



# The Mariner

**"It's a great day to be a St. Mary's Celt!"**

## Saint Mary Star of the Sea School... Excellence in Education Est. 1889

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### CALENDAR

#### Friday

Sept 2 **No School Labor Day Weekend**

#### Saturday

Sept 3 **Please Join Us for Mass!**  
**5:30pm (4:00pm @ St. Stan's)**

#### Sunday

Sept 4 **Please Join Us for Mass!**  
**8:00am or 10:00am**  
**(12:00pm @ St. Stan's \*Spanish Mass!)**

#### Monday

Sept 5 **No School Labor Day**

#### Tuesday

Sept 6 **PICTURE DAY**- Dress up tops and uniform bottoms.  
\*Marshall Music Instrument Rental 6:30pm @ the Dillon Center (St. John's School)

#### Wednesday

Sept 7 PSA Meeting @ 6:00pm (Meeting Rm)  
**\*You are invited to daily Mass at 12:05pm everyday!**

### Altar Servers

Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>:

5:30pm	8:00am	10:00am
D. Kestner	J. Saucedo	V. Ibeson
M. Kestner	J. Siciliano	J. Nicholson
M. Kestner	S. Williams	X. Nicholson
C. Kestner	*Still Needed	H. Wildenhaus



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### JPS BUS

Please direct any questions directly to JPS at (517) 841-2180.



### Lumen Christi Bus

Registration ([www.jcslumenchristi.org](http://www.jcslumenchristi.org)) and click on "Transportation" under QuickLinks on the right hand side of the home page to get more information and to register.



Thank you to all of our volunteers: Parents please remember to complete the online Virtus training or yearly video retraining, forms for volunteering are completed in the office, and code of conducts are signed so that you are able to volunteer freely.



We have several soft fundraisers that add funds to our school without taking extra money out of your pocket, these are the most current:

#### Things to send in:

Egg Cartons, Box Tops for Education, Campbell's Labels for Education, Coke Rewards Caps – or enter code online, Recycled ink cartridges and cell phones, School Spirit bread wrappers

#### Things to sign up for:

Target Red Card, GFS Guest Card, Good Search, Office Depot (ask to credit St. Mary), **Shoparoo App**

### St. Mary TRIP (Tuition Reduction Incentive Program)

TRIP orders are due in the school office on Wednesday mornings **BY** 8:30AM for pick up the following week.

Thank You,

Cindy & Karen



### PSA Weekly

**ALL** Parents are invited to our back to school PSA meeting on Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at 6:00pm.

**REMINDERS:** Student drop off is from 7:45-8:00am. Student pick-up is between 3:05-3:20pm. Office hours are M-F 7:15am-3:30pm. Please allow a few extra minutes until the road construction is complete.





## Principal's

### Corner...

Dear St. Mary's Family,

Welcome back! Thank you for helping to make our back to school Open House a huge success. OUR KIDS ROCK!!! I am so excited to see the amazing growth and accomplishments in our students this year. I challenge everyone to make the 2016-2017 school-year St. Mary's best one yet. What does this look like?...positive active participation by all stakeholders. We are all so blessed in so many ways...take the time to thank God for these blessings and let's put our gifts and talents to work. We all have so many great things going on let's choose to focus on these while we work together on anything else. Try your best to avoid gossip...go to the source. Choose to spread positives and address the other things that come up through appropriate open communication. Join us at Mass every Sunday (and Friday when you can), pray as often as possible then pray some more...together, get involved at St. Mary's, have meals as a family, shine the light of Christ as a model for your family and our community. The perception of St. Mary's is all of our responsibility and how we are seen in the community is the reality in the eye of the beholder. Together let's show Jackson the St. Mary's difference...let's be the bright "star" in our community.



Our outstanding Pastor, Fr. Tim  
1<sup>st</sup> day of school blessing

We are blessed to welcome:

Miss Katie Hrebec is our new 4th grade teacher for the 2016-2017 school year. She graduated from the University of Michigan with a BA in elementary education. At U of M she attained a 3.879 overall GPA, University Honors from 2012-2016, was an Angell Scholar (All-A's) for 5 semesters, and honored as a Dean's Award for Excellence Recipient in 2015 & 2016. While at U of M she was a member of the KDP Educational Honors Society, President of Students for Life in 2015-2016, and part of the Mitchell-Scarlett Program. Miss Hrebec graduated Summa Cum Laude in 2012 from Lumen Christi High School.

Mrs. Jill Higgins is a familiar face and is excited to transition from teaching Spanish to the 1<sup>st</sup> grade. She graduated Cum Laude from Spring Arbor University with a BA in Elementary Education with emphasis in Science and Spanish. She will be completing her MA this December in "Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages." Mrs. Higgins has also received a BA in Biblical Studies from the International School of Ministry. She brings 21 years of successful experience in education to our team.

Mrs. Nancy O'Neill is a graduate of St. Mary's and brings vast knowledge, experience, and success to our Kindergarten. Nancy has a Master of Arts degree in Education with emphasis in Language Arts and Social Studies from U of M. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications from MSU and an Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts. Thus far in her outstanding career she has received numerous awards: The Beyond War Award (Peace Corps), Unsung Hero Award (Golightly Educational Center), Outstanding Educator Award (Detroit Public Schools), and the Chief Academic Officer Hero Award (Jackson Arts & Technology Academy).

Sr. Andrea Corran is part of the Daughter's of St. Mary of Providence order of nun's. She graduated from California Coast University with a BS in Psychology. Sr. Andrea has many years of successful early elementary teaching experience. Her vocation and dedication is an amazing daily example for our students and parish.

I encourage and invite all members of the St. Mary's Family to be active in the education of our children. There is no more important service to our Lord than the work of the new evangelization and sharing the gift of Jesus with the world. We have a responsibility to spread the light of Christ to our children, community, Jackson, and to all who don't know our Lord.

Thank you in advance for your commitment to be an active member in educating our kids. Fr. Tim and I appreciate all that you do to make St. Mary Star of the Sea great.

**God bless and go CELTS!**

**See You at Mass,**

*Matthew P. Berkemeier*

**Disciple of Christ, Servant, and Principal**



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If you have requests for postings please email them to [mberkemeier@myjacs.org](mailto:mberkemeier@myjacs.org) no later than 12:00pm noon every Wednesday.



**St. Mary Star of the Sea Council #9301**