

# 2017 UPDATE ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL

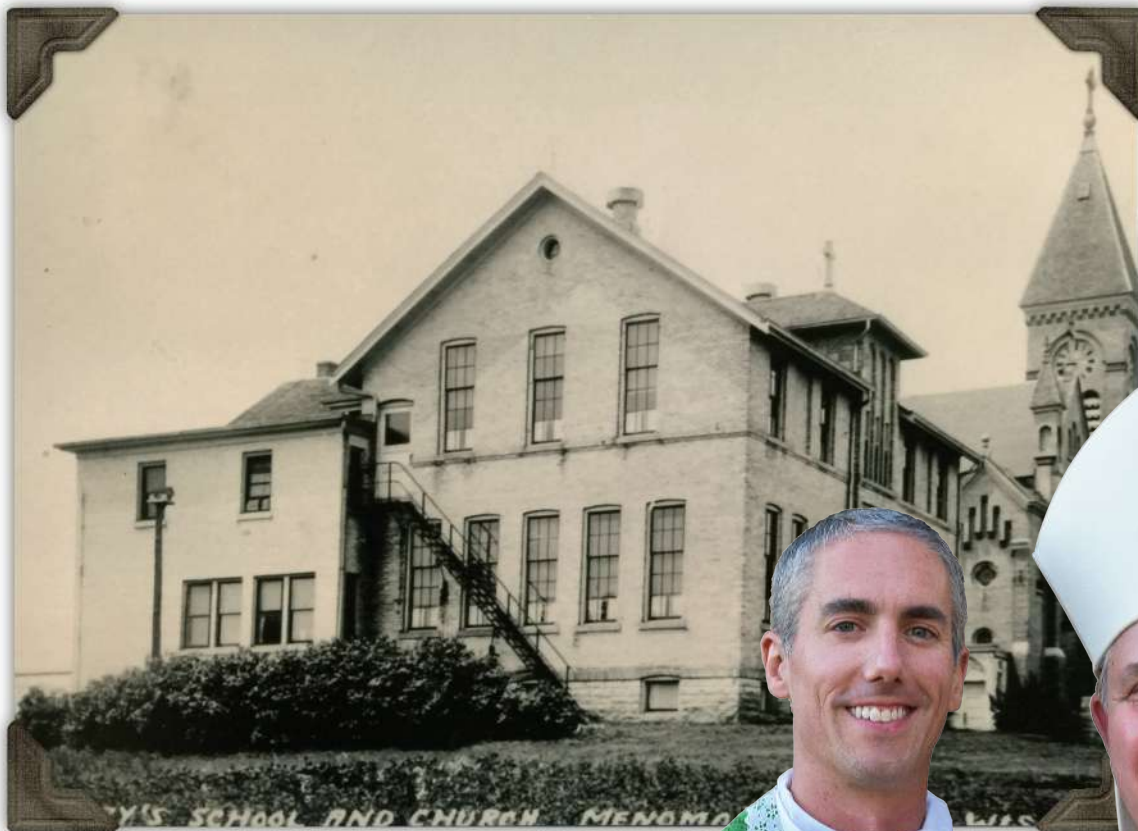
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## CELEBRATING A LEGACY! 100 YEARS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION AT SMPS

St. Mary Parish School kicked off its 100th birthday celebration on Saturday, September 10. More than 300 people attended the activities of the evening including a commemorative Mass with Archbishop ListECKi and a dinner reception. Tours of the school building were provided. Alumni and friends in attendance were invited to "Leave a Legacy" by selecting a leaf from the SMPS Centennial Legacy Tree. Each leaf contained needs of the school, allowing friends and alumni to

give back to the school in its 100th year. All those interested in donating please contact the SMPS Office [SchoolOffice@stmaryparishschool.org](mailto:SchoolOffice@stmaryparishschool.org)





# ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL EARNS ‘SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE AWARD’ AS STATE’S TOP MIDDLE SCHOOL



St. Mary Parish School has earned the prestigious ‘Sprint of Excellence Award’ as the top middle school in the state for demonstrating excellence in leadership, service to school and community, school spirit and sportsmanship. This is the third time that the school has earned the award, also earning titles in 2010 and 2014. The Spirit of Excellence Award is sponsored by top state education associations including the Wisconsin Association of Student Councils (WASC), the Wisconsin

Association of Middle Level Educators (WAMLE), The Association of Wisconsin School Administrators (AWSA) and the Wisconsin Interscholastic Association (WIAA). St. Mary Parish School was recognized at the February 26 Milwaukee Bucks Game and at the WASC State JAM Conference in Green Bay in May.

*“This is an incredible honor for our school, the students and our entire community,” said Linda Joyner, St. Mary Parish School principal. “This award is a testament to the continued commitment our school has for fostering an environment that promotes leadership, school spirit and service to others. We are very proud of what these young people do. It’s a great tribute to our school as it celebrates its 100th year.”*

## SMPS WINS NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD

St. Mary Parish School has been named the 2017 National Gold Council of Excellence Award winner by the National Association of Student Councils (NASC). This is the third time SMPS has been recognized for its record of leadership, service and activities that serve the school and community. SMPS is among an elite group of schools from across the country to be given this honor. For a complete list of winners go to [www.nasc.us/national-councils-of-excellence/current-winners](http://www.nasc.us/national-councils-of-excellence/current-winners)



# IN THE CLASSROOM

## GOOGLE THIS! CHROMEBOOKS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

As part of a focus on technology in the classroom, every middle school student at the school received their own Google Chromebook this year. “We want our students to learn and be prepared for the world that is more connected than ever, and a device like a Chromebook allows students to reach beyond the boundaries of their classroom,” said Linda Joyner, principal at SMPS. “Having access and using current technology will better prepare them to be successful in the future.” Technology is changing the way that we are teaching and learning. The focus of the Chromebook program is to provide tools and resources for the 21st century learner and allow for individualized instruction. The Chromebooks ensure that students can access what they need from wherever they are – every classroom and public area, anywhere with an internet connection. Chromebooks allow convenient access to online textbooks, tutorials, quizzes, test reviews,



and extra practice problems. In some classes using “flipped instruction” allows students to watch pre-recorded lessons while taking notes at their own pace. Flipped instruction allows for more one-on-one instruction. It helps students struggling with a concept to review previous instruction or students who miss a class access to the same instruction provided that day. The individual use of Chromebooks is a way to empower students to maximize their full potential and prepare them for high school and beyond.

## 1916-2016 SMPS TIMELINE



January 1, 1916	March, 1916	1916-1926	September 11, 1916	June 1919	April 1947	September 1947	May 6, 1948	1954	1956	February 1959	September 1960	
Approval for a parish school and secured funding	two-story, brick school building completed two classrooms on first floor and sisters quarters , a hall/ auditorium with a stage occupied the second floor.	Sisters Baptiste and Waldeberta are first teachers and principals of SMPS	First day of school	First graduating class	Land purchased adjacent to the old school and broke ground for school expansion	Begins offering high school classes	Archbishop Moses Kiley formally dedicates the space	St. Mary's discontinues offering high school classes	SMPS enrollment reaches 650 students	The congregation approves plans to build new school	New school completed	
September 1962	1965	1975	1973 - 1987	1981	1987-1997	1987	April 1990	1991	August 24, 1992	Spring 1993	July 2004	2016
Due to lack of space SMPS drops its first-grade classes not offering again until 1969	School addition of five more classrooms	First Family Fun Fair held	Sister Nivard Hainault principal at SMPS	SMPS provides first kindergarten classes	Barb Lee principal at SMPS	Established a school cafeteria and a hot lunch program	Approval for building of activity center	First computer lab included nine new Macintosh computers, a laser printer and a CD ROM	Groundbreaking of SMPS Activity Center	SMPS Activity Center construction completed	Linda Joyner becomes principal at SMPS	SMPS celebrates 100 years





## SIXTH GRADERS PASSING ON LEGACY OF 'THE MAN IN THE RED BANDANA'

The sixth grade students at St. Mary Parish School were not even born when the twin towers fell on 9/11. The tragedy is a history lesson taught in the classroom with its most important legacy taught by the heroes of that day. The sixth grade students wrote letters to the parents of one such hero, Welles Crowther, or as he is famously known, **"The Man in the Red Bandana."** Crowther, a graduate of Boston College, lost his own life while saving the lives of numerous others in the World Trade Center. In return, the students received a letter from his parents and a package



that included a note from the athletic director of Boston College thanking them and said that the letters were "acknowledged and celebrated" on campus. The package also included official red bandanas that are distributed at Boston College's Red Bandana Game, which honors the life of Crowther.

Crowther has been the subject of several books and recognized for his selflessness and heroism. After September 11, 2001 survivors published stories about the man wearing a red handkerchief that had saved their lives. Crowther carried a red bandana from the time he was just six years old, wearing it under his lacrosse helmet and carrying it in his pocket wherever he went.

The students do not know a life before 9/11 and how much our world has changed since that day. Deanna Budney teaches social studies and religion at SMPS and knew that while the events and aftermath of September 11 can be difficult to talk about with children, its lessons are many.

*"Maybe the most important lesson of that day is one of hope and our ability to triumph over tragedy," said Budney. "It's also a great*

*way to look at and show appreciation for our modern day heroes. Crowther's story is one of selflessness, bravery and heroism. In return, the students learned about how their words and actions can have a positive reaction. It has a ripple effect," said Budney. "They were deeply interested in Crowther's story and their appreciation for what he did shows in the words from their letters."*

*"Every day before school my mom tells me to do my best and let God do the rest," Matthew Lauer wrote in his letter to Crowther's parents. "That day your son did his best. Most heroes wear a cape, but Welles wore his red bandana."*

*"He was an amazing person," Josie Pliszka wrote in her letter. "We should all be more like Welles, thinking of others before ourselves. Whenever I see a red bandana I will think of a true hero, Welles Crowther."*

*"Welles is a true hero because he cared for other people in need when they needed it most. It must be comforting knowing your son is a hero and that people thank God for his heroism daily," wrote another student, JJ Eagleeye. "Ever since I heard your story I asked my mom for a bandana. Every time I see it I will think of Welles."*

The class was grateful to receive a message back from Alison Crowther, Welles' mother. She thanked them for sending their letters. She wrote, *"I have read them all and we are deeply touched. It means the world to us that Welles' example impacts young people in many good and positive ways."*

## CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S WEEK

Catholic School's week kicked off on January 30th. St. Mary Parish School's theme was Hooked on Catholic Education for 100 years, highlighting the school's centennial. The week is always a fun one! Some of this year's highlights included an Open House, a staff vs student basketball game, buddy pizza lunch and buddy color day, field trips to see a movie or roller and ice skating, a service outreach project (see sidebar), a special all-school mass and the Family Fun Fair. This year's Family Fun Fair event theme was Under God's Big Top. Decorations and games all tied into the



circus theme. New this year, and expected to become a popular event of future SMPS Catholic School's Weeks, was the air band competition. This was a chance to perform like your favorite rock star! Individuals or groups performed their songs for the school with choreographed dance moves and lip syncing to original artists. The distinguished panel of judges included: Chris Toter, Fr. John Burns and Diane Alioto. A total of 34 bands competed for bragging rights as well as a chance to take home the prestigious Best of Bands Award. Other awards included Best Costume and Props Award and the Sweet Moves Award.

K5 Firehouse Rockband received the Best Costumes and Props award for their performance to Uptown Funk by Bruno Mars. The Sweet Moves Award went to 4th grader, Camden Stroh for his Vote for Pedro dance from the movie Napoleon Dynamite. The Best of Bands (Elementary grades) was a group of second graders called The Whip who performed the Watch Me (Whip/



Nae Nae) by Silento'. The Best of Bands (Middle School) was won by a group of 7th grade boys called School of Pain who brought down the house as the final performance of the show. Dressed in Wisconsin attire and a Wisconsin Badger flag, the boys made their way off the stage through the audience and back to the stage to the song Jump Around by House of Pain. All in attendance including parents and friends joined the group singing and "jumping around."

## SERVICE

### LIVING JESUS EVERY DAY

St. Mary Parish School makes service to others an integral part of its Catholic identity. Mindfulness and prayer for others is practiced throughout every school day. In addition, SMPS provides opportunities to put those thoughts and prayers into action by "Living Jesus." The school has integrated several favorite outreach programs to serve children in the community in which they live such as the Backpack Drive, Operation Christmas Child and the \$50 Stewardship Challenge. This year the first two of these outreach programs benefited Burmese refugee children

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S WEEK OUTREACH

Catholic School's Week gave our students much joy, but it also was a time to remember that part of our Catholic identity is to "Live Jesus." It's important to provide help and joy to those in need. During Catholic School's Week SMPS collected birthday supplies and personal hygiene items for those in need. SMPS in

kindergarten through fifth grade prepared "birthday bags" that were donated to the Menomonee Falls Food Pantry. When a child has an upcoming birthday, a family in need will receive one of these ready-made birthday bags with the makings of a family birthday party: colorful napkins and paper plates, a toy, cake mix, frosting, candles, and a card.

Our middle school students worked to help some of the homeless in our community. Our parish has had a long standing relationship with St. Ben's Meal Program, run by the Capuchin Community and The House of Peace, that provides clothing and basic needs to the homeless. These organizations help those in need to obtain a meal, get a haircut and shower, obtain medical and legal assistance or even help earn their GED. Hygiene items are always in great need. Our middle school students collected soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, tooth brushes, hand lotion, razors, hand sanitizer and feminine products to make kits for individuals in need at these facilities. Fr. John Burns blessed the kits and prayed for all of those who would be receiving them. He reminded the students of our connectedness to all people and that we are all members of God's family.





living in Milwaukee. At the start of the school year backpacks were filled with notebooks, crayons, pencils, glue sticks and other essential school supplies to help 30 children. And this Advent the entire school community filled 120 Christmas boxes that included small toys, books, candies and personal hygiene items so that these children's Christmas would be a little brighter. The refugee families come to the United States with the hope of the American dream. Many arrive with nothing after surviving hunger and hardships in Thai refugee camps and must learn a new language and find a way to support their family in some of Milwaukee's most dangerous neighborhoods. *"We must lead by example,"* said Linda Joyner, Principal. *"Living Jesus isn't something we just say it is something we must teach and live every day."*

### \$50 CHALLENGE

The \$50 Stewardship Challenge is a major component of the Lenten season for the students and St. Mary Parish School Community. Each year our students find inspiration to help numerous worthy causes. Each class is given \$50 from the parish and asked to find a way to increase the amount to benefit those in need and is unique in that the students in each grade work together to choose the charity that is meaningful to them.

Grade	Teacher	\$50 Challenge Charity
1st	Decker	Children's Hospital of Wisconsin
1st	Pomroy	Operation Gratitude/Nation's Heroes
2nd	Harbury	Herma Heart Center at Children's Hospital of WI
2nd	Halverson	
3rd	Sorenson	Habitat for Humanity
3rd	Michaels	
4th	Jaeger	Catholic Charities (baby items)
4th	Warren	Feeding America
5th	Stroh	157 Recycled T-shirt Shopping Bags
5th	Kelm	
6th	Berens	3rd World Water Resource
6th	Schmidt	Milwaukee Rescue Mission
7th	Budney	All My Friends Playground
7th	Ferderbar	Adopted a Burmese Family
8th	Nennig	Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

In the last few years, the students have raised as much as \$5000 for more than 10 different organizations during the Lenten season. See the list of charities that received donations this year.

### SUCCESS FOR FORENSIC TEAM

It was another successful season for the St. Mary Forensic team that is in its second year at the school. Forensics is an extracurricular program that concentrates on public speaking in a variety of formats. The team doubled in size to a total of 14 students, 11 of which were new to the program this year. They participated in six meets in which many of the students qualified for power rounds receiving individual awards. Thirteen



students qualified for the MLFA State Tournament in Neenah on Saturday, March 25. Together they joined 1900 students from 90 different teams at the tournament. Everyone did an outstanding job in the qualifying rounds. SMPS students selected for the Power Round included: Lilly Alberg- Storytelling; Emma Stueland-Poetry and Madison Voss-Serious Solo. Each of these students earned a medal for qualifying for the Power Round. Voss took third place and was awarded a trophy. Scott and Michelle Fleischmann and Linda Salentine served as coaches for the team.

### FINE ARTS

#### LOVE FOR THE FINE ARTS

St. Mary Parish School is very proud of the many accomplishments of our teachers and their students in the fine arts. Music and art classes are an integral part of the curriculum. All our



teachers encourage creativity through drawing, painting, singing, dancing and writing. Performances for all grade levels are held throughout the year, and our students' artistic inspirations decorate nearly every hallway and corridor of SMPS. We have a strong art, music and theater program and many students get their first taste for the fine arts at SMPS and further develop their talents with the help of teachers, Susanne Shea, art; Amanda Prosser and Sharon Goessner, music; and theater, Marie Makal.

### LARGEST JUNIOR ART DOCENT CLASS GRADUATES

On March 31, the third and largest group of fifth graders from St. Mary Parish School graduated from the Junior Docent School Program at the Milwaukee Art Museum (MAM). Since third grade the students have completed 10 trips to the MAM where they have learned about interpretation, art concepts and vocabulary from the pieces on display. The instruction provided assists in the development, awareness, and understanding of the visual



arts and connects it with history and culture. To complete the program Junior Docents must select an art piece that inspires them from the collection at the MAM. They must study the piece, recreate it, create an aesthetic response and then present an oral report in front of the original artwork at the MAM to a group of family, friends and peers. Aesthetic responses included poems, short stories, jewelry, singing an original song, a commercial, and a piano performance. A graduation ceremony was held for all the participants. Each student who completed the program received a certificate and a pin from the MAM. A reception of pizza and ice cream was held for the students at SMPS to celebrate their accomplishment. The St. Mary Parish School students that graduated from the 2017 JDSP are: Katie Pietch, Aidan Finley, Josephine Hoell, Paige Holke, Jonathan Esser, Danica Joyner, Lana Foster, Mahek Grewal, Alexandra Grieb, Alyson Holub, Jack Nielson, Olivia Oliver, Jessi Riesterer, Jacob Ptak, Justin Siclovian, T.J. Schur, Jake Witt, Liam Jansen, Anton Seymour, Anthony Morgan, Ella Rogowski and Chase Larson.

### SCIENCE

#### SMPS BUTTERFLY GARDEN SPROUTS

What started as a sixth grade science program about native Wisconsin plants and ecosystems has now sprouted into a school-wide effort to develop and maintain a butterfly garden and learning space at St. Mary Parish School. The garden began



as an extension of a program developed by SMPS middle school teacher, Dr. Cathy Ferderbar and Riveredge Nature Center to teach students about Wisconsin native plants and the ecosystem. The land behind the St. Mary Parish garage is being transformed into a beautiful garden with native plants and butterflies. The sixth grade students have begun mapping out planting areas in the garden where "big buddy-little buddy" partners will be planting seven types of native Wisconsin plants including: Coneflowers, Marsh Milkweed, Jacob's Ladder, Black Eyed Susan,



# Makalized

## MAKALIZED PRODUCTIONS A LEGACY AT SMPS



**Marie Green Makal** has been teaching music and drama at St. Mary Parish School since 1986 and in that time she has created a legacy at SMPS. Her passion for music and theater is brought to life in her original productions that are put on by her students every school year. Despite her desire to retire from the classroom, she is continuing to produce the music choir and school theater productions. Makal is enthusiastic about building an appreciation for music and the theater and to enable every student from preschool through eighth grade to experience being part of a theatrical production. She encourages participation from all students and willingness to share their artistic gifts. Each theater production is unique and always wraps in the special talents of the students. It's true – you have never seen a production like the ones that are done at St. Mary Parish School. A Marie Green Makal production is unique. Students and the audience alike look forward to the special twists in the scripts and music choices added to every production that has popularly been coined “Makalized.”

In only a few short weeks and during the regular school day, Makal provides scripts, holds auditions, rehearsals and preps the students for what many may agree are the most amazing youth theatre productions around. Whether a leading actor, a soloist or a dancer, a member of stage crew or as a comedic horse in the middle school play, every player has their part and Makal has a talent for finding just the right part for every student. Not everyone wants to be front and center on stage – and many others do. Makal is beyond talented at knowing her students, believing in them and bringing out their talents on stage.

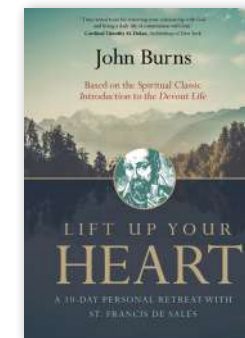
Students are grouped by age for each of the three productions throughout the year with the oldest of each grouping as the starring roles. The Christmas play is the first production of the school year that is put on by kindergarten, first and second grades. Every year there is an appearance by Santa, his elves and reindeer and it is always capped off with a full Nativity play that always sets the right mood and illustrates the real meaning of Christmas. The spring play is put on by third, fourth and fifth grades and is usually classic children's theater. Such plays have included *The Wizard of Oz*, *Lion King* and *Annie*. This year the students put on *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. The Middle School production in May is the final production of the year. It is a final farewell for the 8th graders and an emotional final curtain call. Middle school plays have included *Bye Bye Birdie*, *Joseph The Dreamer* and *High School Musical*. A “Makalized” version of *Grease* finished production in May. Students at this age level can choose to forgo the stage and opt for a role in the stage and production crew, learning important behind-the-scenes jobs that go into every production such as props, lighting, audio, microphones, choreography, and sound quality.

Putting on three major productions a year encompassing nearly 400 students requires a lot of hard work and coordination from SMPS staff and parent volunteers. Teachers accommodate Makal during the weeks with their schedules and with school work. A team of parent volunteers on the Theatre Guild spends countless hours painting background sets, collecting and creating props, costuming and makeup for the entire cast. Also integral to every SMPS production is the talented Mark Mauer who produces every play at SMPS. Front and center of every play but rarely seen, Mauer passionately perfects the quality of every sound produced on and off the stage. There is a lot of hard work in a very short amount of time and it is Makal's love and her passion that has caught on and now drives them all. In just a few short weeks it all comes down to one full dress rehearsal with makeup, costumes and a school audience. The Activity Center is packed with family, grandparents and friends and the excitement has built to a boiling point as the final evening production is about to start. Makal and her students, the teachers and staff and a dedicated team of volunteers passionately give it everything they've got. It's their smiles, the roar of the applause, the commitment, and dedication that confirms they've all been “Makalized” ... and in that lies her legacy.

Smooth Penstemon, Mist Flower and Little Blue Star grasses. St. Mary's Garden Club students have been busily digging out dead shrubs, removing weeds and preparing the soil. Over 100 starter plants have been provided to SMPS through a grant from the School Garden Program and Waukesha conservationist, Jayne Jenks. In addition, two rain barrels and a compost bin have been donated. A \$100 credit from the UW-Stevens Point Center for Environmental Education will go toward plantings in the garden. “*The potential for learning is school-wide*,” said Ferderbar. Expansion plans are still underway but are expected to include a paved exploratory path through the garden, signage, and large flowering butterfly-friendly plants to entice the 100 butterflies that the K4, K5, first and second grade science students raise and release every June. The landscaping will also include benches where classes could gather or for quiet reflection or reading.

### FR JOHN AUTHORS BOOK

Fr. John Burns has authored a book entitled *Lift Up Your Heart: A 10 Day Personal Retreat with St. Francis de Sales* that went on sale April 28. The book is available on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). The book takes the reader on an incredible personal retreat to renew and inspire one's faith by breathing new life into ten meditations outlined by St. Francis de Sales. The proceeds will be donated to St. Francis de Sales Seminary in Milwaukee to help in the formation of future priests.



## WARRIOR SPORTS

### VOLLEYBALL

#### 8TH GRADE GIRLS 4TH AT PADRE



This year over 60 boys and girls from fifth to eighth grade were playing on a St. Mary volleyball team. All the teams had much success playing in league games and tournaments. The three eighth grade teams received invitations to compete in the Elizabeth Seton Invitational Tournament. The Seton is the largest

eighth grade volleyball tournament in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. It brings together schools from seven different conferences throughout Southeastern Wisconsin. Games are all held at Center Court in Waukesha, Wisconsin. All teams played well and fought hard in the tournament. The eighth grade girls blue team won their first three matches to earn a spot in the final four. The team encountered stiff competition in the semi-finals, coming up short against eventual Seton champion Waukesha Catholic. In the third place match, the girls battled hard but could not break through against St. Dominic's. The team finished fourth place.

### BASKETBALL

#### 8TH GRADE BOYS UNDEFEATED

More than 70 athletes in fifth grade through eighth grade participated in St. Mary Parish Basketball Program this year. There were two teams for boys and girls in fifth and sixth grades and two seventh grade boys' teams. The seventh grade girls and eighth grade boys each had a team. All SMPS teams competed in at least two tournaments throughout the season and in the St. Mary Tournament. This season all the teams did well. They all worked hard teambuilding and were successful overall in their leagues and several had success at area tournaments at their respective grade level. The eighth grade was able to field one boys' team that went undefeated and won the Don Bosco league and won the St. Mary Tournament. The team was coached by Sam Goetter and Andrew Herther, both are 2003 SMPS alumni (see Basketball Builds Lifetime Friendship).

### BASKETBALL BUILDS LIFETIME FRIENDSHIP

Sam Goetter and Andrew Herther stand on the sidelines of the basketball court at St. Mary Parish School talking to their team of eighth grade boys. It's near the end of the game and they are strategizing the last plays for the team. The buzzer signals the





end of their timeout and in a flurry each boy throws in a hand making a tower and together shout out "Warriors!" Goetter and Herther know the importance of this game. Friends since kindergarten, they both credit basketball for helping them stay close all these years.

*"We played whenever we got the chance. We did as kids and we still do today,"* said Herther. After they both graduated from SMPS in 2003, their friendship continued to grow playing basketball in high school and into adult life and then coaching together this year. *"Both of us love the game of basketball, we still continue to play as much as we can, and we both love teaching and developing a love for the game to the younger generation...We have deep roots at St. Mary Parish and enjoy representing the parish and school as coaches,"* said Herther. It was a little bit of luck and some divine intervention how they came to coach the SMPS eighth grade boys team this year. Herther explained that he watched these boys play as fifth graders supporting his nephew who played on the team. The next year the team was in need of a head coach and Herther extended the offer and stepped into the role. Since then he has been active with the team serving as both an assistant and a head coach. This year they were able to coach together. *"It was a treat to coach this group of kids, watch them and yourself grow,"* said Herther. *"We have made lasting friendships with the kids and are excited to see them continue their success in high school."* Herther and Goetter both look forward to the opportunity to coach again at SMPS. Until then these two friends will continue to meet at the basketball court, like they've done since they were kids, to play a game they both love.

## SPORTS BANNER AND PRACTICE JERSEYS DONATED

A generous donation of practice jerseys was made to the SMPS basketball program by Mike and Kelly Kelley. The message on the front of the jerseys did not read St. Mary or even Warriors, but instead included five letters – HPUST. Each of the letters are representative of the five pillars of success once outlined by legendary basketball coach, Dick Bennett - Humility, Passion, Unity, Servanthood and Thankfulness. SMPS athletes were all encouraged to focus their attention on these five emotional and mental characteristics throughout the season that will allow them to excel both on and off the court. Each time they put on their practice jersey it was to serve as a reminder of these qualities that make someone not only a successful athlete but also in life. SMPS was also gifted a banner emblazed with these words around our St. Mary Warrior logo. The banner proudly hangs above the bleachers in the St. Mary Parish School Activity Center. Mike Kelley ('93) and Kelly Kelley have 4 children at SMPS and are volunteer basketball coaches.



*"I concluded some time ago that a major part of success of a team, or of an individual has a great deal to do with the intangible qualities possessed. The real key is in how a person sees himself (humility), how he feels about what he does (passion), how he works with others (unity), how he makes others better (servanthood), and how he deals with frustration and success, truly learning from each situation (thankfulness). I believe those concepts are the essence of a good player, team, coach, or individual in any capacity in life."* Dick Bennett

## TRACK TEAM GROWTH AND SUCCESS

This spring nearly 75 students have joined the St. Mary Parish School Track Team. The team practices twice a week along with one other optional practice and participates in four track meets over the course of the month of May. Athletes are led by head coach Bryan Tocco, who implemented a new team warm-up routine and outlined best practices and working to beat their own personal time at events over the course of the season. Tocco was a competitive track athlete and had coached track at Pius XI High School in past years. He also has several other parent coaches that assist him at the practices and meets, teaching and encouraging the athletes. Track events include but are not limited to: 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1600m, relays, softball throw, high jump and long jump, shot put and discus. The following athletes have broken school records this track season: AJ Morgan, 5th grade (Shot Put & Disc); Ella Rogowski, 5th grade (100m); Kaelyn Bilello, 5th grade (Disc); Joseph Tocco, 5th grade (Mile); Emma Stueland, 7th grade (Disc); Mason Latus, Nathan Brock, Joseph Tocco and Danny Holloway, 5th grade (4x400m Relay); Maddie Connor, Kaitlyn Holub, Arene Lim and Madison Voss, 7th grade (4x100m Relay). The names of all SMPS track athletes holding current school records are located above the SMPS Activity Center trophy case.

## ALUMNI

### KRULL NAMED VALEDICTORIAN

Julia Krull ('13) is valedictorian of the 2017 class at Living Word Lutheran High School. Krull will graduate with a 4.00 GPA. Julia has received the Presidential Scholarship at Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois, which provides free tuition for all four years. She is going to be an applied math major. She is considering a career in cryptology. Julia, who hasn't received anything less than an A since sixth grade said, *"I really appreciated my time at St. Mary. The teachers and faculty provided me with many of the tools I needed to be successful in my studies, as well as in life. I would especially like to thank Mrs. Nennig and Mrs. Ferderbar for helping me develop a curiosity and an interest in math and science. I am very happy that I was able to attend St. Mary Parish School."*



### 9 FORMER ST. MARY VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS ADVANCE TO STATE AS FALLS INDIANS

The Menomonee Falls High School Girls Volleyball team advanced to State! 13 girls make up the team, 9 of which are former SMPS volleyball players. They include: Jenna Frankowski, Ashley Guenveur, Shea Supa, Rachel Murphy, Ella Blowers, McKenna Micech, Torri Rosene and Cami Stigler. The team remained in contention for the State title this season by defeating Arrowhead in three sets in the final of the Germantown Sectional. The Indians finished third in the Greater Metro Conference standings this season. The 2016 WIAA Girls Volleyball State Tournament was held November 3-5 at the Resch Center in Green Bay. The girls won the quarterfinals against Greendale High School but lost to Burlington High School in the Semifinals.

### SCHUSTER NAMED FIRST TEAM

Nate Schuster ('14) has been named first-team All Greater Metro Conference for basketball. Schuster is a junior at Menomonee Falls High School and led the MFHS basketball team with 16.4 points per game and scored 20 or more points a game on seven occasions. Schuster has also been named to the Journal Sentinel All Area Team. In addition to his success on the basketball court, he is also successful in the classroom and a member of the FBLA (state level competitor) and National Honor Society. Schuster

said that his love for basketball began when he played at St. Mary. His best memories are of The Padre tournament and being undefeated during his sixth grade season in the Don Bosco league. Schuster's coaches Terry Frisk and Dave Kotlan helped him develop into the player he has become.



### SCHAEFER ADVANCES TO STATE SOLOS

Rebecca Schaefer ('14) has advanced to the State Solo and Ensemble Festival. She performed at the highest level at the WSMA District Festival receiving a one-star rating which advances her to State! Additionally, she has been chosen to be a part of the Wisconsin School Music Association State Honors Project. More than 1300 students from Wisconsin compete for 429 spots in categories such as State Honors Band, Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble, Treble Choir and Mixed Choir.

### RUELLE RECEIVES TOM KLOZA AWARD

Haylie Ruelle ('13) received the Tom Kloza Athletic Character Award that recognizes seniors who have outstanding commitment to community and their willingness to help others. Ruelle was tremendously focused and driven throughout her time at Pius XI Catholic High School and exhibited a great work ethic, strong leadership skills and demonstration of Catholic values in her daily living. Ruelle will be attending Marquette University in the fall.





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Mark your calendars for the 2017 Catholic Soles for Education event to be held Saturday, October 21, 2017 at Mount Mary University, Milwaukee. Money raised will go directly to support St. Mary Parish School. This event will be a school fundraiser to meet the needs of SMPS that includes the school operating budget, technology, or the Tuition Angel Fund that helps SMPS families in need of tuition assistance. Family, friends, alumni and other supporters are encouraged to go online to [www.catholicchoolswalk.org](http://www.catholicchoolswalk.org) to make pledges. All the pledges will go directly to support SMPS.



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