

St. Mary Star of the Sea School

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

I don't have a lot to say today, just that it has been about the most pleasant opening to the school year that I can remember. The students have been great, the parents have been full of good cheer, and the teachers are smiling while working with purpose. Finally, the weather has been delightful, which makes me glad to be in Oceanside.

All in all, despite the many difficulties life invariably brings, it is good to be alive.

Though written for a different season, here is a nice little poem by Robert Browning:

THE year 's at the spring,
And day 's at the morn;
Morning 's at seven;
The hill-side 's dew-pearl'd;
The lark 's on the wing;
The snail 's on the thorn;
God 's in His heaven—
All 's right with the world!

In Christ,
Alan Hicks

Illness and Attendance

If your student is out sick, please contact the office. Otherwise, the absence will be reported as an “unexcused” absence.

If your student has a fever, please do not send him or her to school. They need to be **free of a fever for 24 hours** (without the help of a fever reducer) before returning to school.

If your student needs to take medication while in school please contact the office for forms that need to be completed. Students are not allowed to carry any type of medication (including cough drops) while in school.



Upcoming Events

September 21

Child ID Program

September 22

Picture Day-Wear Formal Uniform
“Dinner Night Out” Shakey's
5:00pm-8:00pm- Bring Flyer

October 4

Blessing of the Animals-
8:00am

8th Grade News

Monday, September 19th
St. Augustine and *Our Lady of Peace* will be on our campus to visit 8th grade

Tuesday, September 27th
Cathedral Catholic High School will be on our campus to visit 8th grade

Diploma Forms (Teal colored forms) are due by Friday, Sept. 23rd

Hot Lunch Orders Due by Friday, Sept. 23rd

Hot Lunch order forms have been sent out in this week's family envelopes. We also have forms in the front office. Please have your order form and payment in the office by Friday, September 23rd.

Child Safety ID

Wednesday, September 21st Child Safety ID will be on campus starting @ 10:00am to take photos of those students that are ordering the various ID packages they offer. The order form went out this week through your students' classroom.

<http://www.safetychild.com/>

Lifetouch School Portraits

Thursday, September 22nd Lifetouch will be on campus to take our formal school portraits. Please have your student wear Formal Mass Uniform. A flyer has been sent home in today's family envelope. Make-up photo day will be Tuesday, October 11th. <http://lifetouch.com/>

Physical Education News

Physical Education Uniform: In order to provide the best possible experience for your child, we must all work together as a team. Please remind your students to dress in or bring their PE uniforms each physical education class day. Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders may come to school wearing their PE uniform. All other grades wear school uniforms and change at school. Velcro or laced athletic shoes and socks are part of the Physical Education uniform. It is for your child's safety and others in the class. It is also more comfortable and allows them to participate at their best. Long hair needs to be tied back for safety reasons. No jewelry is allowed. Colored undershirts must be tucked into shorts or not worn. Students are expected to be in Physical Education uniform on all Physical Education Days including free dress days.

Physical Education Class Schedules are as follows:

Kindergarten:	Monday & Wednesday
First Grade:	Tuesday & Thursday
Second Grade:	Tuesday & Thursday
Third Grade:	Monday & Tuesday
Fourth Grade:	Monday & Wednesday
Fifth Grade:	Tuesday & Thursday
Sixth Grade:	Wednesday & Thursday
Seventh Grade:	Monday & Thursday
Eighth Grade:	Monday & Wednesday



PTG Corner

After school clubs are starting 9/27. We will be offering Minecraft, Basketball, and Chess. Forms went home this week, or find them online under Parents, After School Clubs.

Don't forget to turn in your pink **Volunteer** form! Please contact volunteer@stmarystars.com if you're available to help with any of the following that go toward your annual 25hrs:

- ✓ Help setup for Mrs. Jones' annual Beverages & Brushstrokes event on Saturday, October 8.

Your child will be coming home with a **Magazine Drive** packet on Tuesday, 9/20 to kick-off our annual fundraiser. All Great American magazines are offered at up to 90% off newsstand prices, with over 650 offers! You can even earn college tuition credits by participating.

Our **PTG meeting** is Wednesday, 9/21 at 8:00am in the School Hall. Everyone is invited to attend and share ideas.