

# MARY IMMACULATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

September 2020

## IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>: Electives begin

Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>: 12pm dismissal

Sept 18<sup>th</sup>: School Mass @8:15am;  
Krispy Kreme Donut order form due;  
classwork packets pick-up day

Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>: STAR Test begins for grades  
5-8

Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>: STAR Test begins for TK-4<sup>th</sup>  
grade

Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>: Chocolates Sale ends

Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>: STAR Test ends for all  
grades

Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>: Picture Day; School Mass @  
8:15am

Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>: 12pm dismissal

Dear Mary Immaculate School Parents,

We did it! We completed our first full week of school and are off to an amazing start. I can't tell you how excited we are about the new school year. I pray we remain united and filled with God's love. Thank you to all parents who attended Back to School Night. It was a long but informative meeting. I hope the information we shared answered any questions you had prior to the meeting. Thank you for your tremendous support. We are looking forward to a great year!

May the Light of our Heavenly Father shine upon you throughout the 2020-2021 school year!

Many blessings,

Veronica Macias, M. Ed.

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*"Alone we can do so little; TOGETHER we can do so much!"*

*Helen Keller*

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## PICTURE DAY



Student pictures will take place on Friday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>. Lifetouch will be at the school from 9am-2:45pm in the Social Hall. I put together a schedule and assigned small groups per family. Please see schedule and be on time. The photographers will follow CDC guidelines and protocols. There will be no live teaching that day except for morning attendance and School Mass. Teachers will use that day for students to catch up on any missing assignments. If you are not able to order the pictures online, please bring the order form along with the exact payment the day of the pictures. Lifetouch will be accepting order forms that day, but you need to bring in the exact amount as they are not able to give you change. Order forms as well as the online code were emailed to all parents last week. We will send a hard copy together with the classwork packets.

Blessed!

Please remember to **Say Cheese** and wear your best dress uniform!





## **STAR ASSESSMENT**

All students will be taking the STAR Test starting on Monday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> for grades 5-8 and Tuesday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> grades TK-4<sup>th</sup>. The STAR data allows teachers to have a better understanding of where students are academically and what skills have or have not been mastered yet.

Taking into consideration the age and the need for student support as well as the complexity of the assessment, we will be inviting small group of students in grades TK-4<sup>th</sup> to take the assessment with their teacher. Students in grades 5-8 will be taking the assessment remotely. A class testing schedule was provided to the teachers in grades TK-4<sup>th</sup>. They will be sharing the schedule with their students and families. Parents in grades TK-4<sup>th</sup> who prefer not to test on campus will be able to test remotely. Please inform your child's teacher.

If your child is testing remotely, we ask that you please avoid helping your child answer any of the questions. The STAR test data will help teachers to meet students where they are and provide them with the assistance needed, therefore, we need the data to be as accurate as possible. We ask that your child gets a good night's rest and eats a healthy breakfast.

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## **A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER**

LOVING GOD, THANK YOU FOR THE REST AND RELAXATION WE ENJOYED OVER THE SUMMER. TODAY WE PRAY FOR OUR STUDENTS AS THEY BEGIN A NEW SCHOOL YEAR. BLESS THEM WITH JOY AT SEEING FRIENDS, EXCITEMENT AT NEW EXPERIENCES, AND A LOVE OF LEARNING. WATCH OVER ALL WHO LEARN, REPLACING FEAR WITH JOY, ANXIETY WITH PEACE, AND TIREDNESS WITH ENERGY.

May confidence be their foundation, may grace be their guide and may hope be their compass toward a bright future. I pray they would have eyes to see the needs of those around them and a heart to love well. May they face each day with positivity knowing that no matter what comes their way, you are always by their side.

We pray for our school families. May the presence of your Spirit fill their hearts.

We pray for our teachers. May you grant them wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students.

Amen.

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