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Dear Families,

I know it is hard to wrap your head around the 2023-24 school year when we are barely halfway through the current year, but it is time for us to begin planning and budgeting for next fall. With that in mind, registration forms will be coming home with your youngest or only child on Monday, January 16 (with K3 students on Tuesday, January 17). You may also access a [fillable form by clicking here](#).

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT: Save \$25 by returning your 2023-24 registration form on or before Thursday, January 26th.

School Choice Informational Meeting - January 17 - Join us at 6:00 PM next Tuesday as Lisa Kovaleski, principal at Waukesha Catholic, shares her experience with the Wisconsin School Choice program. Mrs. Kovaleski will be available to answer questions after her presentation. The meeting will be held in the lower level conference rooms.

We will be celebrating **National Catholic Schools Week from January 29th through February 3rd**. Our celebration will begin with an Open House after the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, January 29th. We are finalizing details on a whole week of exciting activities to celebrate the wonderful community that we have built to educate tomorrow's citizens, saints, and leaders. A special events calendar will be coming home next Friday.

Please help us spread the good news about our wonderful school community by:

- Inviting friends, neighbors and coworkers to our Open House
- Sharing our social media posts
- Post one of our [Open House flyers](#) on the bulletin board at work
- Volunteer to help out at Open House. Sign-up below.

[Open House Volunteer Sign Up](#)

[Refreshment & Baked Good Open House Sign Up](#)

Faithfully,
Linda Joyner

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 16**
[Chipotle Night](#), 4-8pm
- Jan. 19**
Junior Decent School Program at Art Museum (3rd, 4th, some 5th grade)
- Jan. 23**
First Communion/First Reconciliation Parent Meeting, 7-9pm
- Jan. 27**
No School/In-Service Day
- Jan. 29**
Open House
11am - 2pm
- Jan. 30- Feb.3**
Catholic Schools Week
- Feb. 3**
[School Day Fun Fair](#)
- Feb. 9**
No School (Conferences)
- Feb 10**
No School (Teacher In-Service)
- March 2 - 22**
Iowa Testing
- March 7**
End of Trimester 2

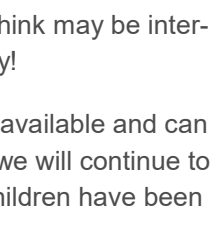
[View Full Calendar](#)



The next session of **Young Rembrandts Drawing Class** is starting soon. Register [here](#) and let your young artist "flex their creative muscles as they take on fun, artistic challenges." Classes are from 3:10 - 4:10pm on Wednesdays (1/25 - 3/15). [Click the image to sign up.](#)

Dine at Chipotle on Monday, Jan. 16th, and Help Support St. Mary School!

33% of Event Sales between 4 - 8pm go directly to St. Mary, and while these proceeds may seem small, they make a huge difference in meeting our budget and our school's needs! We appreciate your support! [Click image for more info!](#)



St. Mary Parish School Open House is Jan. 29th!

Please invite your friends, family, neighbors and anyone else you think may be interested in learning more about our school community!

Volunteers are needed for the day of the Open House. If you are available and can offer your time and talents, please [sign up here](#). With your efforts, we will continue to pass on to others the good fortune and wonderful education our children have been fortunate to experience. **Thank you!**

Visit us online at stmaryparishschool.org

We LOVE St. Mary Catholic School!

... and your child will, too!

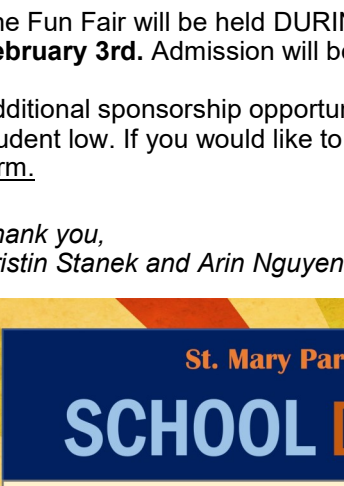
YOU'RE INVITED

Open House | January 29, 2023 | 11AM-2PM

St. Mary Parish School (Grades K3-8)
N89 W16215 Cleveland Ave.

See What Makes Us Different!
Call (262) 251-1050 to register

SMPS Spelling Bee - Congratulations, Preston Kirchoff



St. Mary's Spelling Bee was held on Monday, Jan. 9th. Preston Kirchoff, an eighth grader, won in the 12th round with the word pomade.

Some of the last round words were: *provocation, configuration, ordained, flybys, bovine, and poppet*. The winner of the school bee will represent SMPS at the regional CESA spelling bee in February. Congratulations to all of our spellers and our winner, Preston!

The School Day Fun Fair is almost here!

The Fun Fair will be held DURING school on the Friday of Catholic Schools Week, **February 3rd**. Admission will be \$5/student, charged through Smart Tuition.

Additional sponsorship opportunities are available to help keep the Fun Fair costs/student low. If you would like to sponsor a game or inflatable, please fill out this [google form](#).

Thank you,
Kristin Stanek and Arin Nguyen, School day Fun Fair Co-Chairs

St. Mary Parish School - Catholic Schools Week

SCHOOL DAY FUN FAIR 2023

Inflatables • Games • Cookie Walk

Friday • February 3 • 2023

For students to enjoy DURING school with their classmates.

Student Admission = \$5/student - billed through Smart Tuition

Sponsorship Opportunities

Help keep the cost per student low by sponsoring an inflatable or game! We will add your name to a Fun Fair game or inflatable sign by becoming a sponsor. Fill out the google form if you can help!

Home & School Updates

Volunteer Spotlight

Our St. Mary Volunteers are the best! We've heard from many of you already this year as you've shared wonderful words with us about our amazing group of volunteers, but we want to hear more!

Help us show off the contributions and gifts of more of our St. Mary parents and volunteers by nominating a fellow mom/dad and sharing a sentence (or three!) about their contributions and how they've helped make St. Mary great! Submissions can be emailed to Heather at mccabeh@smps.school.

We appreciate your input and can't wait to share more of the blessings so many of you offer us!

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

Home and School Meeting Update:

Check out the [meeting minutes](#) from the meeting on Monday, Jan 9th.

The next Home and School Meeting will be on **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7th** AT 7 PM in the School Conference Rooms.

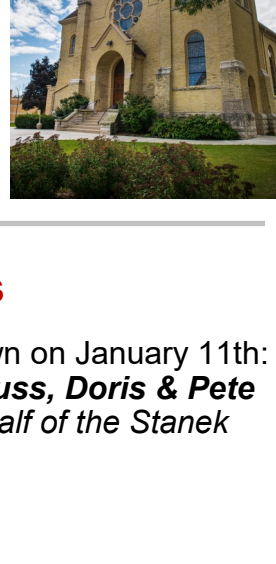
All are welcome.



Parish Updates

First Communion/First Reconciliation Meeting on Mon., Jan. 23

Parents of second graders at St Mary School and children in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd who are receiving their First Communion this year are invited to a First Communion/First Reconciliation meeting from 7-9 pm on Monday, Jan. 23 in the St. Mary School Conference Rooms.



Calendar Raffle Winners

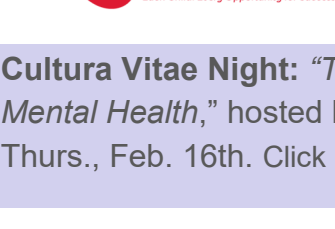
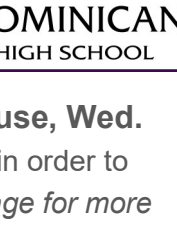
Congratulations to these \$30 winners that were drawn on January 11th: **Jesse Christen, Beth Kirchoff, Ron & Barb Beifuss, Doris & Pete Kalinosky, and St. Mary Parish School** (on behalf of the Stanek family).

Thank you for your support.

In the Community

2023 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest

Sunday, Feb. 12th at St. John Vianney. Open to boys and girls age 9 -14. No cost to participate. [Click the image for more info.](#)

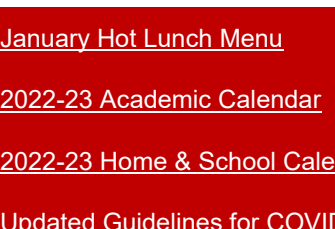
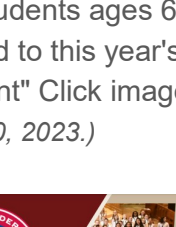


Social Media and How It is Used in Human Trafficking - Presentations by St. James and Good Shepherd Parishes of Menomonee Falls, and the Join the Movement to Stop Human Trafficking. Join Tuesday, Jan 24, or Thursday, Jan. 26th. [Click the image for more info.](#)

Grade School Nights at Dominican High School:

- Varsity Boys Night is January 18th at 7:00pm vs. Kettle-Moraine Lutheran
- Varsity Girls Night is January 19th at 7:00pm vs. Prairie School

Come Cheer on the Dominican Knights and be part of the fun!!! **FREE ADMISSION** for grade school students.



Hamilton High School Open House, Wed. Feb. 1st - Must RSVP by Jan. 27th in order to attend orientation night. [Click the image for more details.](#)

Cultura Vitae Night: "Teenagers, Technology, and Mental Health," hosted by Chesterton Academy, Thurs., Feb. 16th. [Click image for more information.](#)



WisDOT Aviation Art Contest, Students ages 6-17 are invited to create artwork connected to this year's theme: "Air Sports and the Environment" [Click image for more info.](#) (Entries due by Friday, Jan. 20, 2023.)

2023 Milwaukee Festival being held on Saturday, February 18 at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. [Click the image for more info.](#)

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