

# 2018 ALUMNI NEWSLETTER ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL

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## ALL STAR CAST RETIRING FERDERBAR, JAEGER, SCHMIDT, MAKAL, MR. PAUL, SR. JANE MARY- WE THANK YOU!

St. Mary Parish School is built upon the dedication of many outstanding, accomplished and dedicated individuals. At the end of this school year some of the greatest to ever walk its hallways will be saying goodbye. Retirements include middle school teachers Dr. Cathy Ferderbar and Sue Schmidt and 4th grade teacher, Karen Jaeger. Marie Makal retired from the classroom in 2017 but contin-



ued to produce this year's theater productions and the music for school masses. She officially retired at the end of this school year. In addition, Paul Wettstein or "Mr. Paul" as he is fondly called by the students, also retired from his position as Custodian along with Sr. Jane Mary, Coordinator of Pastoral Care. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee held a Mass of Thanksgiving on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at the Archbishop Cousins Catholic Center to honor the teachers and their outstanding dedication and commitment to Catholic education. The celebrant for the mass was Archbishop Listeski. On Sunday, May 20th following the 10:30am Mass a celebration reception was held in the St. Mary Parish School Activity Center where parish, school community, alumni and friends were able to personally congratulate and thank all these outstanding members of our school community.

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## FORENSIC TEAM SUCCESS

It was an outstanding season for the St. Mary Parish School Forensics team. The team, comprised of fifteen middle school students, competed both individually and in small groups in eight different categories at eight forensic competitions, culminating the season at the MLFA Wisconsin State Middle-School Forensics



Tournament at the end of March. This year every member of the team earned the right to compete at State! It was a very tough competition, with over 1400 middle schoolers from ninety-two schools from around the state. Every member of the team earned a blue-ribbon score, and two of our students competed in the Power Round. Emma Stueland earned a second place in the Poetry category. Brett and Jack Bauer and JJ Eagleeye won second place for News Reporting category. The Forensic Team is coached by Linda Salentine and Lisa Topp.

## DESTINATION IMAGINATION

Destination Imagination (DI) is an extracurricular activity for SMPS students that poses a set of project-based challenges and has kids work in teams to find solutions. The purpose of DI is to teach students the creative process through STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) the arts and service learning challenges. DI inspires students to become innovators and leaders. This year St. Mary Parish School sent one team to participate in the Regional Competition at Kennedy Middle School on Saturday, March 3. The "7 EGGcellent Amazing Superstars" took third place out of seventeen teams in their elementary level of the Scientific Challenge. Congratulations to Alex Rogowski, Erin Schmelzer, Adysen Pennings, Olivia Pittman, Ben Kuhn, Maddie Eagleeye, and Harper Van Dam and their coaches Mrs. Rogowski, Mrs. Pennings, and Mrs. Schmelzer.

## STUDENT COUNCIL NEW ADVISOR AND NEW ENTHUSIASM

Student Council is a leadership organization that strives to fulfill St. Mary Parish School's mission to 'Live Jesus' both in the hallways and in the community. Middle School teacher, Maggie Berens is the Student Council Advisor. This was her first year as the advisor and her goal was to bring on more members and create positive leaders and she did just that. This year more than thirty middle schoolers were members with eighteen being class representatives. In November the Student Council organized an event called WOW (Week of Wonder). The group was inspired by the story about Auggie Pullman of the hit book Wonder, by RJ Palacio. Student Council members had a series of events going on for an entire week including special kindness links around school, announcements over the loudspeaker and theme dress days during the week. The book, Wonder was read to the students in the younger grade levels and students in fourth through eighth grade went to see the movie. There was also a buy-out-of-uniform day to support the Children's Craniofacial Association, which supports kids like Pullman. Student Council also created a Kindness Box for students to fill with 'kind' slips when they do something nice or helpful for someone else. The slips were hung on the Kindness Wall in the first-floor hallway near the Activity Center. In December the Student Council walked to Riverview Village Senior Living Center where they socialized, ate lunch and played table games with the residents. It was an outstanding day that all ages enjoyed. The final project



for this year was organizing a school-wide donation for Next Door, an organization that supports Milwaukee's central city education. The books collected will be distributed to children for use at their homes.

## LOVE FOR THE FINE ARTS

Music and art classes are an integral part of the curriculum at St. Mary Parish School. All teachers encourage creativity through



# SECURITY UPGRADES



In 2013, a security review was commissioned of the St. Mary Parish School campus from the Menomonee Falls Police Department. That report has guided security improvements which have included: removal of large bushes outside the building near entrances and exits, replacing exterior doors, securing the playground entrance with a buzzer system, installing new security cameras and a key fob entry system at the front and back entrances. The next phase of security upgrades will include further securing the entrances into the building to create a secure holding area for guests at the lobby to ensure authentication at the office window before access to any other part of the building. This involves replacing the six fire doors in the lobby, installing a push-button unlocking system and upgrading the office window to safety glass with a pass through system. Additionally, new steel doors at the Activity Center entrance. We are extremely blessed to have received \$10,000 at the Parish Auction for these upgrades along with another \$20,000 in private donations. These funds will help to ensure the safety of the St. Mary Parish students and staff.



drawing, painting, singing, dancing and writing. We have a strong art, music and theater program and many students get their first taste for the Fine Arts at SMPS. Marie Makal takes her final curtain call with her theater productions of THE MARVELOUS TOY, THE WIZARD OF OZ and DECENDANTS.

## JUNIOR ART DOCENT CLASS GRADUATES

On April 20, twelve fifth graders from St. Mary Parish School graduated from the Junior Docent School Program at the Milwaukee Art Museum (MAM). Since third grade these students have completed ten 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 2018 JDSP are: Caleb Anderson, Macy Clanton, Ethan Cobb, Brady Holub, Thomas Karczewski, Madeline Mrozinski, Kennedy Nimmer, Camden Stroh, Gabriella Wiebel, Mia Wiebel and Maia Witt.

## ECOSYSTEM EXPLORATION

At the beginning of the school year our eighth graders traveled to Kohler-Andrae State Park as part of learning about Wisconsin ecosystems. Set along a beautiful sandy beach on Lake Michigan, this state park protects a fragile ecosystem of grass-covered rolling sand dunes, wetlands and forest. Students explored the park learning about the different ecosystems and its rare plant and animal species. The experience was the culmination of a unit that explores unique water ecosystems in Wisconsin. It was funded through a grant from NOAA and was facilitated by MMSD, Wehr Nature Center and UWM School of Freshwater Science. Middle School Science teacher, Dr. Cathy Ferderbar helped secure the grant and facilitate the field trip.



## DENIS SULLIVAN SCHOONER FIELD EXPERIENCE

A field experience on the Denis Sullivan research schooner, that is moored in Milwaukee Harbor for the summer, was the award opportunity received by students who wrote exemplary essays on the topic of "The Importance of Great Lakes Research and Research Aboard a Schooner." During this two hour Lake Michigan exploration, students looked at lake plankton, learned about



navigation and shipwrecks, and hoisted the sails. The award was the result of a two-year professional development program in which Dr. Cathy Ferderbar participated and a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Grant.

## WINTER OLYMPICS AT SMPS

Physical Education Teacher, Chris Toter or "Mr. T" as he is called by the students, brings his own version of the Winter Olympics to classes this year. Students were placed in groups of three,



assigned a country and competed school-wide in competitions for hockey, curling, bobsled, biathlon and speed skating.

## JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

In early spring the students participated in the annual Jump Rope For Heart and Hoops For Heart event. The event takes place during physical education classes and raises awareness for heart healthy skills. Students have fun jumping rope or shooting hoops, and raising money for the American Heart Association to help kids with special hearts. Chris Toter, Physical Education teacher at St. Mary Parish School leads the activities for this educational fundraiser. This year Mary Parish School raised \$4300 for the American Heart Association.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S WEEK – NONSTOP FUN!

Catholic School's Week (CSW) kicked off on January 29. St. Mary Parish School's theme was Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed. The week is always a fun one! Some of the highlights included an Open House, a staff vs eighth grade basketball game, buddy pizza lunch and buddy color day, field trips to go bowling, roller skating or snow tubing, a service outreach project, and Family Fun Fair. This year's Family Fun Fair event theme was We Love God. Decorations and games were emoji themed. Due to popular demand the air band competition was held again this year. 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 this year included: Sue Brandt, Paul Wettstein and Clare LoCoco. This year nearly 50 bands competed for bragging rights as well as a chance to win Best of the Bands. Other awards included Best Props and Costumes, Sweet Moves and the Extra Most Bestest Award which goes to THE overall best group. School of Pain, which won the title last year,



returned with sights set to retain their title. The group of eighth grade boys gave another crowd pleasing performance to earn them the Extra Most Bestest award for the second year.

## WOODEN CROSS GIFTED



Above the stage in the Activity Center is a beautiful wooden cross presented from the Class of 2017. The cross is seven feet tall and was handmade from oak and walnut by our "Do-Dads". The piece complements a space that holds so many of our parish and school events at St. Mary.

## 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." During Catholic School's Week the students participated in a school-wide service project supporting our service men and women. Operation Gratitude sends care packages filled with hygiene items, non-perishable snacks and personalized notes to US troops, veterans, first- responders, military families and wounded warriors and their care-givers. Our students collected items and wrote letters to be given to real-life heroes at the end of Catholic School's Week.



## DR CATHY FERDERBAR - DEDICATED SMPS TEACHER 25 YEARS.



Ferderbar attended St. Mary Parish School as a child and has been a dedicated middle school science teacher at St. Mary since 1993 when her daughter became a student. She believes that children learn by doing, by experiencing, and then building meaning on the foundation of those experiences. Middle schoolers in her science classes actively engage in lab and discussion,

role-playing simulations, field trips and project-based learning. Having fun while learning nurtures lifelong learners. She herself is just that, having completed her Ph.D. a few years ago. Ferderbar's love of science and hands-on teaching style engages and inspires students in a way that helps them gain a greater sensitivity for the environment. Many of her students over the years have noted environmentally friendly changes they have implemented due to concepts taught by Ferderbar in class. In her time as a teacher she has organized a school-wide recycling program, a student managed composting program, started the SMPS Garden Club, created an outdoor butterfly garden and developed a program in collaboration with Riveredge Nature Center that is now offered to other schools. In 2014 she earned her Ph.D at Cardinal Stritch University and was awarded the "Celebrate Teachers and Teaching Award" from the Education Deans of Greater Milwaukee (EDGM). The award focuses on teachers doing exemplary work in service learning. In addition to her many accomplishments in the science classroom, she has greatly impacted her students over the years by teaching her love of the Catholic faith - especially the eighth graders, which she has been a homeroom teacher for many years. She has a deep understanding of the Catholic faith and has been invaluable in passing on that knowledge to the SMPS students. She plans on volunteering her time, and traveling to Alaska and New York in her retirement. **"Thank you for you for all the years you dedicated to teaching science and ways to 'Live Jesus.' Thank you for being the best science teacher ever! We have so many fun memories with you, especially when we made the comic books on sea animals. Thank you for all the years you dedicated to teaching at St. Mary's. You are loved! We hope you enjoy your retirement and your time with your family."**

## SUE SCHMIDT DEDICATED SMPS TEACHER FOR 24 YEARS

Schmidt has taught Literature, Religion and Social Studies in the middle school of St. Mary's Parish School over the past quarter



century. She has also assisted with various Student Council activities, coordinated the Geography Bee and served as St. Mary Parish Interim Principal for a time and is one of our "go to" teachers who can handle any situation. Her goal in teaching is simple - to guide them toward becoming self-motivated, self-confident and self-disciplined learners. Her classroom provides

an atmosphere of mutual respect, security and enthusiasm for learning, which allows the students to reach their highest potential to carry with them through high school and college. She is dedicated to teaching middle schoolers about their Catholic faith and strengthening their understanding of our faith and applying it to their life and choices both in and outside the classroom. Sometimes that means tackling tough topics and uncomfortable topics, but ones that can provide lifelong lessons. She has been a strong advocate to help students navigate how to be kind and "Live Jesus" during some of the difficult middle school years. She has empathy for her students and is excellent at helping those who have struggles to overcome, but you'd be mistaken to miss her demand for students to reach her high academic expectations and impose discipline when needed. She makes learning fun and creates an environment that students want to be a part of and participate in. With her 8th grandchild on the way, Mrs. Schmidt is looking forward to lots of grandma time. She plans to get more involved in community service and looks forward to her upcoming trip to Rome. **"Mrs. Schmidt never fails to bring a smile to everyone's face. You always have a positive attitude towards others and you are so much fun to be around. You are an amazing teacher and we hope you have fun in your retirement. Thank you for all you did at St. Mary Parish School. We love you and we'll miss you!"**

## KAREN JAEGER DEDICATED SMPS TEACHER FOR 27 YEARS



As a former St. Mary Parish School student and a teacher since 1990, Jaeger has spent a lot of time in St. Mary Parish School. She has spent most of her time as a fourth grade teacher. With a strong foundation from her family to love learning, as a teacher she wants her students to love learning and school as much as she does. Over her years of teaching, she helped her students learn

Math, Science, Religion, and Literature in fun ways with projects



and games to encourage participation. One of the many ways she made learning fun was creating teams and rewarding points for doing good deeds or for being especially vocal during class. The team with the most points got a treat first and then the other teams would get theirs. These tools made the students excited about learning. Jaeger was a master at teaching kindness to her students. She was enthusiastic about the students understanding Christian values and stressed the importance of those values in life. She also made certain all her students knew they are capable of success! She believes that it is the teacher's calling to determine how to find each student's way to success. In fact, she begins each school year trying to achieve three goals. The first and most primary goal is to model and explore ways for children to enrich their own relationship with God. The second goal is for the class is to be able to work in cooperation as a team or family. Lastly, she wants to instill in her students the need to serve others. There is no replacement for a teacher like Karen Jaeger, but her teaching lives on in the many students she has taught in the nearly three decades as a teacher at SMPS. Jaeger has lots of plans for her new found free time, including traveling with her husband, volunteering at the Milwaukee Rescue mission and nursing homes, and hopes to gain experience working with emotional support dogs. **"Best of luck and thank you for your many years of dedication to St. Mary Parish School. You are an awesome teacher! We hope you enjoy your retirement. You are such a fun teacher. We love all the treats and special games! Thank you for all you did at St. Mary Parish School. We love you! You'll be greatly missed! Come back and visit!"**

## MARIE GREEN MAKAL DEDICATED SMPS TEACHER FOR 32 YEARS



Marie Green Makal has been teaching music and drama at St. Mary Parish School since 1987 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 performed by her students every school year. She also helps with the SMPS choir and music for the weekly school masses. Makal is enthusiastic about

building an appreciation for music and the theater that enables every student from preschool through eighth grade to experience being part of a theatrical production. She encourages participation from all students and a 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." 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. She is looking forward to traveling with her husband and spending lots of time with her grandchildren in her retirement. **"Thank you for providing your time and talent to our school. We appreciate all you do to produce the school plays and direct the choir. We love all of your creative and artistic ideas and your humor. St. Mary's would not be the same without you and your creativity. We've made so many awesome memories during your theater productions. We hope that after you retire that you pursue your dreams and enjoy some Disney Channel favorites with your granddaughter. We love you and will miss you! We hope you come back often to help with the plays, music class or just to visit."**

## 'MR. PAUL' WETTSTEIN - DEDICATED SMPS STAFF FOR 15 YEARS



Paul Wettstein isn't a teacher, but his hello's in the hallway and the genuine kindness he modeled for the students at St. Mary Parish School was its own master class. He is a kind, gentle and humble man that treats the students like they are his own children which is why he is so dearly loved by the students, parents and teachers. Mr. Paul, as everyone calls him, is the

head custodian and is always right there helping the school run smoothly. No request was ever an inconvenience for him and you knew the job would get done well! Mr. Paul spends early mornings shoveling and de-icing walkways, polishing floors, upholding building maintenance, cutting grass, setting up and taking down chairs and tables for events in the Activity Center. He makes sure the school building is a temple for the best learning. He would even go the extra mile and clean the snow off car windshields when employees were leaving for the day! He does it all, and always with a smile. Once more, he is a great supporter of the school community, often cheering the students on at the sporting events and in the audience for the plays. God smiled on us when Mr. Paul came to St. Mary Parish School. He has been a gift to our school. He is looking forward to enjoying his retirement and spending time with his grandchildren. **"Mr. Paul has given his heart, and soul to making our school the cleanest**

space on earth. Thank you for keeping our school safe and clean, allowing us to learn in the best environment possible. Mr. Paul is a fox during the day, but a ninja at night, making sure that when we get to school the sidewalks are salted, the cafeteria is clean and the lawn is mowed. We love to talk with you. You make us laugh and always say hello when we walk by. We thank you for everything you have done for St Mary's and for us. We will miss you!"



### SR. JANE MARY LORBIECKI, SSND DEDICATED SMP STAFF FOR 18 YEARS

Sr. Jane Mary Lorbiecki has served the people of St. Mary Parish as Pastoral Associate for 18 years and has been of service in many facets to aid in worship, spiritual development and other human concerns respon-

sibilities. Lorbiecki entered the School Sisters of Norte Dame in 1965 and professed First Vows in 1967. She has a Masters in Pastoral Ministry from Seattle University and Bachelor's degree in Business Education with an English Minor from Mt. Mary College. From 1969 to 1990 she has had assignments throughout Wisconsin as a teacher including: St Augustine in Milwaukee, St Bernard in Appleton, McDonnell High School in Chippewa Falls, and St. Mary in Burlington. She has also served as Vocation Director for the School Sisters of Notre Dame from 1990 to 1999 before coming to St. Mary Parish. She has touched the hearts and strengthened the lives and faith of our St. Mary parishioners over these past two decades, especially with her deep dedication and compassion for our seniors. She used her voice to display her deep love and devotion for Mary by singing the "Ave Maria" during the May Crowning each year. While she is retiring from her position at St. Mary Parish her work is not complete. She will continue to inspire and help those in need. We wish her God's many blessings in her future endeavors as she continues her life's journey. **"Thank you Sr. Jane Mary for your kindness. You are so sweet and we will never forget your beautiful singing voice. We will miss you! Thank you for always being a part of our worship at St. Mary's. Thanks for being there in our spiritual preparation especially when we made our First Communion and First Reconciliation. We hope you enjoy your retirement. Come back and visit us!"**

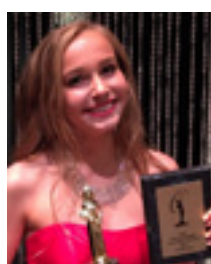
## SERVICE

St. Mary Parish School makes service and service to others an integral part of its Catholic identity. The school community provides opportunities to put those thoughts and prayers into



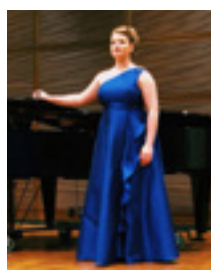
action by "Living Jesus." As St. Mary students made their way back to school, last August, many children in Texas were victims of natural disaster, losing much. As a response to Hurricane Harvey, which devastated many schools and homes in the Houston area, students created hundreds of cards and letters of support for the more than 900 students who attend DeZavada Middle School. Monetary donations were also collected which totaled \$2,610.85. These funds were used to assist students in need and replace school supplies, clothing, and other basic needs lost due to Hurricane Harvey. During the Advent season the students and their families collected small toys, books, candies and personal hygiene items to brighten the Christmas of the Burmese refugees living in Milwaukee. After surviving hunger and hardships in Thai refugee camps, these families must learn a new language and find a way to support their family in some of Milwaukee's most dangerous neighborhoods.

## ALUMNI – UPDATES



### NATALIE HOWARD (SMPS '14)

competed in the Miss Teen Wisconsin Pageant. She competed against 37 girls and was selected by 6 judges to the top 15 which earned her a scholarship to Lindenwood University in St. Charles, MO. Natalie Howard was also honored by her fellow contestants, and received the Miss Congeniality Award.



### GABRIELLA KLOTZ (SMPS '10)

performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City as a Gold Medal winner in the 2018 AADGT (American Association for the Development of the Gifted and Talented) Klotz is a '15 graduate of Pius XI High School and currently attending the University of Dayton, Dayton, OH. For more great things that



Gigi is doing check out her website: <https://gabriellaklotz.wixsite.com/gigiklotz>



**REBECCA SCHAEFER (SMPS '14)** Received the Trustees Scholarship from Silver Lake College. It is a \$18,000 scholarship renewable all four years. Schaefer will be attending Silver Lake College in the fall and majoring in Elementary Education.

## VISIT FROM ALUMNI

On Wednesday, June 5th several 2014 St. Mary Alumni stopped by SMPS to visit teachers and talk to current students. They were all 2018 graduates of Menomonee Falls High School. They received rounds of applause as they announced where they would attend college in the fall and their future career plans and were sent off with 'high fives' from current SMPS students. The 2014 Alumni who visited were: Adam Frisk, Augenie Acra, Harry Franz,



Rachel Murphy, Payton Ruedinger and Andrew Karinen. Congratulations to all SMPS Alumni who have graduated this year! CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2018!

## 50TH CLASS REUNION

The St. Mary Parish School Class of 1968 celebrated their 50th reunion on Saturday, June 30th at the 5pm Mass. All members of the 1968 class were invited and encouraged to share in this special celebration. There was a gathering in the school following the Mass. For more information please contact Jill (Badke) Schmidt [jabs@wi.rr.com](mailto:jabs@wi.rr.com)

## WARRIOR SPORTS

### VOLLEYBALL A YEAR TO REMEMBER

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 this season. The three eighth grade teams received invitations and made history at the 2017 Elizabeth Seton Invitational Tournament. The Seton is the largest eighth grade volleyball tournament in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and brings together schools from seven different conferences throughout Southeastern Wisconsin. Games are all held at Center Court in Waukesha, Wisconsin.

### SMPS WARRIORS MAKE HISTORY AT SETON VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT: ST. MARY BOYS AND GIRLS DIVISION I SETON CHAMPIONS

It is no small feat for a team to make it to the finals at the Elizabeth Seton Volleyball Tournament. This eighth grade volleyball tournament is the largest in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, bringing together schools from seven conferences throughout southeastern Wisconsin. The St. Mary Warriors in Menomonee Falls made Seton Tournament history with each of their volleyball teams sweeping the competition to play in all three divisions of the Championship at Catholic Memorial High School on Sunday, November 5, 2017. This is the first time that the tournament had a school with three teams competing in each of the



divisions or has won multiple divisions in the same year to take home two Seton Tournament Championship banners. Each of the St. Mary teams had successful seasons and came into the tournament highly ranked. This placed each of the teams at the top of their bracket in the tournament. The St. Mary boys were 9-2 in league play and seeded fourth in the Seton. The boys' team won each of the 17 sets played during the course

of the Seton Tournament, beating the first ranked team 3-0 in the semifinal to advance. The Warriors beat St. Leonard in the Championship to take home the Seton banner. "The boys really



made a point to focus on team not individual players," said St. Mary boys head coach Jill Jansen. "Their selflessness led to their amazing success."

The Division I Lady Warriors were 9-1 in league play and seeded first in the tournament. The girls pushed through their competition to face second seed, St. Dominic, for the Seton Championship. These teams had faced off four other times this season with an even split of wins and losses for both teams. As one would expect, it was an epic battle for five sets before the St. Mary Lady Warriors prevailed as Seton Champions.

"This team of girls were so successful because they all trusted and believed in each other!" said St. Mary Division I girls head coach Sara Pierce. "Many commented on the chemistry of the



girls and how much fun they had playing together...There was never an I on this team only eight we's."

The St. Mary Lady Warriors Division II team played their neighbor to the north, St. Boniface, for the Division II Championship. St. Mary Division II team had a 9-1 record in league play and tied with St. Boniface for first in their conference. After a back-and-forth five set battle, the St. Mary Lady Warriors capped an outstanding season with a second place finish. "We had a great, fun year and exceeded our expectations and goals," said St. Mary Divisions II girls coach, Mike Miller. "They fought hard and left it all on the court."

St. Mary Menomonee Falls teams are made up of St. Mary Parish School students as well as religious education students of St.



Mary Parish and the Menomonee Falls Parish Cluster. Since the tournament began in 2006, St. Mary Warriors have taken home six Seton Championship wins, with banners for the Division I Girls in 2009, 2012 and 2014 and capturing the Boys title in 2015 in addition to the wins in 2017. Having earned two more Seton banners this year, the St. Mary Warriors currently have the most Seton Tournament Championship wins.

"We are so proud of all these young men and women. This is such an incredible accomplishment," said Parish Activities Director, Joel Moeller, "This is such a great way for these eighth graders to cap off their final year of playing volleyball as St. Mary Warriors."

## BASKETBALL

### 8TH GRADE BOYS COMPETE AT PADRE

More than 70 athletes in fifth grade through eighth grade participated in the St. Mary Parish Basketball program this year. Many of our teams were very successful in their leagues and several had success at area tournaments at their respective grade level. The eighth grade was able to field a team of girls and two teams of boys (Blue and White) this season. The eighth grade girls'





team played in the Notre Dame Don Bosco League, playing and competing with the toughest competition in the area. The team consisted of girls that had all played SMPS basketball since fifth grade. They were coached by David Bingenheimer and Jenny Schaeve.

The SMPS Boys White Team played in the Notre Dame Don Bosco League and were coached by Matthew McCann (SMPS '06) and Chris Mohrfeld. This team took on every challenge with their best effort and always played with drive and determination. The SMPS Boys Blue Team played in the top division of the Notre Dame Don Bosco League and were competitive with the top teams in the archdiocese. They tied for first in the St. Charles Hartland Tournament and were Consolation Champions of the Blessed Sacrament Tournament and capped off a successful season by earning an invitation to compete at the Padre Serra Tournament. The Padre is by invitation only and culminates the highest level of competition in the area. This is the 60th year the Padre has been running. The SMPS Blue Team won their first game against Christ Child Academy of Sheboygan, but lost in the next round in a hard fought game to St. Leonard's of Muskego. Off the court this team worked collectively to raise money, shoes, and socks for the non-profit Samaritan's Feet. The team was coached by Mike Kelley (SMPS '93) and Kevin Connor.

## TRACK TEAM SUCCESS

### A RECORD BREAKING YEAR

This spring there were fifty eight members of the St. Mary Parish School Track Team who set seventeen new school records! The team practiced twice a week along with one other optional practice and participated in one indoor track meet in April and four

track meets in May. Athletes were led by head coach Bryan Tocco and a team of several assistant coaches that help with training, practices and meets. Together the coaches stress best practices and working to beat their own personal time at events over the course of the season. 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. Each year some



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school athletes have outstanding success and are able to earn a spot for holding a record time or distance for St. Mary Parish School. The names of all SMPS track athletes holding current school records are located above the SMPS Activity Center trophy case. More than thirty athletes have broken seventeen school records during the 2018 track season. Listed by grade they are: 5th Grade - Brady Holub (Shot Put); Delaney Medinger (Long Jump); Greg Morgan (Discus); Delaney Medinger, Lauren Charbonneau, MaKenzie Mamayek, Madeline Mrozinski (4x100 Relay); 6th Grade - Lucy Wallace (100m); Ella Rogowski (200m); Joseph Tocco (800m); AJ Morgan (Shot Put) and (Discus); Kaelyn Bilello (Shot Put) and (Discus); Alex Grieb, Ella Rogowski, Alyson Holub and Lucy Wallace (4x100m Relay); Joseph Tocco, TJ Schur, Nathan Brock, Danny Holloway (4x400 Relay); 8th Grade- Carson Schur (Discus); Kylie Bilello (Discus); Arene Lim, Hailey Krueger,

Kaitlyn Wanezek, Melanie Marks (4x100m Relay); Maddie Connor, Kaitlyn Holub, Kaitlyn Wanezek, Melanie Marks (4x400m Relay).

### **CATHOLIC SOLES WALK; PLEASE PLEDGE TO SUPPORT SMPS**

The 2018 Catholic Soles for Education event is to be held Saturday, October 20, 2018 at Mount Mary University, Milwaukee. Money raised will go directly to support St. Mary Parish School. All are welcome to show their support by walking, however we also encourage pledges. Family, friends, alumni please go online to [www.catholicschoolswalk.org](http://www.catholicschoolswalk.org) to make pledges. All the pledges will go directly to support SMPS.

## **WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU?**

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