

St. Mary School 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR IN REVIEW

- * God has once again played the major role in our school. We thank him each and every day for his blessings
- * After receiving our Full Accreditation last year, we have begun the process of renewal
- * Once again, we are excited to announce that our enrollment has increased in grades K-8
- * We had an 8th grade graduation this spring, the first in several years
- * Because of this increase, our school has become the St. Mary Elementary-Middle School for the 2018-2019 school year. We have separated our 6-8 graders from the lower level students and have developed a new Middle School for them. We are really excited about this and are looking forward to the new school year.
- * Community service and participation in community actives played a major role in our school year
- * Staff in-service played a big role in the improvement our staff ability to present lessons to our students
- * We thank Father Buffer and Father Schmit for all their help and support. Without it, we would not be the outstanding school that we are
- * We want to thank Mrs. Jodi Aurigemma, our new second aide; she has been a wonderful addition
- * Our new 6+1 Traits of Writing and new Science Fusion curriculums have gotten off to a successful start
- * We have partnered with Marion City to develop a new improved safety program for our school. Work will continue this fall on this program
- * The large amount of financial aid help through donations, grants, and the EdChoice and EdChoice Expansion programs has been a big help in financing our school
- * Once again, the Knights of Columbus have played an important role for us at St. Mary; Thank You!
- * In the area of our State Testing:
 - a. Test scores went up this school year
 - b. With the help of our Title 1 program and the wonderful job our staff is doing, our reading levels are improving, which helps the student's succeed in other subjects!
- * The Catholic Schools Week was a big success! There were activities each day and a field trip to the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus. It was beautiful!
- * Lt. B.J Gruber has become a friendly face in our building. The kids enjoy seeing him and it's nice to know he is Around
- * A student "Merit Award" was given out each month along with our Christian Leader Award to recognize those students that performed good deeds. A student in grades K-3 and 4-8 were eligible for this award
- * The Community Literacy night was a big success; the drawing help raise needed funds and were enjoyed by all!
- * James Crabtree and Mateusz Lisiecki attended the Owjl OWU Summer Leadership Camp
- * The students in 7th and 8th grade were able to continue with their Latin classes; we look forward to doing again this school year
- * A "BIG" Thank You goes out to Mrs. Cole and our Home and School program. They provide wonderful programs to our student and a "GREAT" end of the year activities day. This year was REALLY exciting and "FUN"!
- * We completed our school year with our Annual Awards Assembly on the last day of school

I hope you have enjoyed "Our Year in Review" and have learned a little more about our wonderful school. Feel free to come visit us and remember to tell a neighbor that St. Mary School is alive and well and ALWAYS looking for new students!

God Bless you all and we hope your summer is going well,

Mr. Jack Mental, Principal