

LIBRARY BIRTHDAY BEAR PROGRAM

2025-2026

Dear St. Mary Families,

The Birthday Bear Program is a special way to celebrate your child's birthday and support our school library by helping us add more books for all students to enjoy.

Here's how it works:

- At least two weeks before your child's birthday (or a date of your choice), complete and submit the request form to Mrs. Shipley.
- A \$25 charge will be made to your FACTS account to purchase a Birthday Book for the library.
- Your child will choose a bear to spend the day with and select a book from a special collection.
 - Students in grades 5–8 may opt for a Free Dress day instead of a bear.
- A personalized bookplate will be placed inside the cover of the book in honor of your child.

On their special day, the bear, a few goodies, and the selected book will be delivered to your child's classroom. The bear will stay with them for the entire day. At dismissal, the bear returns to the library, and your child brings the book home to enjoy for the standard one-week checkout period.

When the book is returned, it will be displayed and made available for other students to check out and enjoy!

It is important to identify three choices in case their first option is already scheduled for another student. This is rare, but it does happen. Please contact Mrs. Shipley at bshipley@stmarylc.org if you have any questions.



LIBRARY BIRTHDAY BEAR

(ONE CHILD PER FORM PLEASE)

STUDENT NAME: _____

DONOR NAME: _____

OCCASION: _____

DATE: _____

ALTERNATIVE DATE: _____

PLEASE CIRCLE AND NUMBER YOUR 3 CHOICES IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE, WITH "1" BEING YOUR FIRST CHOICE.

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____



~~~~~ CIRCLE HERE FOR FREE DRESS OPTION (5<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH 8<sup>TH</sup> ONLY) ~~~~~