



CHALLENGING MINDS • DEVELOPING CHARACTER • LIVING JESUS

Dear Families,

Do you remember attending Open House when you were deciding on a school for your child? Many families who attend, tell us that they love the sense of community they feel when visiting our school. Open House is our day to shine and show off our great school, staff and community. Please consider helping out with Open House. Don't feel like you know enough about our school to be a tour guide? No worries, we have prepared some talking points for you. Still not convinced? Then please [check out the sign up](#) for other ways you can help. Please continue spreading the good news about our really awesome school community to your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers by: posting an [Open House flyer](#) at work, or by liking and sharing our [Facebook posts](#).

Catholic Schools Week (CSW) is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. This year marks the 49th anniversary of CSW, a time when schools across the nation showcase what makes Catholic schools the best choice for families who are looking to find the right school for their children. We will be celebrating CSW with Mass, field trips, themed dress days, competitions, special lunches, Fun Fair, and other fun activities. [Click here for detailed information](#). A paper copy is coming home with your youngest or only child so you can post it on the fridge.

I will be hosting a **"Principal's Chat"** after Mass on **Wednesday, January 25**. This will be an informal hour where I will give you a brief overview of current and upcoming events, you can connect with other parents, and get answers to any questions you may have. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Please RSVP on [Facebook](#) or by calling the school office at 262-251-1050.

K3, K4, and K5 Midyear Progress Reports were emailed to parents on Wednesday, January 18th. Please check your SPAM folder or contact the school office if you did not receive your child's report. And if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress, please reach out to your child's teacher.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: The early bird deadline for registration is Thursday, January 26. Please [click here to access the registration form](#).

Faithfully,
Linda Joyner

UPCOMING EVENTS	
Jan. 23	First Communion/First Reconciliation Parent Meeting, 7-9pm
Jan. 25	Young Rembrandts session 3 begins
Jan. 27	No School/In-Service Day
Jan. 29	Open House 11am - 2pm
Jan. 30- Feb. 3	Catholic Schools Week
Feb. 2	Village Bowl Field Trip (K4-3rd Grade) *Permission slip
	Sunburst Field Trip (4th - 8th Grade) *Permission slip
Feb. 3	School Day Fun Fair
Feb. 9	No School (Conferences)
Feb 10	No School (Teacher In-Service) *Office will be CLOSED
March 2 - 22	Iowa Testing
March 7	End of Trimester 2

[View Full Calendar](#)

St. Mary Parish School Open House
 Sunday, January 29, 2023 | 11am-2pm

Experience the exemplary academic journey that will prepare your child for a lifetime of success.

Discover What Makes Us Different

- Meet our faculty
- Experience our "Living Jesus" environment
- Tour our classrooms
- Have questions answered in a no-pressure setting

TO REGISTER, CALL (262) 251-1050 | STMARYPARISHSCHOOL.ORG

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

We're kicking off Catholic Schools Week with our **Open House!** Please invite your friends, family, neighbors and anyone else you think may be interested in learning more about our school community! They can **R.S.V.P. at this link.**

A few more volunteers are still 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!**

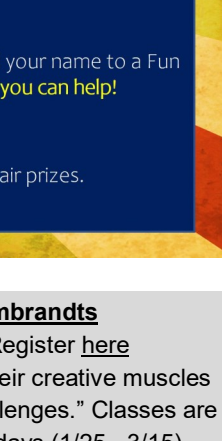
Catholic Schools Week 2023
January 29-February 4
www.NCEA.org/csw
#CSW23

Catholic Schools Week Dress-Up Days and Fun Activities!

In Celebration of Catholic Schools Week, we will have fun dress up days starting Monday, Jan 30th with a *Pa Jammin Monday!* [Click here for a full schedule of the dress-up days and other fun activities](#) we have happening during Catholic Schools Week!

Volunteer Help Needed at Mass Jan. 28 and 29

Help us thank parishioners at **St. Mary Parish** and **St. Anthony's Parish** for supporting our school.



Slots are still available! Please help us by signing up to pass out thank you cards **15 minutes before each mass** on the weekend of **January 28 and 29**. Students must wear school uniform. (You will receive an out-of-uniform pass). [Click here to sign up.](#)

*Student can be the one who is reading his/her essay at mass.
THANK YOU!

School Day Fun Fair: Friday, Feb. 3rd!

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.

Sponsorship opportunities are still 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](#).

Donations help us make this day happen. We are looking for monetary donations as well as cookies, cupcakes and other treats. Please click the [sign up link here](#) to donate!

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.

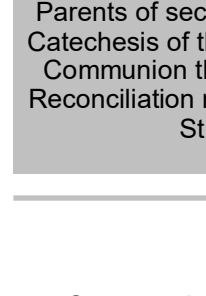
Student Admission = \$5/student - billed through Smart Tuition

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!](#)

Donations Needed
Please consider donating candy, cookies, cupcakes or treats for the Fun Fair prizes.
[See SIGN UP link if you can donate.](#)

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

Our St. Mary Teachers are the Best!



Teacher Appreciation week may not begin until the first week of May, but we feel our teachers deserve to know how much we appreciate them all year long! We've received some kind words about several of our teachers, and this week we are spotlighting Mrs. McAsey, our wonderful K5 teacher! See what some students and families had to say about her!

Teacher Spotlight: Mrs. McAsey - K5

"I really liked when she read us the story about the Gingerbread Cowboy and we got to make things about Gingerbread people. She's kind, she teaches us, she's caring, and I really love her." - Oliver H.

"I want to share that Khloe's favorite thing she loves to do with Mrs. McAsey is story time. Khloe really enjoys this the most. Lastly, I would like to share that Mrs. McAsey has taught my oldest daughter Isabella, who is now in 8th grade and Khloe currently. I feel very blessed to have had Mrs. McAsey teach both Isabella and now Khloe. Mrs. McAsey has the patience of a saint, is kind-hearted, understanding and generous. Mrs. McAsey is a true example of what it looks like to 'Love Like Jesus.'" - Lucy Koslo

"Mrs. McAsey has been such a solid teacher for my children. She always has a positive spin on everything. Her Star of the Week project is always a big hit with the students. They are able to boost their confidence and self-esteem through this project as they are recognized in different ways throughout their designated week." - Libby Hietpas

"I really love when she teaches us phonics. I like when we have math tests. She's very nice. She helps people when they need help. She's caring." - Caroline M.

"She gives good hugs. Any time I need a hug she comes to me. A lot of times she helps me finish my work so that I'm not the last one done." - Abe H.

"Caroline loves when Mrs. McAsey reads to her the most, and one example she gave was once when Mrs. McAsey read the gingerbread girl, she sounded like a cowboy and we all laughed!" - Susan Milinski

"I really love when she gives us math work. I like when she gives us rest time." - Anna W.

"Anna loves when Mrs. McAsey plays games with the class. Anna said her favorite game is the spelling game." - Marie Welch

Thank you, Mrs. McAsey, for your dedication and amazing work with our students!
You are very appreciated!

Home & School Updates

Volunteer Spotlight Emily Rinzel

Emily Rinzel has been a long-standing parent and volunteer at both St. Mary School and at the Parish. We are so grateful to her for her time and especially for stepping up as our Home and School President and being a part of the Pastoral Council. See what a few others had to say:

"Emily Rinzel has always been happy to help at all school events and is very involved within the Parish. We are so fortunate to have her! She even stepped up and took on the role of Home & School President and is working hard to continue and expand school events and grow our school community." - Sarah Harenke

Another parent expressed their appreciation for her work and time with Home and School, stating "she is working to get a playground established at St. Marys," which will make a lasting impact on students for generations to come. - Michelle Klos-Gonzalez

"Emily has been a part of the Pastoral Council for the last 2 years and is currently the president of home and school Committee. The family have been parish members since 2009 and her son PJ is an Altar Server at weekend Masses. Her husband Phil has been a coach for some of St. Mary Athletics." - Sharon Memory

"Emily is such a blessing to St Mary's, both school and parish communities. She is the president of home and school and also sits on the finance board for the parish. Emily has an amazing background and has put those tools to good use. She is always willing to help in whatever capacity is needed. When asked to join home and school Emily jumped in and put her whole self into it. The creativity she brings to the board, has me excited in the things we will be able to do and accomplish this year. She has a great way of leading the team, pulling us all together, and reimagining home and school and the amazing things we can do for our children, staff, and community. So thankful to have Emily and appreciate all that she does!" -Heather Jurgenson

"Emily Rinzel graciously volunteered for the role of Home and School President. Her background of being on the parish Pastoral Council and serving on the Finance Council has provided great benefit and insight to our meetings. Emily is always happy to lend a helping hand. I can't keep track of all of her whereabouts, but as her next-door neighbor, I see her more at church and school than at home!" - Katie Esser

"Emily Rinzel stepped up to be the Home & School President this year and has helped lead the committee with her knowledge and experience volunteering at the school and parish. Emily knows how to get things done and comes to the committee and event chairs with good ideas or knows the right person to talk to! Thank you, Emily, for being a great friend and volunteer!" - Kristin Stanek

Thanks so much for all you do, Emily!

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, FEB. 7th AT 7 PM** in the School Conference Rooms. All are welcome.

Fundraiser Update:

Our Chipotle Night Fundraiser earned St. Mary School a total of **\$581.05!**

Thanks so much to all who participated!

Amazon Smile Update:

Unfortunately, Amazon Smile will wind down by Feb. 20, 2023. [Click here for a full update.](#)

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 18th:
Pat Burke, Christa Kleebea, Jack Pitrof, Carla Karcewski and Pat Gagnon.

Thank you for your support.

In the Community

Menomonee Falls Little League Registration: ONLINE Registration for 2023 is open and ends February 15, 2023. In-Person Registration will be held on Saturday, January 28th, 2023 from 9am-Noon at North Middle Cafe. [Click the image for more info.](#)

Pompeii Men's Club Catholic High School \$2,500 Scholarship Award: Must be a Catholic Grade School student to participate. [Click on the image to the right to learn more and to access the full award application.](#) (Applications due July 1st with full, final report card).

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.](#)

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.](#)

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.](#)

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

[February Hot Lunch Menu](#)

[2022-23 Academic Calendar](#)

[2022-23 Home & School Calendar](#)

[Updated Guidelines for COVID-19](#)

[Change of Dismissal](#)

[Inclement Weather Policy](#)

[Lunchroom Volunteer Sign Up](#)

[Playground Volunteer Sign Up](#)

Connect with us on Facebook and Instagram!