

Sancta Maria School Established 1985

Parent Handbook

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Purpose:

Sancta Maria School endeavors to live out the command of Christ to:

"Let the little children come to me; do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." (Mark 10:14).

This school offers the family a unique gift by educating and nurturing the entire person during his/her most delicate and impressionable age. The dignity of each individual is recognized and elevated by offering an education in the Catholic tradition that enhances one's understanding of being made in the image and likeness of God.

Mission:

Sancta Maria Montessori School offers an education to children ages 3-18 in a prepared environment to help each person reach his/her fullest potential.

In support of this mission, we:

- Provide an education for children which will help them to know, love and serve God.
- Implement the Montessori Method of education whenever possible.
- Nurture the child's relationship with God through the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.
- Provide for the temporal and spiritual needs of our school community.
- Serve families by complementing parents as primary educators of their children.
- Uphold Christian values.
- Foster a community of Life.

How we do this:

PROVIDE MONTESSORI EDUCATION

The educational approach of Maria Montessori facilitates growth of the whole person – intellectually, emotionally, socially, spiritually, and physically. A prepared environment allows children to become the persons God has called them to be.

PARTNER WITH FAMILIES

Parents are the primary educators of their children. Working with three fully trained Montessori guides and multiple other highly qualified teachers, parents receive support on their parenting journey. The Sancta Maria School is a great family community.

PASS ON THE TRADITIONS OF THE FAITH

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd forms the heart of Sancta Maria School. The Atrium is part of the classroom where children fall ever more deeply in love with God, discovering the wonders of God and the beauty of Christianity. In addition, at Sancta Maria, Mass is celebrated once a month if possible on Thursdays. Everyone is invited to attend Mass with our community.

School Board Members

John Rasmussen, president Maureen Murray, secretary Jen Conrad Dan Thoennes Marilee Quinn

School Board meetings happen during the second week of each month. If you want to reach a Board member, please call the school phone at **(785) 764-7276.**

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ENROLLMENT

Paperwork and Due Dates:

Paperwork found on the website. The website for Sancta Maria School is <u>www.sanctamariaschool.org</u>. Forms are found under "About/Current Parents." Following is a list of paperwork that should be completed for each child who will be attending Sancta Maria School. These forms are completed annually.

- 1. Enrollment packet
- 2. Medical Record forms (3 pages) including the immunization history
- 3. Authorization for Emergency Medical care
- 4. Photo Release form
- 5. Field trip permission form for regular activities that take place off-campus

Dates to turn in paperwork: for returning students, the enrollment contract form should be turned in by February 15 for the following school year. To ensure enrollment, all other forms are due by August 15th. The child must have this paperwork on file prior to the child's first day of attendance. The child will not be allowed to attend until all paperwork is completed and turned in so that we maintain compliance with KDHE. Your help is appreciated.

Tuition and Fees:

For the most current tuition information and ways to pay, visit sanctamariaschool.org. If payment is made in one lump sum by July 1st, a 5% discount is applied. Monthly payments (the most popular option) begin in June and run through May. Tuition is due by the 10th of each month, and considered late on the 15th of each month. If an account is more than two months past due and no arrangements have been made for payment, then enrollment may be suspended, and the student will not be able to return until full payment is made.

All supply fees, consumable fees, and other fees are due with the September payment.

In case of a national emergency or closure that is not under the control of the School Board, tuition will still be owed throughout the academic year as agreed upon in the enrollment contract. We operate on a very small budget and utilize the gifts of our families to keep costs drastically below the national average for a full Montessori education. If school closures are in excess and there are ways to compensate for the time missed, the Board will consider those options.

Admission Policy:

When parents are interested in sending their child to Sancta Maria School, they will be offered a tour of the school which will include a discussion of the services offered and the expectations of the families. The prospective families will be given an introduction to the Montessori vision of the child and developmental needs of the child based on age. The families will also be given an overview of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program and a tour of the Atrium, the place of religious instruction offered at Sancta Maria School.

Non-Discrimination Policy:

Sancta Maria does not discriminate in regard to race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap or sex in accordance with K.S.A. 44-1009.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Terminology:

Age Ranges

When speaking about Montessori classrooms, you will often hear the names of the different age levels as follows: Primary—ages 3 to 6

Elementary—ages 6 to 12 Erdkinder—ages 13+

Guide

In a Montessori classroom, the teacher is called a guide. The guide demonstrates the appropriate use of the materials at the appropriate ages.

Uniform:

The children in the primary and elementary classrooms are required to wear uniforms. This uniform consists of a solid light blue or solid white top and navy blue slacks, skirt, shorts or jumper. No stripes, no polka dots, no other designs. No blue jeans. The best shoes for the children are tennis shoes, which allow them to run and climb outside and walk gracefully in the classroom. If snow or rain boots are worn to school, please also bring tennis shoes for the classroom. Children are allowed to wear socks in the classroom, but bare feet are not permitted.

The erdkinder students may wear appropriate dress for school with tennis shoes.

Orientation:

The first days of school in the fall are half days to assist with re-orientation and first-time adjustment to school. Often this transition is the child's first major separation from the secure and familiar world of home and family. Children easily read the tender hearts of reluctant parents. Your loving, confident, matter-of-fact approach will help your child take this big step positively.

Lunches:

Children bring their own lunches. Per KDHE guidelines, the lunches shall include one item from each of the following:

1.) Meat, poultry, fish, egg, cheese, cooked, dried peas or beans, or peanut butter;

2.) Two vegetables, two fruits, or one vegetable and one fruit;

3.) Bread, bread product, cereal, rice, or other grains; and

4.) Milk, cheese, or yogurt.

Items from the lunch boxes may be stored in the refrigerator if needed; however, there is limited refrigerator space. An ice pack inside the lunch box will help keep the food cold until lunch time. Each child should also bring a water bottle to school.

If the elementary and erdkinder children forget their lunches, then the parents will be called to bring lunch for their children.

Snack:

Throughout the year, snacks in the 3-6 primary classroom are provided by the families, rotating each week. When it is your turn, per KDHE, please bring a healthy snack including something from two different food groups, some combination from the list below:

- Milk, milk product, or food made with milk, cheese
- fruit, vegetable
- meat, peanut/almond butter
- bread, crackers, granola

Fruits and vegetables are always a great choice! Please do not bring sugar snacks like cookies and cereals. Bring enough snack for the entire class. A snack schedule will be given to you at the beginning of the school year.

There are students with allergies in the classroom, but you do not have to accommodate allergies. If your child does have allergies, please have extra snacks available at school that your child can eat if the snack provided does not work for your child.

In the elementary classroom, children will have a snack time. Each child in the elementary class is responsible for bringing his or her own snack. Please include a healthy snack in the child's lunchbox. Snacks that are messy or take lots of time to eat interrupt work time.

Birthday Celebrations:

It is a custom at Sancta Maria to celebrate the children's birthdays at school. Parents may send a birthday treat to share with all the children. This treat can be very simple, for example, a food item, or a pencil. Feel free to celebrate a half-birthday if your child has a summer birthday. Please discuss your plans with the teacher a couple of days in advance.

School Parties and Feast Days:

Parents have the option of signing up to help host one of the school parties (All Saints/Christmas, etc.). This might include preparing a couple of activities or assisting in the classroom for the time of the party. The person who has snack duty for the week may bring "special" healthy snacks on the party day. Bringing party napkins can make the snack special.

All Saints Day: Around October 31st, the children celebrate All Saints' Day by dressing up as their favorite saint. The children wear the costume over their uniforms. The costumes can be as simple as two towels pinned together at the shoulders with the appropriate symbols for their chosen saint. More information will be communicated prior to All Saints Day.

Christmas Party: The school Christmas party is celebrated the last school day before Christmas break. More information will be sent in December.

Epiphany Plays: At Sancta Maria we celebrate the Christmas season through the Feast of the Epiphany. Both the primary and elementary children present a play. By holding our school play on this day, rather than during the already-busy season of Advent, we close out the Christmas season as a school family.

Valentine's Day Party: Around February 14th, the children celebrate Valentine's Day. In the primary class, the children bring signed Valentines for each of the other children. The children do not address the cards to any particular child. This makes it easy for the children to pass out their cards independently.

In the elementary, the children should bring Valentines for each of the children in the class.

St Joseph/St Patrick's Day Party: These feasts are celebrated with one party for both saints on or near March 19th. Traditionally parents have brought in food for the children to share at lunch. In honor of St Joseph we have Sloppy Joes. In honor of St Patrick we wear a little bit of green with our uniforms.

Re-enactment of the Last Supper: During Holy Week all of the school children gather together for a feast. Parents will be asked to sign up to send specific items. The primary class prepares the feast while the older children prepare a re-enactment of the Last Supper to be presented as a play to the younger children. This is not a public presentation; rather, it is an opportunity for the students of all ages to work with and for each other.

Liturgy of the Light: On the first Atrium day after Easter, all children gather in community to celebrate the Resurrection. This is based on the liturgy celebrated at the beginning of the Easter Vigil.

May Crowning: Usually held during the first week of May, the whole school along with parents are invited to process to Mary's statue with flowers, songs, and prayers. The youngest child in the school will crown Mary during the celebration.

End-of-School-Year Pizza Party: On the last day of the school year, which is a half day, all families are encouraged to join together at the park across the street from the school. Pizza will be ordered ahead of time, with each family paying for their part of the pizza. The families have lunch together, and then the children can play on the playground.

CURRICULUM

Montessori Method:

The curriculum for the primary class at Sancta Maria School is true to the Montessori Method and covers Practical Life, Sensorial, Math and Language. Lessons are individualized for each child using Montessori presentations in an age appropriate sequence. A list of these presentations is handed out at conference time. Parents are welcome to review the Montessori Albums upon request. Individual progress reports and conferences are offered twice a year or more often by parent or teacher request.

The Montessori method also applies in the elementary classroom, providing learning experiences through hands-on materials. The areas of the classroom include science, social studies (geography, history, and world cultures), mathematics, language (reading, writing, and grammar), art and music, and practical life for the older student.

Testing:

In the elementary and erdkinder classrooms, the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) is administered alternate years.

Staff Positions:

Primary Classroom (Ages 3-6) Marilee Quinn–AMI Guide Nicole Wizorek–AMI Guide

Elementary Classroom (Ages 6-12) Shannon Rasmussen—AMI Lead Guide Cheryl Heschmeyer— Math Teacher

Erdkinder Classroom (Ages 13+) Lynsey Hammeke–Lead Teacher Andi Bock–Book Club Cheryl Heschmeyer–Math

Formation:

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an important part of the school week. It is based on the Montessori methods and developed by Sofia Cavaletti. The children grow in understanding their relationship to Jesus and are able to more fully participate in the life of the church. One half day of every week is set aside to spend time in the Atrium. Presentations in the Atrium are based on Scripture and Liturgy. Our staff includes three catechists certified in CGS.

POLICIES

Class Times/Promptness:

Classes for all students begin at 8:30 a.m. Doors are open at 8:20am. Please arrive by 8:25. It is very important for all children to arrive on time. Being prompt allows the child the adequate time to settle into the routine of the day.

In the primary classroom, the beginning of the day is a time of language development, social skill development, and a time of "grace and courtesy" lessons. In the elementary and erdkinder levels, the day begins with a time of shared prayer that helps the students better know each other and helps them prepare their hearts and minds for the lessons of the day. When a child comes in late, it is disruptive to all of the children.

Half-day children are picked up at 11:30 a.m. Please be prompt, because the younger children's work time is finished. Be sure to speak with or establish eye contact with Marilee or Nicole so the teachers know when the child is leaving.

The school day ends at 3:00 p.m. Being prompt for pick-up strengthens the child's sense of security, and is respectful of the teachers' time.

School Closings:

In the event of inclement weather or emergencies, Sancta Maria follows the guidance of the Eudora Public School District. If Eudora cancels school for the day due to concerns about the weather, then Sancta Maria will do likewise. You can find that information on the local news outlets Kansas Public radio KANU radio (91.5 FM) <u>www.kansaspublicradio.org</u> or the Eudora Public Schools website. <u>http://www.eudoraschools.org/</u>. However, if Eudora cancels due to a reason that is not weather-related, it does not necessarily mean that Sancta Maria will cancel.

If Eudora Schools are not scheduled to be in-session for the day, and there are threats of bad weather, then the Sancta Maria school board will make the decision and notify parents via text or email by 6:00 a.m.

Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures:

In the morning, children in the primary class will be escorted to the classroom door by an adult. The children will hang up their own coats and backpacks. The adult will make eye contact with the teacher in the classroom to assure the teacher is aware of the child's presence.

At dismissal time, children will be dismissed from the circle to an adult. The adult will walk up the stairs before the children. This is to ensure that there are no unattended children in the driveway. Safety at dismissal time is a top priority.

If the parents want to visit with each other after school, then the parents may allow the children to play in the play yard with adult supervision. The same rules of the play yard exist after school as during school. Children may go up the ladder/down the slide, they may play within the fenced area, and they should return all toys to the fence line. Children may not misuse the equipment, and they may not climb the fence.

Parking:

When parking for drop off and pick up, please park on Elm Street whenever possible or across the street in the Eudora Rec Center parking lot. There are three parking spots in the driveway to the east of the half wall near the garage. *These spots are meant for those with babies only.* Be respectful of moms with babies by saving these three spots for them. <u>Please do not park along the side of the driveway, or you will likely get backed into.</u> Also, please teach your children to walk on the sidewalk and grass in front of the parked cars in the driveway.

Classroom Discipline Policy: (per KDHE guidelines)

The adult will:

1.) Observe the child/children to discern why they are responding inappropriately. Is the child hungry, tired, sick or have another need?

2.) With firmness and consistency, do some of the following things:

a. Ask if they need something.

b. Propose a work to them, preferably of a sensorial type, or help them if you see a real difficulty.

c. Sit beside the children with an attitude of calm, so that they can feel one's presence as a support.

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d. Invite the child to bring their work close to where the adult is working.

e. Have the child sit in a chair, apart from the other children, to regain self-control.

No corporal punishment will be used.

Line of Authority: (per KDHE guidelines)

<i>Primary Class</i>	<i>Elementary Class</i>
Marilee Quinn	Shannon Rasmussen
Erdkinder Class	Administration

School Board President John Rasmussen

Technology Policy:

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All electronic devices (cell phones, MP3 players, anything with ear buds, Smart Watches, hand held video games, and any other electronics devices at the teacher's discretion) must remain at home and not be brought to school. Although cell phones and other electronic devices have become a common tool for communication, they are a major distraction to the learning environment and are vulnerable to accidental damage or theft. A school phone is available if parents need to contact a student or if a student needs to contact a parent.

If an electronic device is brought to school by a student, the following steps will be taken:

- 1) First offence: The student will be required to return the item to his or her backpack and take it home at the end of the day.
- 2) Second offence: The student will be required to place the device in the lock box in the classroom and a parent will be required to retrieve it at the end of the day.

Electronic devices/games are not appropriate school activities even during recess as this is time for in-person socialization and physical recreation.

Sancta Maria School, the teachers and the staff of Sancta Maria school are in no way responsible for the damage, theft or loss of any electronic device that a student brings to school.

Withdrawal Policy:

If parents decide to withdraw their children from Sancta Maria before the school year is complete, a written statement should be submitted to the board. Remaining tuition for the school year should be paid, as per school attendance contract.

MEDICAL GUIDELINES

Sick Child - Illness at Home:

If your child is sick prior to the start of school for the day, please contact your child's teacher via text or phone call to the school phone number. The school number is (785) 764-7276. The voicemail and texts will be checked prior to the start of the school day.

If your child has been sick and has had a fever, they can return to school after being fever free without medication for at least 15 hours (fever free for an evening and night).

Sick Child - Illness at School:

Oftentimes, if a child feels ill once he or she has arrived at school, they will be asked to just sit for a while so the teachers can monitor symptoms. Parents will be notified by text and/or a phone call if the child is not feeling well, or if the child:

- Has a new and unexplained rash.
- Runs a fever of 100^{*} or more.
- Vomits or has diarrhea.
- Consistently complains or cries from pain (headache, stomachache, etc.).
- Has unexplained behavior changes or crying.
- Has known contagious diseases while still in the communicable stage: chicken pox, rubella, pertussis, mumps, measles, hepatitis A.
- Has untreated head lice or other infestation.
- Untreated Pink Eye (purulent conjunctivitis).

If your child shows any of these symptoms at home, you should not bring the child to school.

Potty Training:

According to KDHE, children enrolled at Sancta Maria need to be out of diapers. Contact Marilee if you have any concerns or questions about this rule.

Health Records:

The health records can be found on the Sancta Maria School website under "About/ Current Parents." They are kept on-file and taken with the teachers for field trips. (See "Enrollment" section.)

Medication:

If your child is taking medication on a regular basis, this should be indicated on the medical forms. Sometimes there may be a medication that must be administered at school by staff. In this case, parents will need to fill out one of two different forms, which can be found on the website under "About/Current Parents." One is the Short-term Medication form, and one is the Long-term Medication form.

Medications that are long term include inhalers and medicines that are given for a month or more. Short-term would include medicines such as antibiotics or medicines given for less than two weeks. All prescribed medicines must come in their original prescription bottle with the child's name and dose on the bottle.

Vaccinations:

Sancta Maria Preschool is licensed by the State of Kansas. Sancta Maria follows the guidelines of KDHE below:

(1) Immunizations for each child in care shall be current as medically appropriate and shall be maintained current for protection from the diseases specified in K.A.R. 28-1-20(d). A record of each child's immunizations shall be maintained on the child's medical record form.

(2) Exceptions to the requirements for immunizations shall be permitted as specified in K.S.A. 65-508, and amendments thereto. Documentation of each exception shall be maintained on file at the child care facility.

First Aid and Injuries:

Most school-related injuries require simple first aid procedures, which can be administered by the Guide or Assistant. A first aid kit is available in the classroom. If immediate attention is needed the staff will call 911. In all cases, a parent will be immediately notified via their emergency contact information.

For serious injuries, parents will receive a written accident report explaining the circumstances of the injury. If you have any questions concerning the incident, please feel free to contact your child's Guide. The faculty of Sancta Maria School are CPR and First Aid certified.

Building Safety Policies:

As mandated by KDHE, a Fire Safety inspection is conducted by the local fire department on a yearly basis. Sancta Maria conducts fire drills on a monthly basis and tornado drills seasonally.

WHAT TO BRING TO SCHOOL

Extra Clothes:

Having a change of clothes available is important for all children. If the child has had an accident, the child will be more comfortable with the ability to change. Parents of primary level children will provide an emergency set of clothes in a clear ziploc bag with the child's name on it to be stored at school (per KDHE). This bag should include a uniform shirt, uniform slacks, underwear, and socks. If the child is learning to use the toilet or has frequent accidents, there should also be a full set of extra clothes in the child's backpack as well.

It is important to provide an extra set of uniform clothes, underpants, and socks at the elementary level as well. These will be stored at school so the elementary child can change as needed.

Bedding:

In the primary classroom, the all-day children will have a daily rest time. A mat will be provided for each child. Parents will provide the bedding for each child who stays all day in the primary classroom. Bedding is limited to two small, light-weight blankets or sheets, and a pillowcase. One cover is to go over the mat, and the other small covering is to go over the child. These are stored in a pillowcase, which functions as the storage container. Parents will wash the bedding weekly (per KDHE). Space does not permit pillows, sleeping bags, or quilts.

Toothbrush:

(per KDHE)

All full-day students in the primary classroom will keep a toothbrush at school to be used after lunch. This is mentioned in the school supply list as well. A toothbrush is not needed in the elementary level.

Backpack:

A backpack is a helpful tool to transfer items to and from school. Primary children should have an extra set of clothes stored in their backpack, as mentioned above. If a child has changed clothes during the day, the soiled clothes will be in the child's backpack in a plastic bag.

For the elementary students, all assignments will go home in the backpack in a homework folder and should be returned in the same folder. Having the backpack every day helps to ensure that all information going to and from school gets to the parents or the teachers.

Homework:

For the primary students, there is no homework. In the elementary level, homework is occasional. For the erdkinder students, homework is assigned. Please encourage and help ensure that the child completes the homework on time.

School Supplies:

Please see the list of school supplies that are needed for the current school year on the website under "About/ Current Parents." <u>www.sanctamariaschool.org/current-parents</u>

GETTING THE MOST OUT OF THE DAY

You, the parent, can help ensure that your child gets the most out of every day by doing the following things:

- Make sure your child gets enough rest. If your child is waking up on his or her own, then your child is getting sufficient sleep. It is recommended for children to sleep 10-12 hours a night.
- Help your child to arrive promptly.
- Find constructive ways to ask about your child's day, but do not push your child for details.
- Allow your child "down time" to assimilate all they have learned.
- Let your child's teacher know when you will be traveling out of town.
- Inform your child's teacher of a change in medications prior to the change taking place.
- Make the child's teacher aware of any events that might alter your child's mood (father away on a business trip, death of a pet or relative, new baby at home, rough night's sleep, etc.)
- Limit screen time to less than ½ hour a day. Screen time includes watching TV, movies, computer or cell phone games, wii, video games, and even reading ebooks.
- Read to your child every day.
- Pray with your child every day.

OTHER INFORMATION

Parent Night:

At the beginning of the school year, we will have a family potluck to celebrate the birthday of Mary! Look for more information via email, and information will also be posted on both classroom doors.

Classroom Observation:

Parents are welcome to visit their child's classroom. Please email or call the child's Guide directly to schedule a visit.

Communication:

Communication between the school and parents is very important. The primary method of communication for all-school information will be email. The teacher will inform parents of their preferred form of communication regarding information specific to their child. Reminders will be posted on the primary classroom door and on the parent board in the elementary classroom.

Parent Teacher Conferences:

Parent Teacher conferences are held twice a year—in December and in May. Children from one family who are in the same classroom will have their conference together. The children share their classroom experiences with their parents. Each family's conference will last one hour. The conference is limited to the student(s), parents, and teacher. Please do not bring other siblings to the conference, other than nursing infants. Primary and elementary level conferences will be held at separate times.

If there are concerns about a child outside of regular conference times, a meeting can be arranged by the parents and teacher.

Field Trips:

In the primary classroom, there traditionally is a field trip to the pumpkin patch in late October. The all-day children go to the pumpkin patch together. Parents provide transportation. Half-day children are welcome to attend the field trip with an adult.

Drivers transporting children who are not their own must have a copy of their driver's license and insurance on file at school. (per KDHE)

Field trips for the elementary and erdkinder students are planned based on opportunity and correlation with academic themes. In the past, field trips have included museums, plays, and nature centers. Transportation is provided by the families.

The erdkinder students may participate in off-campus classes as arranged by the teacher.

Volunteering:

Sancta Maria depends upon the help of parents to assist with any number of tasks and programs. Volunteering keeps tuition reasonable and creates community spirit. Volunteering opportunities might include: helping in the classroom, carpentry, sewing, cutting paper items for the Atrium, fundraising, presenting a lesson in your child's class, yard work, laundry, or painting. Please let the staff or school board know of any gifts and talents you would be able to share.

Donating to the School:

Sancta Maria School is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, operating on a limited budget. Please consider including Sancta Maria as part of your tithe, making an annual donation to the school, and making a provision for Sancta Maria in your will. Donations can be made by check and mailed to the address below or electronically on the website.

Sancta Maria School 1623 Elm Street Eudora, KS 66025 <u>sanctamariaschool.org/give</u>

Fundraising:

Fundraising for Sancta Maria is vital to financial stability and allows Sancta the school to keep tuition lower for all families. Parents are asked to participate in a variety of fundraisers that take place throughout the year. Fundraisers have included:

Chili Fest and Silent Auction—this is generally held in December and has been our biggest fundraiser of the year. Parents may be asked to ask for and gather donations, organize, set up on the day-of, serve the meal, clean up, provide homemade baked goods, write thank you letters to donors, and more.

Kansas Maid Bread Sales—we sell braided frozen breads twice a year to family members and friends.

Appeal Letter-this letter is written and printed by the school and sent to friends and family. School families provide addresses so we can update friends on Sancta Maria. Donations are tax-deductible.

Best Choice Labels—collect the barcodes from any food items you or others purchase from the Best Choice brand. Barcodes should go to Cheryl Heschmeyer in the elementary room. Funds go toward any of the needs of the school. Encourage family and friends to save the labels with you!

Amazon Smile—instead of Amazon.com, go to Smile Amazon. A small percent of your purchases will go directly to Sancta Maria. Search for "Sancta Maria School" on smile.amazon.com or follow the link <u>https://smile.amazon.com/ch/48-1019568</u>.

Dillon's—Update your Dillon's card preferences every calendar year so that a certain percentage of your purchases can go to Sancta Maria School. Follow this link to get started. <u>https://www.dillons.com/topic/community-rewards-3</u> and sign up. Search for Sancta Maria School. Encourage family and friends to do the same.

Prayer Support:

Sancta Maria School is a small school focused on community. We encourage families to pray together. Please pray for Sancta Maria School, that we may participate in the building of the Kingdom of God.

Consecration:

The members of the Sancta Maria School Board have made the Consecration to Jesus through Mary. The Board members renew this consecration each year on March 25th, the feast of the Annunciation. May God continue to bless your family and Sancta Maria School.