

ST. MARY'S VISITATION

Catholic School Elm Grove, WI

St. Mary's Visitation Parish School's Mission Statement

St. Mary's Visitation Catholic Parish School exists to direct children toward God and toward Christian service to society through Catholic religious formation, academic challenge, and continuous improvement.

SMV School Advisory Committee Meeting **October 10, 2022**

Attendance: Mary Tretow, Katie Fee, Shelly Taylor, Matthew Mathai, Katy Edwards, Nicholas Puetzer, Andrea Ziel, Pete Linn, Roderick Read, Maren Kleinmann, Michelle Akel

1) September meeting minutes approved

2) Principal's Report

● Safety

- .i. Lt Natalie Rliey from EGPD, did a walk around and performed an audit. Good report.
- .ii. Safety plan will be reviewed. EGPD had a meeting with staff and reviewed "Run, Hide, Fight", discussed evacuation plans, etc.
- .iii. May have active shooter drill or evacuation drill later this year.
Information to be shared with parents and school committee before being presented to kids.
- .iv. Each room has a safety bag – first aid kit, window escape
- .v. Door handles changed on 10/7
- .vi. Parents must enter through the front office,.Teachers need to remember to close the doors.
- .vii. Doors from senior center to school need to be closed and locked. Attic space cannot be used during the school day
- .viii. Athletic events/weekend safety to be discussed.

● October 21st – Fr. Behling and Fr. Berger will dedicate statues of Virgin Mary and St. Bernadette in the outdoor classroom

● Conferences are in person Monday night and Tuesday morning via zoom or in person – week of Thanksgiving

● Registration for next year will be in mid-November for current families. December for parishioners. After Open House in January for non-parishioners. Mrs. Tretow already

receiving requests for tours for next year. Will be updating registration forms.

343 students

- Next year: Will hire for 3rd grade, 5th grade, Mrs. Scherr to go back to library. Mrs. Dries, Mrs. Burbach and Mrs. Read are doing library this year.
- Exemplary recognition for Catholic Identity application being submitted by end of the year to the Arch.

3) Advancement

- Small turnout for new families event at the beginning of the year – will be working on new ideas
- Postcards to go to prospective families in the parish for younger children to notify them of registration
- Bibs to new babies being baptized

4) Athletics

- Wireless Scoreboard receivers being planned
- Golf Outing being planned again for Athletics and Home and School – considering June 2023
- Playing time conversation – 5th and 6th should be evenly split. 7th and 8th may be more talent based. Will be working on policy to put in the handbook
If classes get big enough, may need to consider splitting into 2 teams, pulling kids from other schools for joint teams

5) Budget

- Book bill increased due to new students, more subscriptions for IXL accounts
Stop the Auction – new desks and chairs for classrooms. New tables and chairs for the gym

6) Planning

- More kids in Christian Formation than last year, Classes on Tuesday nights

7) Policy

- Michelle Akel reviewed handbooks and have edits with grammar, formatting, organization
- Will plan to review different sections of the handbook for each meeting

8) Home & School

- Kim Kolesari is volunteer coordinator – to support chairs of upcoming events
- Hospitality committee will be providing a meal for teachers on Conference day
- Spooks and Spoofs update
 - .i. 1st sign up genius today.
 - .ii. Haunted House to be run by 8th graders on the far playground with parent chaperones for 5-8th graders
 - .iii. Food trucks are the same as last year

- .iv. Girl Scouts to have table with baked goods, Hot Cocoa and Apple Cider
- Parish Picnic – will become a 2 year commitment so there is continuity between years
- Trivia night - \$2500 raised for Home and School, 13 tables this year
- Soles for Catholic Education happening this Friday, goal is \$25k
- Mother Son on November 4th, register by Nov 1st
- Middle School Dance – January 21st in the Cafeteria to be sponsored by Christian Formation and Parish rather than the school. Will include homeschool kids and religious ed.
- Wine Down sponsored by Catholic Women is coming up soon

9) Pastoral council

- Andrea Ziel is our new liason to School Committee
- Capital campaign is underway
- VBS planning for next summer is already happening

10) Announcements

- Mrs. Tretow will be gone for 2 weeks in November on vacation. Nov 13-Thanksgiving
- November 7th is our next meeting.