

CHALLENGING MINDS

DEVELOPING CHARACTER

LIVING JESUS

Dear Families,

Our students will be engaging in an **Advent service project**, please see information below and watch for specific information from your child's teacher. Please note that our PK3-K5 students will be picking a tag from the giving tree at church for their service project.

The excitement is building for the annual Christmas Musical! Students in K5 - 2nd grade will be performing *A Christmas Yarn on Thursday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m.* Doors will open at 6:00 PM.

Thursday, December 8th is a Holy day, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, so students will be attending Mass at 8:10 AM. Please join us if you can! There will also be a noon Mass that day so all students will have indoor recess.

I have had a couple of questions about the large number of students who are fainting/becoming ill during Mass. Yes, there are students who have become ill or feel faint during Mass. It does seem like this has happened a few more times recently, but the numbers that children have shared at home have been a bit exaggerated. As I mentioned before, we have been seeing an increase in the number of children who are ill for a variety of reasons. During a regular school day, most students do not see all the kids who don't feel well or become ill and need to go home. However, when we are all together in Church and someone feels ill or faint and needs to leave church, it is very obvious and can be upsetting to some of the kids. Please be rest assured that there is nothing wrong or harmful with the air quality in the Church.

Teachers are busy finalizing report cards for Trimester 1. They will be emailed home on Friday, December 9th.

Have a great weekend!

Linda Joyner

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 7th
Noodles Restaurant
Night
4-8pm

Dec. 15th
"A Christmas Yarn"
Christmas Musical/
Nativity
K5 - 2nd Grade
6:30pm

Dec. 16
Movie Night
(Doors open 6:30pm,
Movie starts 6:40pm)

Dec. 23 - Jan 2
Christmas Break

Jan. 3
Classes Resume

Jan. 27
No School/In-Service Day

Jan. 29
Open House
11am - 2pm

Jan. 30 - Feb. 3
Catholic Schools Week

Feb. 3
Family Fun Fair

Feb. 9
No School/Conferences
8am - 3:30pm

Feb. 10
No School/In-Service

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Save the Date: A Christmas Yarn Musical

Our K5-2nd grade students have been very busy practicing and can't wait to put on "A Christmas Yarn" musical! If you haven't already, mark your calendars for **Thursday, December 15th at 6:30pm** (doors will open at 6pm; monetary donations will be accepted)

Thank you to each and everyone one of you working behind the scenes on costumes, set design, props... you name it. We appreciate your hard work and can't wait to see the set come to life in a few short weeks!

**Advent Service Projects have begun!**

For the Advent Service Project this school year, K3-K5 classrooms will be grabbing a tag off of the Giving Tree to complete. Students/homerooms in grades 1-8 will be donating a basket full of snacks and drinks to different police stations, fire stations, hospitals and clinics in our community. Please look for an email from your child's teacher with more details about where their basket will be donated, and which item or items your child should bring to school to help fill the baskets!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

Advent Service Project 2022

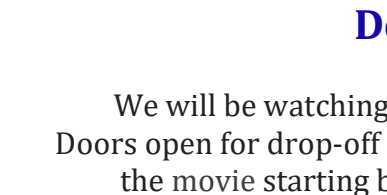
As a homeroom, or grade level, create a gift basket of goodies for first responders.

Items to include in the basket:

Drinks (water, Gatorade, soda, Crystal Light packets, etc.)

Snacks (granola bars, individual bags of chips/snacks, candy, etc.)

Stocking Stuffers and Thank You Cards

**SAVE THE DATE! The next Movie Night is December 16th!**

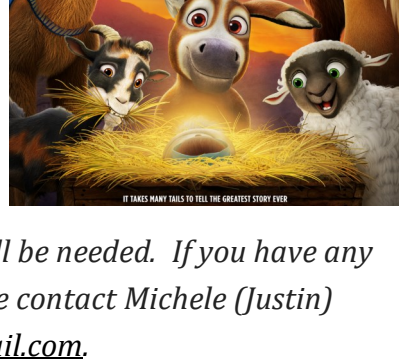
We will be watching **The Star!**

Doors open for drop-off at 6:30pm, with the movie starting by 6:40pm.

Come in your jammies or comfy clothes, bring a blanket/sleeping bag/pillow, and get ready to enjoy the movie with your friends!

Pick-up will start at 8:15pm.

There is a \$6 entrance fee and concessions will be sold.



Adult chaperones and middle school helpers will be needed. If you have any questions or are interested in helping, please contact Michele (Justin)

Spaeth at mlspaeth1@gmail.com.



Noodles Night is next week! Dine in or get take out from Noodles on **Wednesday, December 7th** and support St. Mary School! 25% of qualifying sales from 4pm—8pm will directly benefit St. Mary! Set your reminders today! **Click the logo for more info!**

**November Optimist Club Student of the Month - Claire Holke**

Claire has shown tremendous growth during middle school. She has learned to advocate for herself and is not afraid to ask questions for clarification. She has also grown in confidence and responsibility. She can be counted on to complete work assigned and takes her academic responsibilities seriously. She is helpful to adults all through the school day. She also shows kindness and compassion to her classmates.

Congratulations Claire!

Home & School Updates**Volunteer Spotlight:****Arin Nguyen**

Our St. Mary community continues to be blessed with the amazing talents and time given to us and our students by our parent volunteers. This week we want to say a special thank you to Arin Nguyen. Arin has been a long-standing parent volunteer, and we are so appreciative for her contributions! Check out what some other parents had to say...

"Arin Nguyen has been an outstanding example of a parent volunteer. She is always willing to lend a hand and always brings pizza lunch to the table when it comes to school events. Arin makes serving pizza lunch a fun experience and is loved by students, parents and teachers alike. I'm thankful to know her and have her as a friend within our school community."

"Arin is a great person to partner with. She makes every project and idea more creative and thoughtful and is always willing to share her time, positivity and craftsmanship. She's been such an important part of so many events and our school and community is better for having her!"

"Arin is the Home and School Committee's go-to mom for St. Mary's decorating and craft-projects. She has an eye for the perfect sign or decoration for any event!"

Arin stepped up last year to help with the School Day Fun Fair and did an amazing job coordinating prizes, games and donations for the event. She also helped out with the St. Mary Parish Auction in March. Arin assisted Ann with coordinating the Teacher Appreciation week events and staff lunches, along with helping out as the room parent liaison with Ann.

Arin is always willing to give an extra hand. You can frequently see Arin serving Pizza lunch on Wednesday's or helping out with a school play."

THANK YOU, ARIN!

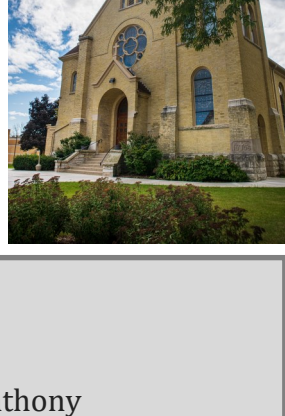
Home and School Meeting Update:

Click [here for the meeting minutes](#) from November.

The next Home and School Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, December 6th** at 7PM in the School Conference Rooms. All are welcome.

Parish Updates**Movie Stars Among Us?**

Thank you for supporting St Mary Parish during the Love One Another Archdiocese of Milwaukee Capital Campaign and helping us not only reach, but exceed our goal. We know there are a lot of ways to give to support the parish and the faith in Menomonee Falls and beyond and it can be confusing. Fr. Linn and Msgr. Shechterle made a fun video (<https://youtu.be/8SmacPtANII>) to explain some of the differences. They might not make it to Hollywood, but hopefully the video is informative (and maybe makes you chuckle).

**Immaculate Conception Masses****Wednesday, Dec. 7**

Mass of Anticipation is 5:30 pm at St. Anthony

Thursday, Dec. 8

Immaculate Conception

Mass at St. Mary ad orientem 8:10 am

Mass at St. Mary ad orientem* 12:10 pm

Mass ad orientem 6 pm at St. Anthony

Calendar Raffle Winners

Our next Calendar Raffle drawing will be on Wed. December 7th. Stay tuned for future winners here!

Thank you for your support.

In the Community

**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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