

St. Mary's Catholic School

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A SPECIAL TREAT TOMORROW

This Thursday, September 5th, is Snow Cone Day! As we continue to celebrate the beginning of the school year and endure the last hot days of the summer season, we will have free snow cones and a free no uniform day.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL . . .

We hope you had a great **Labor Day** weekend! While it can often feel like all the responsibilities you have are overwhelming and never ending, the work that you do is important - even when not acknowledged. Each one of us has been given gifts and talents for the service of others which is a share in the work and plan of God. If it seems like no one else appreciates all that you do, remember that God knows! If we ask for His help and offer our tasks up for the love of God and neighbor, they have a value that transcends the temptation to think that our labors are futile.

Just a few days ago, my daughter gave birth to her first child. While the **labor** was unpleasant and exhausting, her focus was on the sweet baby that was about to be born. As soon as it was all over, she and our son-in-law were able to enjoy the precious gift that only arrived after much difficulty. May God give us the strength to endure the challenges of each day and help us to bear fruit in all of our labors!

HANDBOOKS GOING HOME TODAY

Our updated SMS Handbooks will be going home today for you to read. Please sign, along with your student, the last page to turn in by next Friday, September 13th. If you have any questions, please let us know!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th, 1:30 P.M. DISMISSAL - BUS IS AVAILABLE

PARISH PICNIC - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th

You are invited to Mary Help of Christians Parish Picnic! It will be a full day of events and opportunities of fun and fellowship for the whole family!

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 15th

The word "catechetical" refers to the ministry of teaching and sharing the Faith that Our Lord has passed on to the Apostles and down through the generations. The Church reminds us that parents are the "primary catechists" of their children. We are blessed at St. Mary's to help in this incredible mission! The theme for this year is "Lord, when did we see you hungry?" from Matthew 25:37. On Catechetical Sunday at the 10:00 A.M. Mass, St. Mary's parish will recognize the teachers from our school and the catechists from the Parish School of Religion (PSR) program. We hope to see you there!

IOWA TESTS THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 23rd

PTO DAIRY QUEEN FUNDRAISER ON SEPTEMBER 23 - MORE INFO COMING SOON! PICTURE DAY IS COMING UP!

On Monday morning, September 30th, we will have our annual Fall Picture Day. More information to come soon!

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (KC'S) MONDAY LUNCHES

The KC's offers \$11 lunch from 11:00 AM to 1:00 P.M.

Also, check out their Facebook page for news and events.

NEW GYM IMPROVEMENTS

We are thankful to all who have generously contributed to the SMS Gym project! Over \$130,000 has already been raised toward the \$150,000 total. Initial preparation is underway and we look to see major improvements in the gym over the coming weeks and months! Thank you for your patience as the gym is "under construction". Check out the flyer for details on bleacher nameplates.