

SCHOOL CALENDAR 1980-81

DATE		
Sept. 2	Faculty Orientation	
3	Opening of School	
19	Teacher Conference Day	
Oct. 8,9,10	Diocesan In-Service Day	Each school closed for day. Locations and dates vary.
13	Columbus Day Recess	
29	Book Exhibit (Full morning session)	
Nov. 11	Veteran's Day	
27,28	Thanksgiving Recess	
Dec. 8	Immaculate Conception (Full Morning Session)	
23	Christmas Recess (begins end of day on 23rd)	
Jan. 5	School re-opens	
16	Martin Luther King Day	
Feb. 16-20	February Recess	
March	In-Service-Day	Locations and dates vary.
April 16	Holy Thursday (Full Morning Session)	
	Easter Recess Begins	
27	School re-opens	
May 25	Memorial Day Recess	
28	Ascension Thursday (Full Morning Session)	
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28	Ascension Thursday (Full Morning Session)	
June 19	Last Day of School!	

NOTE: If schools have been closed because of adverse weather conditions so that the number of instructional days fall below the minimum required by law, make-up days will be scheduled according to days set by the local Public School District.

Free Milk Program

A free special milk policy for Catholic elementary school children unable to pay the full price has been announced by the Office of General Education. Eligibility will be determined by family size and income.

dividual applications may be submitted any time during the school year.

Each school will designate an official to review applications and determine eligibility. Any dissatisfaction with a ruling

by an official, may be appealed through a hearing.

The policy also provides that there will be no identification of, or discrimination against, any student unable to pay the full cost of the milk.

The policy is sponsored by the Bureau of School Food Management under the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Services. School officials will use an income scale and any uncontrollable financial hardship which may affect a family's ability to pay for special milk. Provision is also made for foster children.

Families falling within the income scale are urged to apply by completing application forms sent home in a letter to parents. In-

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Bath School Makes A Successful Comeback

Bath — When the Murray and Basa families arrive in the village this month with six children already registered for St. Mary's School, Sister Mary Agnes Zimmer will know a principal's triumph; her school has shown a 104 percent increase in enrollment in the four years she has been there.

"We are thrilled," she said, "that in an era when Catholic schools are closing down in many parishes, St. Mary's has doubled its registration and added two new upper grades." Only 66 youngsters greeted Sister Mary Agnes when she arrived at St. Mary's in September, 1976. This fall she has a record 135 pupils enrolled from pre-kindergarten through 6th grade.

The steady growth has had a number of causes, Sister Zimmer explained. "A positive selling campaign by many mothers among our school families to persuade other families to transfer their children to us has been helpful. We have also sought out and attracted new families moving into the village," she said.

"The satisfaction of parents of our nursery and kindergarten families who decide to keep their children with us and a stable faculty for four years have stimulated our reputation and growth."

St. Mary's opened in 1960 with only a kindergarten and the first two grades. But within five years, in a new school building, there were 372 pupils from K through 8th grade. When registration dropped to 135 in the spring of 1970 the three top grades

were closed. Then the transfer of many Westinghouse families out of the village and the loss of all the teaching sisters caused a new drop. The school almost shut its doors in the summer of 1976 when enrollment of K through 4th grade was only 66 children.

But the arrival of Sister Mary Agnes, the hiring of three new teachers and a campaign for school-consciousness among the whole parish reversed the down-trend.

"A new pastor, Father Richard Tormey, coming in the Summer of 1977, also helped give confidence to the parishioners that we were not a dying school. This

brightened our community image," Sister Zimmer said.

A parish referendum in early 1978, based on hopes that new funds and new pupils could be found, led to the addition of a 5th grade and the recruiting of 40 new students. The 6th grade was added in '79 with another increase of students.

With the hiring of Miss Carol Von Hagn and Mrs. Kathleen Francis, St. Mary's will have a teacher for every grade this year, the first time since September 1974. New programs to be added this fall are a Student Council, the Junior Great Books, and the Safety Patrol.

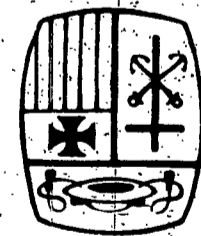
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