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Dear Families,

**Are you ready to walk!** Our Catholic Schools Walk takes place tomorrow morning at Rotary Park. This year is shaping up to be our biggest event yet, with 150 registered walkers! With such a good turnout, we are looking for a few more volunteers to make things run smoothly, please sign up below if you can help. Also, see the link below for Event Day information that includes parking information.

While our walk event is tomorrow, the top fundraising schools to receive matching funds (of up to \$5,000) will not be determined until the end of this month, so keep the donations coming in through October 31<sup>st</sup>! We are currently amongst the top 10 schools that are participating.

**As of this morning, we have raised \$20,680 so we are only \$4,320 away from our goal of raising \$25,000!** Many thanks to those of you who have donated! And if you haven't donated yet, please do. Donating is easy, [click here](#) or send your check or cash donation to the school office labeled with Catholic School's Walk and your child's classroom. **EVERY PENNY we raise for the Catholic School's walk stays at our school!** *Fundraising doesn't get much better than 100% profit + the potential for matching funds!*

The classroom winner of the Krueger's Bowling Party will be determined at 11:59 pm on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Parent/teacher conferences** will be held after school on October 27 and during the day on October 28. Please click on the links below to sign up. Fall conferences will be held in-person. Please note there will be no school on Friday, October 28. Fall MAP testing results will be sent home for your review prior to conferences.

**The Fall Scholastic Book Fair opens next Tuesday, October 18.** If you have never been to the book fair, visualize a mini Barnes and Noble. Please make sure to check it out. Days and hours are listed below. *And shhh...* you might want pick up a few books or trinkets for St. Nick's Day which is coming up on Tuesday, December 6.

See you at the Catholic Schools Walk tomorrow!

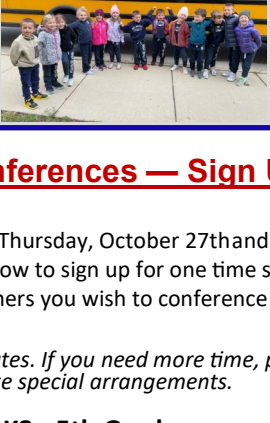
Faithfully,  
Linda Joyner

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 15th**  
[Catholic Schools Walk](#)
- Oct. 18-21st**  
[Scholastic Book Fair](#)
- Oct. 18th**  
[Restaurant Night @Cafe Zupas](#)
- Oct. 20th**  
Shop Fund Orders Arrive  
(Pick up after 2pm)
- Oct. 21, 22**  
[Parish Feastable](#)
- Oct. 24th**  
Cookie Dough Pick Up  
(2:45pm - 4pm)
- Oct. 27th**  
School Conferences  
(3-6pm)
- Oct. 28th**  
No School/  
Conferences(8am-1pm)
- Nov. 8th**  
[Fundraiser Night at Smart Cow](#)
- Nov. 11th**  
Trivia Night
- Nov. 18th**  
Middle School Dance  
(more info to come)

[View Full Calendar](#)

**K'S LEARN BUS SAFETY!**  
Johnson Bus Company visited St. Mary's this week to teach K3, K4, and K5 all about Bus Safety! Thank you Ms. Michelle for teaching us how to stay safe on and around the bus! [Click here](#) to see more photos from the students' time learning!



### Parent Teacher Conferences — Sign Up Now

Fall conferences will be held after school on Thursday, October 27th and all day on Friday, October 28th. Please click on the appropriate link(s) below to sign up for one time slot with your child's teacher and any additional teachers you wish to conference with.

*All conferences will be scheduled for 15 minutes. If you need more time, please contact your child's teacher to make special arrangements.*

[Grades K3 - 5th Grade](#)

[6th - 8th Grade](#)

[Special Classes \(Music, Gym, Art & Spanish\)](#)

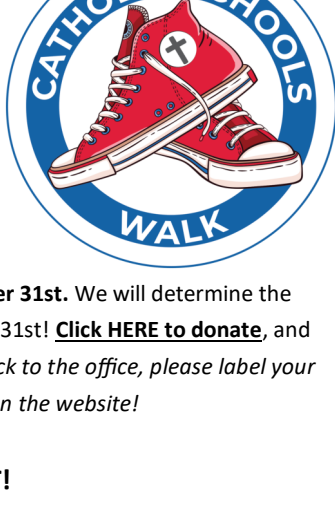
**Please sign up for conferences before Monday, October 24th. THANK YOU.**

### Catholic Schools Walk is Tomorrow!

Today is your last chance to register for the Catholic Schools Walk happening tomorrow morning from 9am – 11am at Rotary Park.

[Register Here!](#)

[Click HERE](#) to view Event Day Information, including Start/Finish, Parking, and What to Expect.



**It isn't too late to donate!** Keep the donations coming in until **October 31st**. We will determine the classroom winner of the Krueger's Bowling Party as of 11:59pm on Oct. 31st! [Click HERE to donate](#), and please continue to share with family/friends! *\*If sending in cash or check to the office, please label your donation so we credit the correct classroom teacher on the website!*

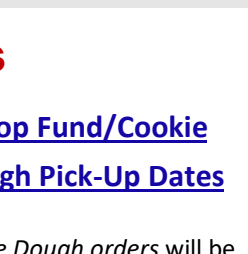
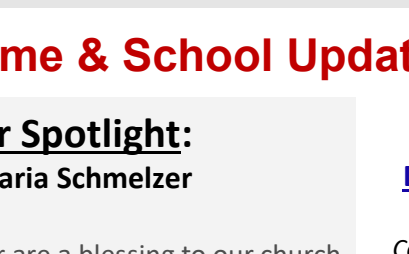
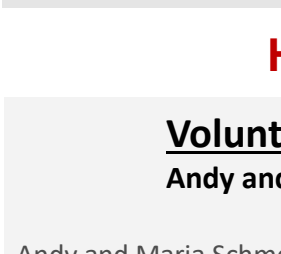
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



**A few more volunteers are needed!** Thank you for everyone who has signed up to volunteer!! We have just a few volunteer slots left for Saturday's event. Please see the [sign-up genius link](#) if you can help!

### Congrats to our 6th Grade Girls Volleyball Team!

We are incredibly proud of our amazing 6th grade girls volleyball team and congratulate them on winning our home tournament this week! They have displayed a high level of integrity, commitment, teamwork and passion to each other, the game and our school and community all season long and we couldn't be any more appreciative and grateful for how they represent our school and all it stands for! Thank you girls, and congratulations!

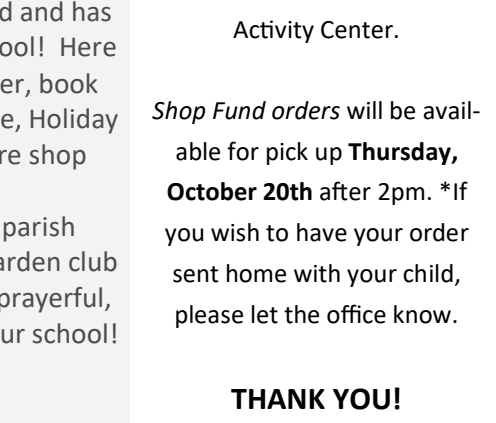


### Help and Talent Needed!

St. Mary's Theatre Guild is looking for a Musical Director or possible co-directors to help us continue our long standing tradition of musical productions.

You won't get rich, but this is a paid position.

If you or someone you know may be interested, please have them contact the school office! This is a rewarding role and encourages our students to showcase their talents and gain confidence, while entertaining parents and families!



**Please spread the word!**

### Home & School Updates

#### Volunteer Spotlight: Andy and Maria Schmelzer

Andy and Maria Schmelzer are a blessing to our church and school! Both of them volunteer an extraordinary amount of hours year after year. They just concluded their final golf outing as chairs of the event after several years! Andy serves on the pastoral council. Maria is always willing to lend a hand and has probably volunteered in every role at our school! Here are a few from the long list: Girl Scout Leader, book fair volunteer, lunchroom volunteer, Feastable, Holiday Bazaar chair, Theater Guild, Holiday Treasure shop volunteer. And she continues to volunteer for new roles, organizing a new parish women's faith study group and restarting a garden club for middle school students. Maria is a calm, prayerful, faith-filled woman who is truly a blessing to our school!

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!**

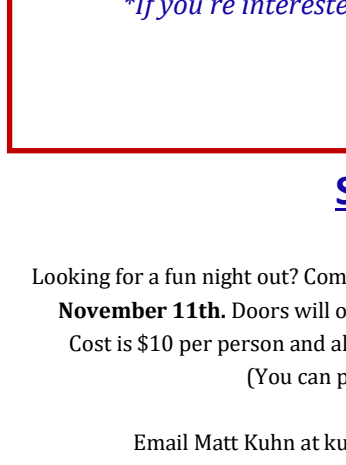
#### Shop Fund/Cookie Dough Pick-Up Dates

Cookie Dough orders will be ready for pick up between **2:45pm - 4pm on Monday, Oct. 24th** at concessions located near the Activity Center.

Shop Fund orders will be available for pick up **Thursday, October 20th** after 2pm. \*If you wish to have your order sent home with your child, please let the office know.

**THANK YOU!**

### It's Scholastic Book Fair Time!



The Scholastic Book fair is taking place on **Tuesday, Oct 18<sup>th</sup> through Friday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>** during school hours. PLUS, the fair will be open for families eating at the Parish Feastable from 5 to 8PM on Friday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> AND Saturday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> in the school conference rooms.

Visit our [Book Fair Homepage](#) to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping!

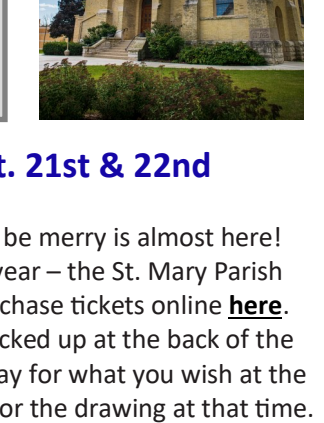
Remember, every book the students buy earns rewards for our school!  
*\*If you're interested in volunteering at the fair, please sign up [here](#).*

**Happy Reading!**

### St. Mary's Trivia Night

Looking for a fun night out? Come join us for St. Mary's Trivia Night on **November 11th**. Doors will open at 6:30, play begins at 7:00pm. Cost is \$10 per person and all proceeds go to St. Mary's School. (You can pay at the door).

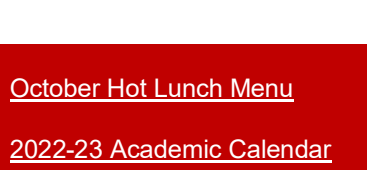
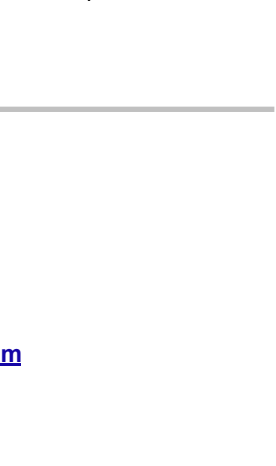
Email Matt Kuhn at [kuhnm1528@yahoo.com](mailto:kuhnm1528@yahoo.com) by November 8th to sign up! We hope to see you there!



### Parish Updates

#### Formation Opportunity for Parents!

*Presentation: 4 Main Tasks of the Family's Mission for Love*  
Join us for an adult speaker series on the Catholic Social Teachings of the Church. Author of "The Fullness of Life: An Overview of the Catholic Faith," Martin Dybiczy, is the featured presenter on Wednesday, Oct. 19. The topic of his discussion is "Four Main Tasks of the Family's Mission for Love." This presentation will take place at 6:40 pm in the Church and lasts about an hour.



#### Feastable is Oct. 21st & 22nd

The time to eat, drink, and be merry is almost here! Tickets to the feast of the year – the St. Mary Parish Feastable are available. Purchase tickets online [here](#). Cash Raffle tickets can be picked up at the back of the church or the parish office. Pay for what you wish at the event and turn the tickets in for the drawing at that time.

### Calendar Raffle Winners

Congratulations to these \$30 raffle winners drawn on October 12th: *Kathy Favour, Benjie Harthrum, Jonah Weyker, Carol Shulteis, and Dean Phillips.*

**Thank you for your support.**

### In the Community

- [Catholic Memorial Open House](#)
- [PIUS XI Catholic High Open House](#)
- [DSHA DASH Winter Basketball Program](#)
- [Child Development Day](#)
- [Community Affair Cafe](#)

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