

CHALLENGING MINDS

DEVELOPING CHARACTER

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Dear St. Mary Families,

We are thrilled to share some exciting updates and opportunities for our school community. Registration forms for the 2025–2026 school year are going home today, so please watch for these in your child's folder. We encourage you to return them promptly to secure your family's place for the upcoming year.

As we look ahead to the next school year, we also invite you to join us for our Open House on Sunday, January 26th. This is a wonderful opportunity for current families to connect and for new families to experience all that St. Mary School has to offer. Please mark your calendars, and don't forget to invite friends and neighbors to see the joy and excellence of our school firsthand.

We are also thrilled to announce an **expansion of our beloved K3 program**! Beginning next school year, we will offer a **full-day, five-day-a-week option** for families seeking more flexibility. This enhanced program will continue to be led by our outstanding K3 staff, Mrs. Schmitt and Mrs. Bley, and provide the same nurturing and engaging environment that supports early learning. More details can be found on the attached flyer.

Finally, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the parish for their steadfast support of our mission and initiatives. Together, we are advancing the future of St. Mary's and creating new opportunities for our students to grow academically, spiritually, and emotionally.

As we move forward, let us be inspired by the words of 1 Corinthians 16:14: *"Let all that you do be done in love."* Thank you for your trust, your partnership, and your commitment to St. Mary's and Catholic education.

With gratitude and blessings, Annemarie Wood

UPCOMING EVENTS

TONIGHT Movie Night: Bad Guys 6:30pm

> Jan. 20 No School (Teacher PD)

Jan. 22 <u>Qdoba Restaurant</u> <u>Night,</u> 4 - 8pm

> Jan. 26 <u>Open House</u> 11am - 1pm

Jan. 27—31 Catholic Schools Week

Jan. 31 School Day Fun Fair Sponsorship <u>form</u> Donation <u>sign up</u>

Jan. 29 Home and School Meeting, *5:30 pm*

Feb. 5 Next session of Young Rembrandts begins Flyer/Register <u>here</u>

> Feb. 19 Parent-Teacher Conferences (evening)

Feb. 20 Early Release (Parent-Teacher Conferences)

<u>View 2024-2025</u> Academic Calendar <u>here</u>



"Encourage your child to embrace challenges as opportunities for growth! Whether they're solving math problems, reading a new book, or tackling a tricky subject, remind them that mistakes are part of learning and build resilience. Celebrate effort over perfection to help them develop a positive mindset toward learning."

This cherished tradition highlights what makes Catholic education so special: our commitment to faith-filled learning, strong community, and academic excellence. A schedule of our fun-filled week will be shared early next week, but in the meantime, please consider becoming a sponsor for our School Day Fun Fair! More details below.



Donations Needed for Fun Fair!

Items such as candy, cookies, and drinks are needed for the day of the Fun Fair. Monetary donations are also being accepted. Please view the donation sign up <u>here</u>.

View sponsorship form <u>here</u> or click the image above.

Thank you in advance for your help and support!

Telling our Good News!







3K Options

- five days half day
- five days full day
- three days half day
- Tues. Wed. & Thurs.

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Reminders & Resources:

The <u>hot lunch ordering portal</u> is now open for **Jan. 31st** and all of February. IMPORTANT NOTE: The ordering includes our special **Culver's Lunch for Friday, Jan. 31st**, so please don't forget that add on date. Those options include a hamburger (\$5.00), a cheeseburger (\$6.00), 2 pc. chicken tenders (\$6.00) or 4 pc. chicken tenders (\$8). Each option is served with chips, applesauce and choice of milk.

All orders for Jan. 31 and all of February are **due by Friday, Jan. 24th at 11am**. Please understand we will not be able to open the portal back up after the counts have been submitted to our vendors. Thank you! View Feb. menu here.

Our St. Mary Teachers are the Best:

We are so proud to have such amazing teachers here at St. Mary! Thank you to all of you who have helped share kind words and quotes with us so far this year to help us show our appreciation to them.

Please keep an eye on your emails for requests for quotes from you and your child(ren) as we continue to highlight another wonderful St. Mary teacher next week!

Thank you!

Home & School Updates:

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We need your help! Our St. Mary Volunteers are the best, and we're looking for more parents/volunteers to help for our daily volunteer needs! Thank you in advance for your consideration in signing up and volunteering! **Please note, all volunteers must have completed the Safeguarding Training. If you have not done so, please contact the School Office at office@smps.school*

Playground Volunteer Sign Up

Lunchroom Volunteer Sign Up

Volunteers Needed for RaiseRight



Volunteers are needed so that St. Mary's families can continue to earn tuition rebates with RaiseRight. We are looking for helpers to sort gift cards on Wednesday afternoons or Thursday mornings. A coordinator will also be needed for the next school year. Time commitment is as little as 1 to 2 hours per month (a few hours a month for the coordinator). Volunteer now to be trained this spring, and help keep the RaiseRight program a success! Contact Jerry Esser, jerryesser@sbcglobal.net

Join us for our next Home & School Meeting:



All our welcome to join us at our next H&S meeting on Jan. 29th at 5:30pm. Take a look at our Home and School Activities Calendar <u>here</u> for a peek at all H&S sponsored events scheduled this school year!



Calendar Raffle Winners:

Congratulations to these \$30 winners drawn Jan. 15th: *Mary Schneider, Sarah Harenke, St. Mary School (on behalf of Spaeth family), Grant Hietpas, and Phillips family*

Thank you for your participation!

In the Community:



Menomonee Falls Little League Registration Open: Open to all skill levels and also open to students who reside *outside* of Menomonee Falls! Registration goes through Feb. 15th, and season runs April - mid July. View Flyer <u>here</u>.

<u>Menomonee Falls Little League Umpires Needed:</u> Open to age 13 (by August 2025) and up. Click <u>here</u> for more information.



Join the CSTS Community: A community of empowered athletes. Explore the training options for all middle and high school athletes <u>here</u>.



Home & School Calendar Lunchroom Volunteer Sign Up Playground Volunteer Sign Up February Hot Lunch Menu

