



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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Mission: St. Mary's Elementary School educates students of all faiths in a safe, nurturing, Christ-centered environment.

"LEARNING TODAY, LEADING FOREVER"

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Volume #9

CALENDAR

Thursday

Oct. 26 Homework Clinic and Math Enhancement (pick up at 4:30pm)

Friday

Oct. 27 Student-led Mass 9:00am

Saturday

Oct. 28 Please Join Us for Mass!
5:30pm (4:00pm @ St. Stan's)
Reconciliation 10:00am-12:00pm

Sunday

Oct. 29 Please Join Us for Mass!
8:00am or 10:00am
(12:00pm Latin Mass)
(12:00pm @ St. Stan's *Spanish Mass!)

Tuesday

Oct. 31 Homework Clinic and UE Math Enhancement (pick up at 4:30pm)

Wednesday

Nov 1 Evening Conferences
4:30-7:30pm

Thursday

Nov 2 1/2 Day of School/PM Conferences
12:30-4:30pm & 5:30-7:00pm

Friday

Nov 3 No School

Altar Servers

Oct. 28th & Oct. 29th:

5:30pm	8:00am	10:00am
Kestner Family	D. Kimalat	C. McClear
	J. Saucedo	K. Salazar
		A. Salazar
		H. Wildenhaus



AM: 1510 FM: 93.3

*Listen online at: www.goodshepherdcatholicradio.net



JPS BUS

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



Lumen Christi Bus

Registration (www.icslumenchristi.org) and click on "Transportation" under QuickLinks on the right hand side of the home page to get more information and to register.



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

Have you prayed for vocations today?

www.moderncatholicwoman.com

REMINDERS:

Drop off is 7:45am-8:00am and School starts at 8:00am. School ends at 3:05pm and pick up is from 3:05pm-3:20pm. It is very important that students are present for the duration of school. Please try your best to schedule appointments, trips, and other events during the school year outside of school hours.

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Principal's

Corner...

Dear St. Mary's Family,

Thank you for a great quarter! We look forward to seeing you at Conferences. St. Mary's is so thankful that you choose to partner with us for your families spiritual and academic needs.

One easy way for everyone to help our St. Mary's family bring others to Christ is: (if you have a Facebook profile)

- 1) invite all of your friends list to Like our page
- 2) like and share our posts
- 3) encourage others to check out our page

Please take a moment to add my cell phone # and email to your contacts: 517-206-5857 mberkemeier@myjacs.org

**God bless and go CELTS!
See You at Mass,**

Matthew P. Berkemeier

Disciple of Christ, Servant, and Principal



The Mariner

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



St. Mary Star of the Sea Council #9301



Please like and share our school Facebook page, posts, and invite others to do the same.



Over the next several weeks, we will be assembling Implementation teams to push forward on our 9 Strategic Priorities.

To the Faith Communities of Jackson:

Over the past year, a group of over 300 people, committed to our youth and Catholic Education, has worked tirelessly with consultants from the Institute for School and Parish Development (ISPD) to create a Collaborative Strategic Growth Plan for the Jackson Area Catholic Schools.

Our team has adhered to our goal to set personal, parish and school biases aside and work together under the theme of our unified Collaboration Statement:

Jackson Area Catholic Schools will work together to provide an inspiring, Christ-centered educational environment from Pre-K through 12th grade. Through collaboration, we will provide the formation and the foundation for students of all faiths to achieve and grow – spiritually, academically, morally, physically, and socially – in a welcoming and engaging community.

We are proud to announce that we are in the process of approving our 5-year plan titled:

**In Faith: Unity, Vision, Strength –
Jackson Area Catholic Schools 2018-2022**

Our work has been focused around 4 major planning areas; Mission and Catholic Identity, Governance and Leadership, Academic Excellence, and Operational Vitality. Through several collaborative meetings, facilitated by ISPD, we have identified 9 key Strategic Priorities related to these four planning areas. We have also uncovered several potential solutions to investigate and implement over the next 5 years.

The challenges and potential solutions we have identified all hinge around our ability to succeed in 4 important areas:

- 1) Bringing students, families, and staff closer to Christ through our schools.
- 2) Welcoming a larger portion of students in our parish and overall Jackson communities.
- 3) Increasing enrollment.
- 4) Raising current and long-term funds by engaging and inviting alumni and friends.

We, the Executive Committee of the Strategic Growth Plan, would like to invite people of good will from across our community to prayerfully consider participating in shaping the future for God's children.

If you would like to learn more, participate in implementation, or just have an introductory conversation about the future and your involvement, please contact Elaine Crosby at (517) 787-0630.

Together we can sustain a vibrant school system that serves our community, brings people of all faiths closer to God, and prepares our students to ***Be the Light of Christ*** now, and for eternity.

Sincerely,
Jackson Area Catholic Schools Strategic Growth Plan Executive Committee:

Pastors:	Principals:
Fr. Timothy MacDonald	Mrs. Liz Hartley
Queen of the Miraculous Medal	Queen of the Miraculous Medal
Our Lady of Fatima	School
Fr. Timothy Nelson	Mr. Matthew Berkemeier
St. Mary Star of the Sea	St. Mary Star of the Sea School
St. Stanislaus Chapel	
Fr. Chas Canoy	Mrs. Kristi Blair
St. John the Evangelist	St. John the Evangelist School
St. Joseph Oratory	
Fr. Thomas Helfrich, O.S.F.S	
St. Rita Catholic Church	
	Mrs. Stephanie Kristovic
	Lumen Christi Catholic School

Ms. Elaine Crosby, President
Lumen Christi Catholic School

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Strategic Growth Plan Steering Committee