

Special Programs & Resources

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Library:

All students have library privileges. We believe that reading is an integral and essential part of education; therefore, we maintain a library to motivate and stimulate interest in reading for enjoyment, study, research and learning library skills.

Number of books a child may take out or have out at any given time:

Kindergarten, Grade 1:	1 Book
Grades 2 and 3:	2 Books
Grades 4 - 8:	5 Books

(We say books but this can be a combination of books, magazines or audiovisual materials.) If a student "adopts" a book, he/she may have both the adopt-a-book and the allotted number of books for the grade. Kindergarten does not check out books until the second semester when the entire class can write their full name.

Checkout length of time - It is the child's responsibility to bring books back on time!

Kindergarten, Grade 1 and 2:	1 Week
Grades 3-8:	2 Weeks

- **Renewal** of books can take place for the same amount of time.
- **Fines** - a fine of 20 cents per day will be assessed for each overdue piece of material. This fine will be charged on the days the library is open, i.e. Monday through Friday. Since the library is not open Saturday and Sunday it is not appropriate to charge a fine on those days. Once the student has a fine, he/she may not check out any more material until the fine is paid.
- **Overdue book fines** are to be put in an envelope with the student's name and room number written on the envelope and sealed. This money is used for library needs.
- **Lost Material Policy** - If library material is lost the student will be charged the replacement price of the material. Damaged material will be assessed a fine based on the cost of repair by the librarian.

Only pencils will be allowed in the library. All pens found in the students' possession during time in the library will be confiscated and not returned.

Computer Education:

The approach to Computer Education at St. Mary's School is to integrate instructional technology into the curriculum. While students are in the computer lab, they are actually accomplishing a dual purpose: They are meeting for a computer class, and for a curricular subject. Because computers and other technologies are recognized as effective learning tools, the computer lab is used in collaboration with the main curricular subjects of Math, Science, Language Arts, Social Studies, Reading, and Spelling. Whenever possible, collaboration with Music, Art, Gym and Religion is made as well.

Parent Involvement Programs:

Parents are encouraged to volunteer their time. The help of our volunteers enriches our students. Following are some areas we encourage you to look into:

1. Computer Aides
2. Room Mothers and helpers
3. Playground Supervisors
4. Library Aides

See also the [Committees](#) page.

Student Council:

Purpose: To help develop the values of positive leadership, school spirit, Christian community and service.

Officers: Four officers will be elected. Each classroom has a representative and alternate who are elected by their classmates to serve on the Student Council. Meetings are held once a month.

Academic Pursuit:

Academic Pursuit is an annual competition that allows the students of St. Mary's School to demonstrate, in an exciting and fast paced manner, many of their skills and knowledge. It is designed to encourage and support the academic efforts of the young people in this school. This competition is based on single elimination question and answer format. It requires knowledge, perceptual processing speed and hand eye coordination. Each child in grades 4-8 tries out for the opportunity to represent their class in this exciting game. Parents can be involved throughout the process in question writing, tryout crew and on the evening of competition. Academic Pursuit welcomes your support of your child's academic effort. Students in Grades 6-8 are also eligible to compete for positions on the school traveling team.

Safety Patrol:

The Safety Patrol is sponsored by the Burlington Police Department. Its main function is to instruct, direct and control the members of our school in crossing streets and highways at or near school, and to assist children boarding the buses. The cadets are on duty 20 minutes before and after school begins and ends.

Candidates for the Safety Patrol must have attained a good citizenship record and kept the required academic standards. At the close of the year they are invited to an outing sponsored by the Burlington Police Department.

Cadets must meet the following qualifications:

- A. Be mature and responsible.
- B. Must earn the respect of all students by being a good citizen at all times.
- C. Must be prompt in reporting to their assigned positions.
- D. Must be willing to sacrifice their time and be here outside the bus schedule.
- E. Must take direction from squad leaders.
- F. Must maintain average academic standards.
- G. Must show responsibility by turning all assignments in on time

CADETS WILL BE REPLACED IF THEY FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE QUALIFICATIONS.

Band, Chorus & General Music:

All students are expected to attend music class. Grades 1-5 meet twice a week for one-half hour each time. Grades K, 6, 7 and 8 meet once a week. All aspects of music are taught: listening, dancing, singing, theory and playing classroom instruments. In Grades 6, 7 and 8, students make a choice among band, chorus, or general music. If a student selects chorus, he/she need not take general music and vice versa. For students in band and/or chorus, attendance at contests and all concerts is required. These events and daily participation are added criteria for grading. Band lessons begin in Grade 5.

Music Parents Association is a group of volunteers from CCHS and SMS. We support the Band and Chorus programs at both schools by raising funds to buy medal and ribbons, sheet music, band instruments, etc. We welcome visitors to our board meetings. If you are interested, please contact any board member. Please also support Music Parents at our major fundraiser, a fruit sale at Christmas.