

What a wonderful Christmas program last night. Thank you to our students who sang their hearts out and showed all of us the true meaning of Christmas. Thank you to the staff and many, many parents who worked to make it a lovely event. We are truly blessed. Our children truly do lead the way. (None of us will ever think of the Wise Men the same way!)

Speaking of leading the way and setting the example: The first grade mitten tree collection filled over 6 boxes of hats, gloves and scarves for needy children. Thank you to the families who supported first grade's stewardship project.

The following is from the Health Department:

I am emailing you with information on a topic other than pertussis! It is norovirus season again and school surveillance indicates that cases of diarrhea and vomiting in students is increasing in some schools. I have attached information on norovirus signs and symptoms, prevention, and cleaning. I have also attached the November Communique which talks about norovirus including outbreaks in our county. We will continue to monitor school surveillance and if rates in a school get high, we will call you and check to see if we can assist you in any way. Also, please feel free to call the Communicable Disease Program at [815-334-4500](tel:815-334-4500) with any questions or concerns

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Please remember to send in your preschool registration. Remember we will have 2 sessions of preschool next year - not three. Enrollment opens to parishioners at the beginning of January and then to the general public shortly after that.

Saint Margaret Mary Dinner Dance collection boxes will be outside classroom doors through the second week in January. Please remember to send in your contribution. The wonderful dinner dance event is Saturday, February 4th. Save the date!

We can add one more of our graduates to our list of seniors who scored higher than 30 on the ACTs. Andrew Baert, of Jacob's High School, added another layer of pride at Saint Margaret Mary with his score.

Many heartfelt thanks to the generous families who sent in decorated ornaments and donations to our staff. What an amazing group you are.

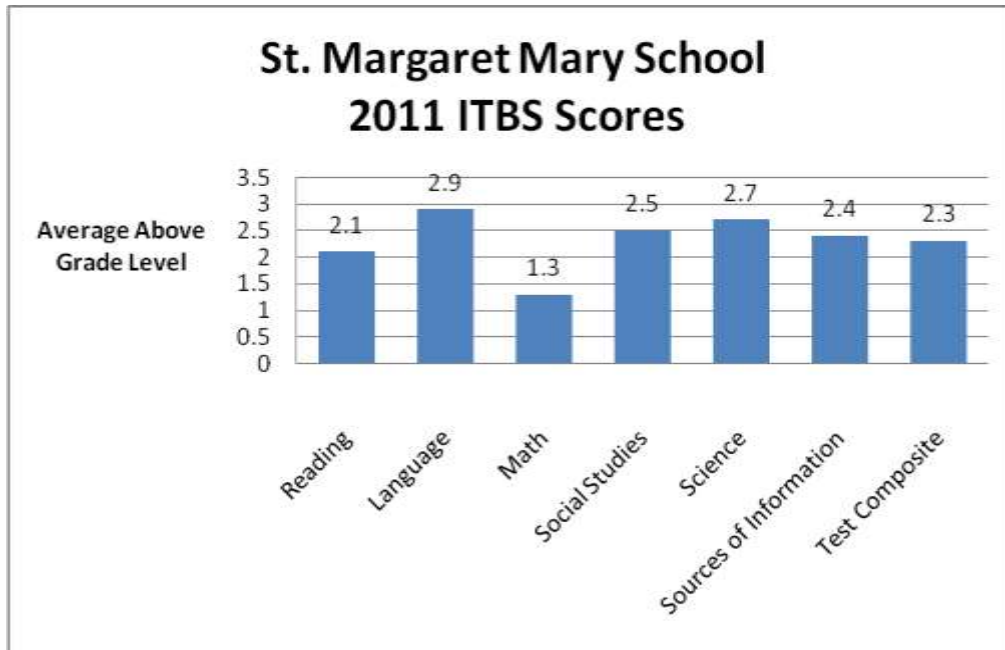
Attached you will find:

- Results of the ITBS tests students took in September. Once again, we are so proud of their achievement. Our students work very hard and are so successful with the support of their teachers and families. It takes all of us!**
- Footballmania results for this week are also attached.**

Have a wonderful, faith-filled, family -filled Christmas. May 2012 be a great year for all of you. Blessings, Mrs. Snyder

Iowa Tests of Basic Skills Results for 2011

Saint Margaret Mary School scores on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills Achievement Tests have been received for the 2011-12 school year. Once again, our students have scored very well. This testing was done in September. An average student is expected to score at the grade level and in the month of school that they are in. For example, an average third grade student would score 3.1 which is read as third grade, in the first month of school. On the graph below, zero is grade level. Saint Margaret Mary students scored one to two grades above average in each of the subject areas tested.



This graph shows the average amount **above** grade level students in grades 3-8 scored in each of the ITBS subject areas. For example, on the reading tests our students scored an average of 2.2, or 2 years and 1 month above their grade level.



FootballManiaWinners - Week 7

WOW! The biggest week of winners we have had so far.

Congratulations to the following FootballMania winners:

Name	Ticket #	Score (Rank)	Tiebreaker	Prize Money
Robin Butz	3329	124 (2)	1082	\$100.00
Ian Hanson	3340	124 (3)	1030	\$50.00
Terry Blades	243	121 (6)		\$10.00
Mike Duffy	769	120 (7)	1267	\$10.00
Kathy Duffy	774	120 (8)	1215	\$10.00
Justin Gustis	1199	120 (9)	1071	\$10.00
Don Werfelmann	3060	117 (12)	1332	\$10.00
Adam Waugh	2291	117 (14)	1188	\$10.00
Bill Yerkes	3161	117 (19)	1037	\$10.00
John Miguel	2503	117 (20)	985	\$10.00
Karen Dimaggio	1663	115 (21)	1201	\$10.00
Debbie Inciso	1383	115 (23)	1141	\$10.00
Voss Family	2997	114 (25)	1295	\$10.00
Linda Hass	556	23 (4958)	716	\$10.00
Caroline Nemtuda	2083	23 (4959)	692	\$10.00
Megan Reasor	2400	23 (4960)	675	\$25.00

Like in previous weeks there would have been more winners but 3 of this week's winning tickets were not sold.