

CHALLENGING MINDS

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Dear Families,

**Thanks to everyone's help we exceeded our Catholic School's Walk goal!** We have raised \$27,233 and now it's time to celebrate! Last minute donations on October 31<sup>st</sup> pushed Mrs. Bingenheimer's classroom into the lead (per student) so they are the winners of the bowling party at Krueger's. Ms. Rosner's class raised the most money overall, so they get to set the dress code for next week (see below). And since we met our goal, we will celebrate with an all-school movie (details coming soon). Many thanks to Kristin Stanek and all the parents who helped make our walk such an amazing event and thanks to all of you for supporting our school!

**Congratulations to our 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls volleyball team** who finished up their season at the Seton Tournament last night. While they may have come up a little short in points scored, they definitely took first place in fan support, effort, and sportsmanship!

**Are you a trivia buff or just looking for something fun to do on date night?** If so, I highly recommend signing up for Trivia Night. We need several more teams for our first Trivia Night scheduled for next Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Want to play but don't have a team? No worries, just contact Matt Kuhn at [kuhnmatt1528@yahoo.com](mailto:kuhnmatt1528@yahoo.com) and he will help you find a team.

**Did you hear the news?** The [National Assessment of Educational progress](#), also known as the nation's report card, shows Catholic schools excelling post-pandemic. According to the NAEP, Catholic school students performed at or near the top in reading and math compared to public schools coming out of the pandemic. [Click here](#) to see a report of our Iowa Assessments from last spring. The Iowa Assessments are given annually to students in grades 3, 5, & 7. As you can see, our students outperformed the national average in every skill domain!

Faithfully,

Linda Joyner

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Nov. 7th**  
Home and School Meeting, 7pm

**Nov. 7th-11th**  
Out-Of-Uniform Week  
(see below for details)

**Nov. 8th**  
[Fundraiser Night at Smart Cow](#)

**Nov. 11th**  
[Trivia Night](#)

**Nov. 18th**  
[Middle School "Glow Party" Dance](#)

**Nov. 23 - 25**  
Thanksgiving Break

**Nov. 29**  
End of Trimester 1

**Nov. 30 - Dec. 2**  
Holiday Treasures Gift Shop

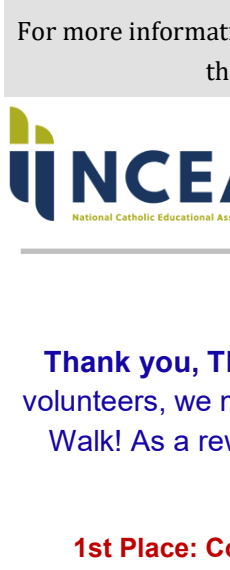
**Dec. 2**  
3rd - 8th Grade Field Trip

**Dec. 16**  
Movie Night  
(more info to come)

**Dec. 23 - Jan 2**  
Christmas Break

[View Full Calendar](#)

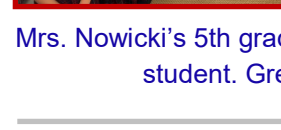
**St. Mary's Theatre Guild is still looking for help. Please share this [flyer](#) with anyone you know who may be interested!**

**Do You Know About Directory Spot?**

[Directory Spot](#) is a useful downloadable app for school parents! The app is populated with parent names, home address, emails, and phone numbers. If you'd like to add your information and utilize the app, please let the school office know so we can add you as a user!

Young Rembrandts is enrolling now for their next session here at St. Mary. Classes begin on Nov. 16th! **Sign up today!**

For more information and to register, check out the flyer [here](#).



The Nation's Report Card Shows Catholic Schools are Excelling, Post-Pandemic — Check out the [Press Release Here](#).

**Catholic Schools Walk Update!**

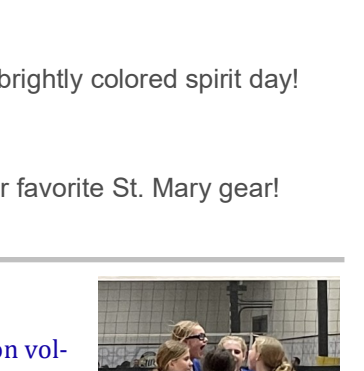
**Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!** Thanks to our students, families and volunteers, we met (and exceeded) our \$25,000 goal for the Catholic Schools Walk! As a reward, the entire school will get to enjoy an All School Movie!

(Date and movie to be determined)

**1st Place: Congratulations to our K4 Class!**

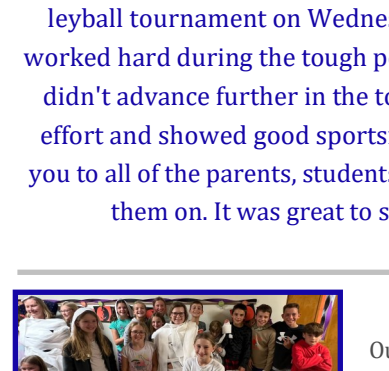
Mrs. Bingenheimer's K4 class raised a total of \$2,675 for our school with a total of \$191 raised per student! They are the winners of a **Bowling Party at Kruegers!**

They look pretty excited!!

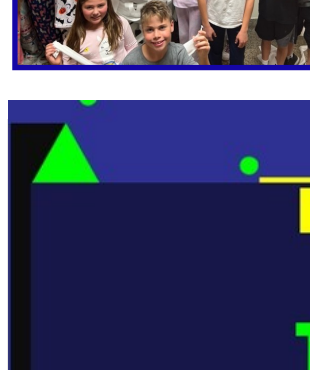
**2nd Place: Congrats to our 3rd Grade Class**

Ms. Rosner's 3rd grade class came in 2nd place with a total of \$182 raised per student. As a reward, they got to choose the **All-School Out of Uniform Days** for next week! Great job 3rd graders!

(See below)



Mrs. Nowicki's 5th grade class worked hard, too, and came in 3rd with \$162 raised per student. Great job students! [Check out the rest of the totals here!](#)

**Out-of-Uniform Week (All School) — Nov. 7- 11****Monday:**

**Senior Citizen Day** - Students dress up like they're 100 years old!

**Tuesday:**

**Career Day** - What will you be when you grow up? Students can dress up in a career costume that interests them!

**Wednesday:**

**Sports/Athletic Wear Day** - Students can wear their favorite team's colors or jerseys

**Thursday:**

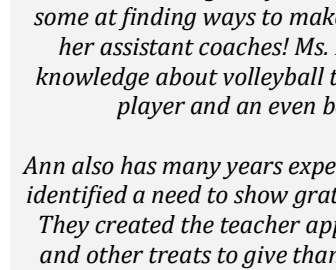
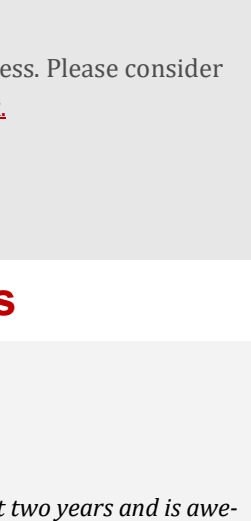
**80's Day** - Neon clothes and big hair will make for a brightly colored spirit day!

**Friday:**

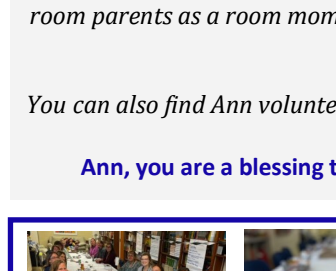
**St. Mary's School Spirit Day** - Students wear their favorite St. Mary gear!

**8th Grade Girls SETON Update:**

The 8th grade girls volleyball team participated in the Seton volleyball tournament on Wednesday, November 2nd. The girls worked hard during the tough pool play competition. While they didn't advance further in the tournament they put forth good effort and showed good sportsmanship and teamwork. Thank you to all of the parents, students and fans that came out to cheer them on. It was great to see so much school spirit!

**Halloween Fun!**

Our two 5th grade classrooms had fun "mummifying" their teachers in celebration of Halloween. The race was on for the most artistic wrap, and Mrs. Kleinmann's class was declared the winner! Kudos to Mrs. Kleinmann and Mrs. Nowicki for being great participants and teachers! You sure made the students smile and laugh! Thank you!

**School Drop Off Reminder:**

Please continue AM Car Line Drop Off @ Activity Center Entrance.

Please see the [MAP here](#).

**MIDDLE SCHOOL GLOW DANCE**

**Friday November 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm to 9pm**

**St. Mary Parish School – Activity Center**

We are excited to announce the return of our Middle School Dance. The event will be a fun night of music, socializing, games and an Ice Cream Sundae bar! Please let us know if your middle school son and/or daughter can attend by returning the [permission slip](#) with payment to the school office by Monday, November 14th. Cost of the event is \$10 per student. We hope to have a great turnout for this event!

[Click here for more info.](#)

There are a few items that we will need to make this night a success. Please consider donating via the following [sign-up genius link](#).

Thank you,

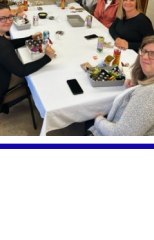
Your Middle School Events Committee

**Home & School Updates****Volunteer Spotlight:****Ann MacGillis**

*Ann has done a great job as a girls volleyball coach at St. Mary the last two years and is awesome at finding ways to make volleyball fun, both on and off the court. The girls love her as do her assistant coaches! Ms. Rosner says he is an awesome coach volunteering her time and knowledge about volleyball to the girls. She taught them what it takes to be a great volleyball player and an even better person. A great person to work with and be around!*

*Ann also has many years experience being a room mom and this past year, she and Arin Nguyen identified a need to show gratitude to the wonderful teachers that serve our children every day. They created the teacher appreciation committee and shower our teachers with staff lunches and other treats to give thanks. Additionally, Ann (and Arin) took the initiative to coordinate room parents as a room mom liason so that all teachers can be better supported by their classroom families.*

*You can also find Ann volunteering in the lunchroom, school plays or any events in need of help.*



Here is some of Ann (and Arin's) hard work in action! Our teachers were showered with a luncheon last week Friday!

On behalf of our teachers, we THANK YOU!

**St. Mary's Trivia Night**

St. Mary's Trivia Night is coming up on **November 11th!**

So far, we have 3 tables registered, **but we need more teams!**

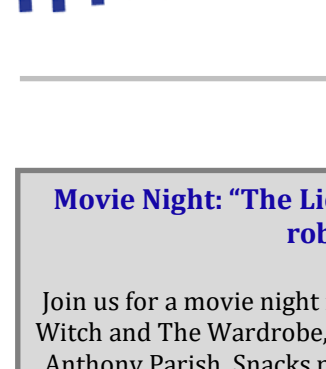
Please consider joining us for a fun night out! If you are

interested but do not have a team, contact Matt

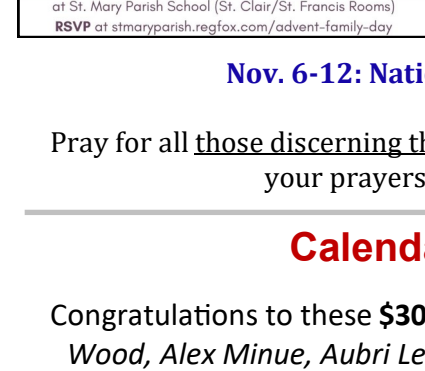
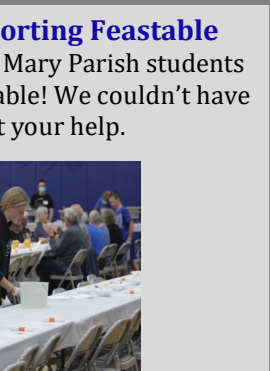
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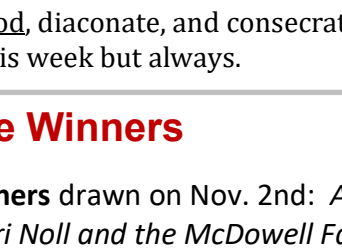
**Click on the graphic for more info!**

**Parish Updates****Movie Night: "The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe" on Nov. 6**

Join us for a movie night featuring C.S. Lewis's "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe," at 5:30 pm. on Sunday, Nov. 6 at St. Anthony Parish. Snacks provided. All middle and high school students are welcome to enjoy an evening of entertainment, food and fellowship. To register, contact Karissa Tousignant, associate director of discipleship & evangelization, at [tousignantk@stam.church](mailto:tousignantk@stam.church)

**Thank You for Supporting Feastable**

Thank you to all of the St. Mary Parish students who volunteered at Feastable! We couldn't have done it without your help.

**Nov. 6-12: National Vocation Awareness Week**

Pray for all those discerning the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life in your prayers, not just this week but always.

**Calendar Raffle Winners**

Congratulations to these **\$30 raffle winners** drawn on Nov. 2nd: *Andrew Wood, Alex Minue, Aubri Leonard, Terri Noll and the McDowell Family.*

**Thank you for your support!**

**In the Community**

- [DSHA DASH Winter Basketball Program](#)

*\*If you know of local events/programs and want to request them to be added here, please email [mccabeh@smpls.school](mailto:mccabeh@smpls.school). Thank you!*

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