

Dear Parents,

***Where Faith and Learning Go Hand in Hand***

Is this statement important? If yes, why is it important? What does it mean to me? What does it mean to you? Our school motto does provoke many questions. It also, however, can be used to describe what makes St. Mary's Catholic School a unique educational experience.

I am not writing to compare the learning experiences at public schools or other private institutions. All schools have teachers, administrators, parents, and students working hard to create rewarding educational opportunities. The difference between St. Mary's and other schools is not the class size, test results, or experience level of teachers. I believe the most important difference comes from reinforcement of the Christian faith.

Every day begins and ends with a prayer to reinforce Faith. Religion is taught daily at every grade level. All students attend Mass at least once during the school week. Finally, Catholic students prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation.

I believe the emphasis on Faith is important for students, staff, and families because it helps us to keep our lives balanced. As our relationship with God and our Faith is strengthened, we are better equipped to deal with the happenings of life. Faith can make you bold as you charge through life. Faith can make you humble when your britches get too big. Faith can give you hope when all you have is despair.

In closing, remember that the reinforcement of Faith is how St. Mary's differs from other schools. If you are looking for an excellent education, with a chance to grow your family's Christian faith, then St. Mary's Catholic School is right for you. I hope to see you here soon.

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