



CHALLENGING MINDS

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LIVING JESUS

Dear Families,

On Wednesday, you received a link to a [parent survey](#) that we would love for you to complete. Data collected from this survey will be used to assist us in constructing a strategic plan for our school. The surveys are an important component of the planning process and provide you the opportunity to share more personally your insights and opinions about St. Mary Parish School. The survey may be accessed [here](#). Please have one member of your family complete the survey by Thursday, December 1, 2022. Our goal, as always, is to provide a quality, safe and Catholic education for all students. We want to maintain that quality, and your confidence, by being proactive in this planning process. As always, we appreciate the opportunity to work in partnership along with you to educate the children.

With the weather turning colder and snow on the ground, it's time to **winterize. Outdoor Recess** - Fresh air and outdoor playtime even during the winter months is important. We will send students out to play at recess unless the temperature or wind chill falls below zero. Please make sure your student is properly dressed for the weather. Students will not be allowed to play in the snow without snowpants and boots. Remember, the younger children have two recesses each day so you might want to send a second pair of mittens along.

School Closing - When severe weather hits, the decision to close schools is many times made in the early morning hours. Our school will close if the Menomonee Falls or Germantown public school districts close. When this happens a notification will be sent and an announcement posted on local news stations. Please carefully read through the School Closing policy below and reach out if you have any questions.

The excitement is building! Mrs. Halverson and Ms. Barenz have started working on the Christmas Musical with the K5 through 3rd grade students. This is going to be a fun one! If you can help them out in any way, costumes, props, moral support, etc. please reach out.

Congratulations to our FLL (First Lego League) team! They placed 2nd in design of their FLL Spike Prim robot at the Marquette University High School Regional Tournament which is very impressive since this is their first year of competition! The judges also identified the team as a "Rising All-Star, who they expect great things from in the future." [Click here for more information and photos.](#)

A Christmas Carol - Thanks to an anonymous donor family, students in grades 3-8 will be treated to a live performance of A Christmas Carol at North Middle School, on December 2nd. Weather permitting, students will walk. I have arranged for a police aide to assist students in crossing the intersection of Main and Appleton. If the weather is not conducive to walking, students will be bussed and you will be charged \$4 per student, through Blackbaud. Click [here](#) for the permission slip and return by Nov. 31.

Due to Thanksgiving break, we will not be sending out a newsletter next Friday.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Linda Joyner

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tonight!
[Middle School](#)
["Glow Party" Dance](#)

Nov. 23 - 25
Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 29
End of Trimester 1

Nov. 30 - Dec. 2
[Holiday Treasures](#)
[Gift Shop](#)

Dec. 2
3rd - 8th Grade Field Trip
A Christmas Carol
[*Click here for permission slip](#)

Dec. 7th
[Noodles Restaurant](#)
[Night](#)
4-8pm

Dec. 15th
"A Christmas Yarn"
Christmas Musical
K5—2nd Grade

Dec. 16
Movie Night
(more info to come)

Dec. 23 - Jan 2
Christmas Break

[View Full Calendar](#)**K4 Class Bowling Party at Krueger's**

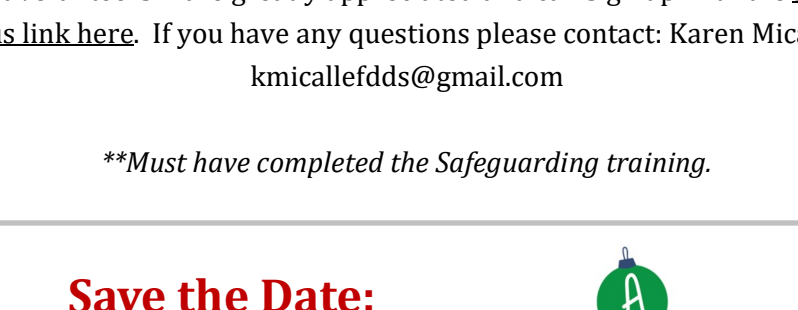
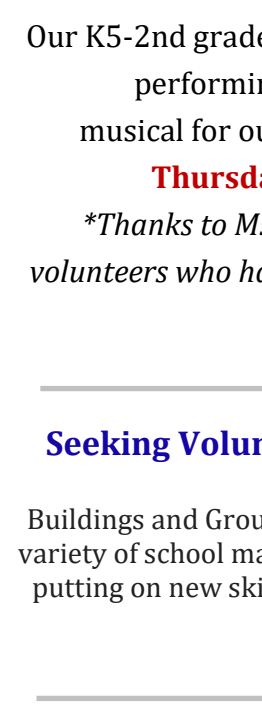
Thank you to all the families that donated to the Catholic Schools Walk. The 4K kiddos had a fantastic time bowling, laughing, and cheering each other on!

[Check out more pictures of their fun here!](#)**Junior Decent Tour at Milwaukee Art Museum**

On Thursday, Third, Fourth, and some Fifth graders went on their first Junior Decent Tour of the school year at the Milwaukee Art Museum. Third graders experienced Art Through the Senses on their first tour as Junior Decents. Fourth graders explored Portraiture throughout the museum's collections and Fifth graders studied American History and Stories in works of art. Junior Decents are already excited to return to MAM in January for Tour 2!

[Check out more pictures here!](#)**A Successful First Trivia Night!**

We can't leave all the fun for the kids to have! Our trivia teams had a great time last week during our first Trivia night of the year! These two teams tied for best costume.

**It's Almost Time for the Holiday Treasures Gift Shop**

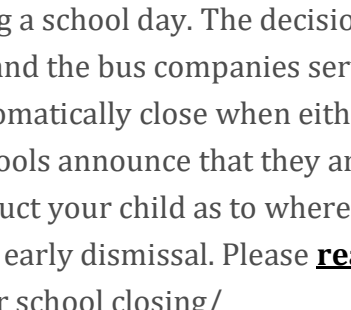
St. Mary's is hosting a Christmas shop for the students! They will be attending with their class on **Thursday, December 1st or Friday, December 2nd**. Simply put cash or check made out to St. Mary's in the envelopes that were sent home this week with your child(ren), and specify who the gifts are for. Gift wrapping is complimentary. It's a wonderful event for the children to enjoy the spirit of giving!

If you would like to view available gifts, please [click here](#).

Parent volunteers** are greatly appreciated and can sign up with the [sign-up genius link here](#). If you have any questions please contact: Karen Micallef at kmicallefdds@gmail.com

Must have completed the Safeguarding training.Save the Date:**

Our K5-2nd grade students are so excited to be performing "A Christmas Yarn"



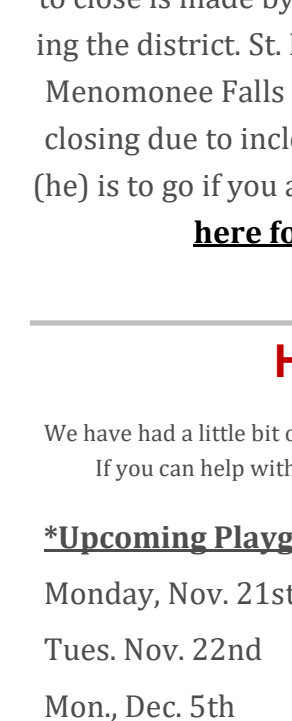
musical for our St. Mary Community on

Thursday, December 15th.

**Thanks to Ms. Barenz, Mrs. Halverson, the Theatre Guild and all the volunteers who have offered to help! Because of you, the show will go on and we are all so grateful to each of you!*

Seeking Volunteers to Help with School Maintenance Projects

Buildings and Grounds Manager Tim Galligan is seeking volunteers to help with a variety of school maintenance projects, including stripping the stairwell floors and putting on new skid pads. Please call the parish office at (262) 251-0220 if you'd like to learn more or lend a hand.

Snow Emergency/ Inclement Weather Reminders:

The snow has fallen which means the time is already upon us when we need to start being prepared for last minute school closings and/or delays. Emergency school closings may be necessary due to severe weather conditions during a school day. The decision to close is made by the public school districts and the bus companies serving the district. St. Mary Parish School will automatically close when either Menomonee Falls OR Germantown Public Schools announce that they are closing due to inclement weather. Please instruct your child as to where s

(he) is to go if you are not home in the event of early dismissal. Please [read here for more information](#) on our school closing/inclement weather policy.

Home & School Updates

We have had a little bit of difficulty the past few weeks with getting our daily volunteer slots filled.

If you can help with any of the upcoming needs, please use the links below. THANK YOU!

***Upcoming Playground Openings**

Monday, Nov. 21st

Tues. Nov. 22nd

Mon., Dec. 5th

Tues., Dec. 6th

Wed., Dec. 7th

[Playground Sign Up Link Here](#)***Upcoming Lunchroom Openings**

Tues., Nov. 29th

Wed., Nov. 30th (2 openings)

Thurs., Dec. 1st

[Lunchroom Sign Up Link Here](#)***Safeguarding must be complete.****Volunteer Spotlight:**

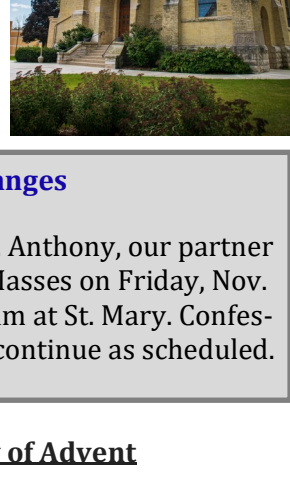
As you know, we like to highlight our amazing volunteers each week. Our St. Mary School and community wouldn't be what it is without all the helping hands from our generous volunteers who share their time and talents with our faculty and students.

We want everyone to have an opportunity to nominate someone who deserves the extra recognition. If you have a fellow parent volunteer in mind who you know has done amazing things for St. Mary (there are so many of you!) please share that with us! Please email Heather at mccabeh@smps.school with any nominees. Please share their name as well as a few sentences (or more!) about their contributions. We want to continue to show our gratitude to all of our volunteers who show us and our St. Mary community what "Love like Jesus" looks like!

If you are not currently volunteering but are interested in finding ways to share your time and talents with our school, please reach out to the school office. We can connect you with many different committees to find the right opportunity to fit your interests!

THANK YOU ALL!**Parish Updates****Love One Another Campaign is Online!**

Families that are registered members of St. Mary Parish will have likely received information about the Love One Another Capital Campaign. Thanks to your support so far, we are inching ever close to achieving our goal. Sixty percent of the pledges made and fulfilled by families in the parish, will come right back to [St. Mary](#). If you have not yet, please prayerfully consider the information you've received and about the campaign. Read more about the campaign and how it will help St. Mary Parish and School [here](#).

**Thanksgiving Week Mass Schedule Changes**

Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be celebrated at 9 am at St. Anthony, our partner parish. On this day, there will be no confessions offered. Masses on Friday, Nov. 25, will be at the regular time 8 am at St. Anthony & 8:10 am at St. Mary. Confessions will be offered following the Masses. Adoration will continue as scheduled.

Parish Office Closed for the Holiday

The Parish Office will be Closed on Thanksgiving, Thursday, Nov. 24 & Friday, Nov. 25, in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

First Day of Advent

It's hard to believe, but Advent is just around the corner! Prepare your heart for the coming of our Lord Jesus by joining us in Mass at 5 pm on Saturday, or 8 am or 10:30 am on Sunday, Nov. 27.

Calendar Raffle Winners

Congratulations to these **\$30 raffle winners** drawn on Nov. 16th: *Carol Shulteis, Schultz Family, Zachary Farvour, David & Donna Roesch, and Joey Karczewski.*

Thank you for your support!**In the Community****MFHS Parochial Family Night**

**If you know of local events/programs and want them to be added here, please email mccabeh@smps.school. Thank you!*

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