

# April Newsletter

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## 2019

Dear Parents,

St. Mary's School, Ticonderoga

**The Chocolate Sale** ends May 1. After that date no dress passes will be given out. *Those families who sell 4 boxes or more are guaranteed the privilege to DRESS DOWN for the month of June.* If the chocolate is gone by April 12 and all money in, everyone can dress down for the month of June. We have 44 boxes of chocolate left at school. Chocolate selling days at Walmart: April 5 and 6. If you can do one of these days, let us know.

**Reregistration Form** is attached. Please return by May 1. If you didn't get one, please call the school office.

- April 1        **Monday, No After School Program** for grades 1-5.
- April 1-4     **NYS ELA Testing 3-8.** Make sure students are well rested and eat a good breakfast. Breakfast will start at 7:15 on test days.
- April 5        **1<sup>st</sup> Friday Mass 9 A.M.** Please join us.
- April 7        **1<sup>st</sup> Communion Class** for students and parents following 9 A.M. Mass.
- April 8        **ELA scoring** in Plattsburgh for grades 6-8 teachers.
- April 9        **ELA scoring** in Plattsburgh for grades 3-5 teachers.
- April 10      **Living Stations of the Cross** will be presented by grades 6-8 at 7:30 in St. Mary's Church. All are encouraged to attend this moving experience.
- April 14      **Palm Sunday**
- April 12-22   **Spring Vacation.** Friday, April 12-Monday, April 22. See you Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- April 21      **Easter Sunday**
- April 25      **Family Breakfast 7:15 – 8:00.** Adults \$3.00 and students \$1.00. Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk, fresh fruit, and coffee.
- April 26      **3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report Cards** given out today.
- April 27      **1<sup>st</sup> Communion Retreat Day 9 A.M. till 2 P.M.**  
**Confirmation Retreat Day 2-4 P.M.**
- April 28      **Confirmation** at St. Mary's Church, 3:00.
- April 29      **Spring Picture Day.** We will also be doing Kindergarten Graduation pictures. Dress UP day for all students. You do not prepay for the pictures. Pay for them only if you keep them.

EXCITING NEW WAY TO SUPPORT ST. MARY'S SCHOOL AT NO COST TO YOU! When you shop at [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com), enter through their special website, AMAZON [SMILE.COM](https://www.amazon.com/smile). Enter your Amazon user name and password and then under "different charitable organization" type in St. Mary's Church, Ticonderoga, NY. The money will be donated directly into the school account. You will then need to select St. Mary's Church, Ticonderoga and click that you want to support us. Now you can shop normally. All prices will be the same, shipping is the same as always, Amazon will donate 0.05% of every purchase to us, and it costs you nothing to support our school. The next time you go to Amazon Smile you will already be linked to St. Mary's as your recipient. Thank you for participating in Amazon Smile - their donations to us add up very quickly! Happy Shopping!

### **Upcoming Events:**

May 1-3 –NYS Math Test for grades 3-8  
May 3 - 1st Friday Mass 9 A.M.  
May 12 – Mother's Day  
May 22 - NYS Science Performance Test grade 4  
May 23 – NYS Science Performance Test grade 8  
May 25-28 – Memorial Day Weekend.  
May 30 – Ascension Thursday Mass 9 A.M

### **Letter to Parents:**

We live in a world that appears increasingly materialistic and selfish. As followers of Jesus, we often struggle with this reality. Jesus told us that "I have not come to be served, but to serve." On a very hopeful note, many children today are able to see clearly the overemphasis on material things in our world and are determined and ready to do something to change that. Social researchers call the children in today's elementary and high schools a "hero generation." We see evidence of this in many programs that young people have started in their schools and communities to meet the needs of the poor and needy (as our 7th grade did a few years ago for Haiti). Today's young people are committed to making our world a cleaner and more just world in which to live. We continue to support the Operation Christmas Child with shoe boxes and we collect canned goods for the Food Pantry.

As technology brings the world closer together, it becomes clearer that all human beings rely on one another in countless ways. It is our charge to work together to do all that we can to make our world a better place. The kinds of changes necessary to do this are both grand and small in scale. What can you do to teach your child the importance of service to others?

- Model reverence for all of creation.
- Show compassion for those who are less fortunate or in need.
- Encourage your child to be generous in helping at school either through clubs or whenever there is need.
- Summer may be a great time to undertake a new service activity with your family.
- Most importantly, lead by example.
- Catholic Relief Services (Rice Bowls) is your way to change lives around the world. Did you know:
- Catholics in the U.S assist 85 million of the world's poorest people through CRS.
- Motivated by the example of Christ, CRS work reaches communities in more than 100 countries.
- CRS Rice Bowl is a way for Christians in the U.S. to live Pope Francis' call to end world hunger.
- Sister Bethany's recent visit gave us some new insights on how we can help save the planet.

The path of service is a rewarding one. Do what you can to encourage this belief and practice in your family.

Yours in Christ,