FIELD TRIPS BRING HISTORY TO LIFE

Experiential learning is a significant part of St. Mary’s School’s curriculum, and field trips are one of the ways St. Mary’s brings learning to life. This fall, Mrs. Caulk’s 8th graders have gained a better understanding of their community, region, and state on field trips to Edwardsville, Alton, and Springfield. Mrs. Caulk’s 39 years on Edwardsville’s Historical Preservation Commission provides a unique perspective of Illinois’ third oldest city for her students. 8th graders visited the oldest home and first trading post, discussed the impact of segregation on the steps of the Mannie Jackson Center for the Humanities (formerly known as the Lincoln School), learned the significance of N.O. Nelson’s manufacturing company and its innovative Village of LeClaire, and discussed the architecture and family lore of the St. Louis Street Historic District.

In Alton, the students learned about the vital role the Mississippi River has in economy and culture. They also learned about newspaper publisher Elijah P. Lovejoy’s commitment, courage, and sacrifice to the cause of abolishing slavery, reflected on the unimaginable conditions of a Confederate prison, and re-enacted the famous Legend of the Piasa Bird.

The capstone field trip to Springfield allowed the students to “walk where Lincoln walked.” The 8th graders enjoyed a historical scavenger hunt through the outstanding Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum as they walked through displays and watched films about Lincoln’s life and presidency. The students continued their walk with Lincoln as they visited the Old State Capital building and his family’s home. A tour of the State Capital building, including a visit to both the House and Senate Chambers and a look at the Governor’s office wrapped up the day. These field trips are a unique experience for St. Mary's 8th graders and help the students see their community, region, and state in a whole new light!
Basketball season is underway!

Chess Club has a great time meeting once a week after school.

Come see for yourself what makes St. Mary’s School a school to believe in!
Schedule a personal tour with Diane Villhard, Enrollment Director, at 618.531.6172 or dvillhard@gmail.com

Edwardsville Catholic Schools Band has had a busy rehearsal and parade season!

3rd Graders are already comfortable using their Chromebooks.

Hands-on science projects make learning fun and meaningful! From elementary students building dams to junior high classes doing chemistry experiments, St. Mary’s faculty makes learning fun!

Halloween fun included a Trunk-or-Treat, costume parade, faculty M&Ms, and classroom parties!

Catholic Netters 2019!

St. Mary’s artwork at the EAC Private School Art Show

8th graders presented a Living Saints Museum for the whole school on All Saints Day!

From buddy-time to bunny-time, PreK loves every day!