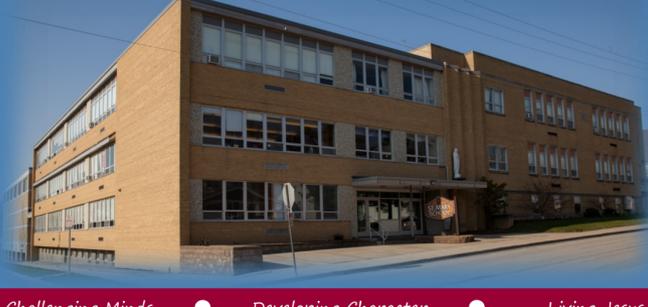


St. Mary Parish School



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April 24, 2020
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Dear Families,

I finally feel like we are getting into a working rhythm with online learning and I hope that things are going smoothly at home. I continue to be amazed at the creativity of our teachers, especially when it comes to finding ways to personally connect with their students. Today, I watched a cute Zoom meeting where the kids offered birthday wishes to a classmate and joined in singing her a birthday song. I know that getting younger kids on Zoom is an extra task for you, but I think this helps to keep them connected and hopefully brings some sense of “normality” to this alternate reality we are living. Check out the third graders responses to the prompt “We are still a family because...” on our [Facebook page](#).

Now that we have are not worried as much about the plane crashing as we “build it while flying it”, we have turned our focus towards finding alternate ways to commemorate some of our traditional celebrations.

There will be a few surprises coming for our graduates that I am not ready to unveil yet, but I have set up a virtual bulletin board so friends and family can offer congratulations and recognition to the graduates. All you need to do is share the link or QR Code (below) with friends and family. They can click under the graduate’s photo to leave them a message.

<https://padlet.com/joyner14/y0em93wg45a99xkp>



Field day is happening! Get prepared for some family fun and lots of laughter to be had on Friday, May 8th. [Click here for details](#). Specific event information can be found on Google Classroom. Please contact Mr. Toterio with questions. Virtual classes will NOT be held on Field Day.

Please let your child’s teachers know how things are going at home so we can continue to make adjustments and accommodations to help you as much as we can. Hang in there and know that we are here for you!

Faithfully,
Linda Joyner

NEW THIS FALL!

Beginning this fall, the onsite After School Care Program will be under our direction. We are very grateful for our long partnership with Children’s Community Center, but we feel this change will allow us some added flexibility for growth in the future. Please note the hourly rate for the 2020-21 school year will be \$6.00 per hour.

[Please click here to access the registration form](#). This form will help us get a general idea for staffing. More information to come in the next couple of weeks.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

TRACK: Families who registered for track this spring will receive a \$40 credit. This will be applied to your 20/21 athletic fees. Eighth grade families who are not returning, will receive a credit on their May Smart Tuition billing statement.

HOT LUNCH: Families who ordered hot lunch for the last half of March will receive a credit on their May Smart Tuition billing statement.

FINANCIAL AID FOR 20/21 SCHOOL YEAR: The deadline for [submitting applications](#) for tuition assistance has been extended to May 15, 2020. Please note that incomplete applications may not be considered.

PACKET DROP OFF UPDATE: The next pickup/drop-off for learning packets will be on Friday, May 1st (12 pm – 3:30 pm) and Monday, May 4th (7:30 am – 12 pm). [Read more details here](#).

Virtual Classroom News

- A sense of belonging is an integral part of learning and our teachers focus on this through virtual learning. During a morning Zoom meeting this week, 3rd grade students talked about staying focused and positive during these times. The kids were given the sentence, [“We are still a family because”](#) and had to complete it
- As part of their Safeguarding lesson about bullying, cyber-bullying and being a bystander, [seventh grade students wrote prayers to ask the Holy Spirit to help them respect each other’s Circle of Grace](#).
- [Second grade students have fun with Math and Art](#).
- Earth Week: [K4 students turn trash into treasure](#).
- In honor of Earth Day, K4 students [gave hugs to trees and turned trash into treasures](#).

Check out our new [VIRTUAL LEARNING PAGE](#) on the website.

Scrip Update: St Mary’s has decided to extend the Scrip processing year by one month, until May 31. This means that you have until May 31, instead of April 30, to meet your fundraising requirement and earn rebates toward next year’s tuition.



Going forward, future Scrip earning periods will run from June 1 through May 31. [Our last Scrip processing day is May 4](#).

2020 Calendar Raffle: Congratulations to these \$30 winners drawn on April 22, 2020: [Nimmer Family](#), [Cassie Mueller](#), [Terri Noll](#), [Nimmer Family](#), [Rachel Belfuss](#).

Thank you for your participation and support!

J.K. Lee Black Belt Academy offering productive skill opportunities: FREE virtual beginner Taekwondo classes. [Read more about it](#).

Young Rembrandts Lessons now online! Bette Fetter, the Founder & CEO of Young Rembrandts has recorded new full-length lessons. Each week a new lesson will be released to enrolled students. [Find your class and sign up for the Spring session today!](#)

April is Abuse Prevention Month! Our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future. Child abuse and neglect prevention depends on involvement among people throughout our faith community.

To learn more about child abuse prevention, check out these links:

- [Abuse Warning Signs](#)
- [Five Ways to Protect Your Children from Abuse](#)
- [10 Tips for Protecting Children and Offering Assistance](#)
- [Happy Families](#)

APRIL 2020

29 [Liturgy](#), 8 am

MAY 2020

- 1 [Packet drop-off/pickup](#), 12:00-3:30
Teacher Appreciation Week
May 4 - 8
- 4 [Packet drop-off/pickup](#), 7:30-12:00
Scrip Orders Due, 8 am
- 6 [Liturgy](#), 8 am
- 8 National Field Day Event
- 11 Blood Drive, 1:30-6:30
- 13 [Liturgy](#), 8 am

Links

- [2020-21 Academic Calendar](#)
- [Scrip Calendar](#)
- [MS—COVID Connection](#)
- [Be a Hero – Food Drive](#)
- [Live Stream St. Mary Masses](#)
- [Live Stream Masses from the Cathedral](#)
- [School Website](#)
- [Parish Website](#)
- [PowerSchool SIS](#)
- [Financial Aid Application](#)

[9 tips for parents navigating learning with their children due to the Coronavirus](#)



[8 ways to keep the peace while kids are at home](#)



April Birthdays

2	Josephine Hoell	Gr. 8
8	Robert Kessler	Gr. 6
8	Greg Morgan	Gr. 7
13	Shae Kelley	Gr. 8
14	Margo Davies	Gr. 2
14	Aidan Finley	Gr. 8
15	McKayla Mamayek	Gr. 5
17	Adysen Pennings	Gr. 6
18	Kahlie Holloway	Gr. 5
18	Ben Pomroy	Gr. 8
18	Miss Kons	Gr. 4
21	Keegan Sanders	K5
24	Paeley Tieman	Gr. 2
26	Jessie Riesterer	Gr. 8



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