No. of Tix. _____

*Pick up your auction book and bid number the night of the event

2015 Application
September 26



HOLY SMOKE BBQ COMPETITION
A Benefit for St. Mary's Grade School
September 26, 2015

Please make checks payable to:
St. Mary's Grade School

MUST BE 21 TO ATTEND

Entry Fee: \$30.00 this includes your ticket into Extravaganza

Competition Prizes awarded are as follows:

- 1st Place Pulled Pork-\$100.00
- 2nd Place Pulled Pork-\$75.00
- 3rd Place Pulled Pork- \$50.00

If you have any questions please email: Colleen Marrs at colleen_marrs@hotmail.com or Katie Junk at junk5@cox.net

*This is an amateur cooking event, just for fun!! We need your help to make it a success!! You may enter as a team or as an individual.
Thanks for supporting St. Mary's Grade School*

NEW!! This year there will be no Peoples Choice category. All the attendees of Extravaganza will be able to go around and sample all of the BBQ competitors entrees.

Competition Prizes will be awarded by a blind group of judges.

Holy Smoke BBQ Entry Form September 26, 2015	
Team Name:	_____
Chief Cook:	_____ Additional Team Members _____
Email:	_____
Entry Due Date:	September 20, 2015
Entry Fee:	\$30.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entries will be limited to first 25 teams on a first come basis • Food must be set up by 5:00pm on Saturday night, you will have access to your spot all day on Saturday. • You are guaranteed a 10x10 spot, (1) 6ft table and serving cups for judging • You are responsible for tent, extra tables, BBQ sauce, and tablecloths. 	
No glass containers on school property	
Return signed form and check to: St. Mary's Grade School 304 E. Cloud St. Salina, KS 67401	
Signature of Chief Cook:	_____ Date: _____



Start Saving Pennies PENNY WARS 2015 IS COMING!!!

September 14, 2015 - September 21, 2015

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE? ALL children attending St. Mary's can participate and help raise money for the school!!!

WHAT IS IT? Penny Wars is a fundraiser for St. Mary's.

WHERE IS IT? Jugs will be on the bench outside the office.

WHEN IS IT? Start bringing in pennies on Monday September 9th through Monday, September 16th.

HOW IT WORKS: Students place pennies in their GRADE LEVEL jug to earn their class POSITIVE PENNY points. They then can place silver coins or any bills in OTHER GRADE LEVEL jugs to count against that grade's positive penny points! Each GRADE LEVEL competes to get the highest number of points. The grade with the highest point total wins a treat the week of Extravaganza.

WHY IT IS GREAT! All the money raised will go directly to benefit the students of St. Mary's so everyone wins!!

Start saving those pennies to help your class
earn the most points!



September 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day—No School	8	9 Fall Pictures Main Day	10 Fall Pictures LNL	11	12
		Book Fair—Multi Media Center				
13	14	15 Open House	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Fall Fundraisers begins	24	25 Dismiss at 1:00 Teacher Work day	26 St. Mary's Extravaganza
27	28 School Council 5:30	29	30			



Sixth Grade students are shown how to correctly put up the flags outside the school.



Students start to work on the school garden.

Heavenly Father,

Bless St. Mary's Grade School and the many people who advance our mission
May our building be a home for those who seek to grow in faith, knowledge, and service
of others.

May our community always support one another and exhibit hospitality to newcomers.

Fill our minds with knowledge and wisdom.
May our understanding of the world help us to grow in appreciation for it.

Fill our hearts with gladness.
May we always turn to you in times of need.

Fill our hands with the tools we need to serve others.
May we show them your unceasing love through our actions.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, pray for us.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us.

St. Mary Queen of the Universe, pray for us.

Through our Master Teacher, Jesus our Lord.

Amen.



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