

Dear Parents,

We are very excited for your interest in Girl Scouts! At St Mary, there is an established troop at every grade level, and over 100 girls participate in the program. Each troop is run by a separate pair of Leaders, who plan the year with troop input, coordinate any outings, and oversee the troop finances. In addition, troops work together to plan several fun events and service projects for ALL of the St Mary Girl Scouts. We are blessed at St Mary to have many Leaders who have worked with the same group of girls over several years, resulting in a very cohesive experience.

We hope you will consider enrolling your daughter in Girl Scouts. Attached is a list of troops and their current Leaders. Feel free to contact Leaders directly for details such as activities planned for the year, and dues that may be required. Dues typically cover the Girl Scout uniform which varies by level, and any outings, so each troop is different. Some costs may be offset by cookie sales, which occur in January. Uniforms (tunics, vests, or sashes) are worn to school over the school uniform on days when girls have a regular meeting or will be participating in an All-Scout event after school. Typical meeting days are noted on the attached list, but you will receive an exact schedule for the year at the Girl Scout Parent Information night (see below).

You will also have the opportunity to support your daughter's troop in whatever way you can – troops often need volunteers to send a snack, assist at a meeting, chaperone a trip, etc. Again, the Troop Leaders are the best source of information, and if you have daughters in more than one troop, you will receive communications from each troop individually.

We look forward to seeing you at the Girl Scout Parent Information night on **Wednesday, September 10, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Oak Room. Please see the flyer available. Registration forms will be available at this evening, if you have not contacted your Leader prior. Please do not hesitate to call in the meantime if you have any questions.

Thank You, St Mary Girl Scout Coordinators

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