



CHALLENGING MINDS

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Dear Families,

**Happy New Year!** With the new year, it's time for us to start planning for the 2024-25 school year. [Please click here](#) and complete the 24-25 registration form. (A hard copy of this form will also be sent home with your child on Monday). **NEW THIS YEAR** ~ You will need to submit your registration form with a deposit of \$100 which will be applied to your 24-25 tuition. Registration forms received after 3:00 PM on Friday, January 26 will be charged a late fee of \$25.

We are fortunate to be able to offer the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) to our families, parishioners, and community as a whole. The WPCP is a statewide private school voucher program, and allows students whose families meet certain [income qualifications](#) the ability to attend our school tuition free. [Click here](#) to learn more about School Choice programs. **The open application period for the 2024-25 school year is February 1 – April 18, 2024.** Current families applying for the WPCP should contact the school office for 24-25 registration details specific to that program.

**Do you have friends, family, neighbors, or co-workers looking to enroll their children in school next year?** Please invite them to come check out our wonderful school at the annual Open House event on Sunday, January 28. [Please click here](#) for an invitation you can share.

Our 8th grade boys blue team is playing in their last home basketball tournament this weekend. They won their first game last night and take on Lumen Christi tomorrow night at 9 PM. Please come and cheer them on if you are able! And don't forget to cheer on those Packers Sunday afternoon!!

Have a great weekend and Go Pack Go!

Linda Joyner

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 9**  
5th - 8th Grade Spelling Bee
- Jan. 12**  
Winter Movie Night  
[Flyer here](#)
- Jan. 15**  
Home & School Meeting  
7pm
- Jan. 16**  
Qdoba Restaurant Night  
4 - 8pm  
[View flyer here](#)
- Jan. 18**  
8th Grade Photos
- Jan. 26**  
Early Release at 11:30am
- Jan. 28**  
[St. Mary School Open House](#)  
10:30am - 1pm
- Jan. 29 - Feb 2**  
Catholic Schools Week
- Feb. 2**  
[School Day Fun Fair](#)
- Feb. 9**  
No School
- Feb. 12**  
No School
- Feb. 26**  
Home and School Meeting  
6pm

[View Full Calendar](#)

St. Mary Parish School - Catholic Schools Week

SCHOOL DAY FUN FAIR 2024

Inflatables • Games • Cookie Walk

Friday • February 2 • 2024

For students to enjoy DURING school with their classmates.

Student Admission - \$5/student - billed through Blackbaud Tuition Management

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!

[Google Form Link Here](#)

Daily Playground and Lunchroom Volunteers Needed

Please see below for our daily volunteer needs for the next two weeks. We greatly appreciate your time and help!

Week of 1/8/24	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchroom Servers (Need 2)	Jessica McDowell 1 Parent Needed	Lisa Crivello 1 Parent Needed	Kristin Stanek (Costco) Becky Rusch	1 Parent Needed 1 Parent Needed	Tori Gannon 1 Parent Needed
Playground Helper	Becky Leupli	Nathan Ambrose	1 Parent Needed	Carolyn Stelpflug	Karen Micallef

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Here are the links to sign up:  
[Lunchroom Sign Up](#)  
[Playground Sign Up](#)

*\*Important: All volunteers must have completed the Safeguarding Training. If you have not done so, please contact Steve at scosentino@stam.church.*

3rd and 8th Grade Buddies Meet!

The 3rd graders were excited to meet with their 6th grade buddies on Thursday! The 6th graders helped the 3rd graders log on to Prodigy. They also conducted a New Years interview on Schoology and completed a New Years word search! We love seeing our students collaborate and learn from each other!

Friday was Packer Backer Day!

In support of the Green Bay Packers, our students and staff enjoyed dressing up in their green and gold on Friday! Check out [more class pictures here!](#)

Our St. Mary Teachers are the Best!

We're proud of our St. Mary teachers and want to show off how wonderful they are and how much they're appreciated!

Due to the holiday and the short week, our Teacher Spotlight will be back next week! Some parents/families will receive an email requesting quotes for the teacher who will be highlighted next week. If you receive an email with request for quotes, please reply/send them to Heather at mccabeh@smmps.school by Wednesday afternoon of next week.  
Thank you!

Home & School Updates

Volunteer Spotlight:

St. Mary School is blessed with many amazing volunteers and we are so grateful for each of them. Due to the holiday and the short week, our volunteer spotlight will return next week! If you have anyone you wish to nominate, please send their name along with a quote to Heather at mccabeh@smmps.school.

Thank you!

**"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."** – Elizabeth Andrew

Winter Movie Night: Friday, Jan. 12th

Marian Hall  
Doors Open 6:30pm, Movie starts 6:45pm

**Entry:** \$6 per student (charged through Blackbaud)

Adult and M.S. volunteers needed! Sign up [here](#).

Permission Slip [here](#)

[Click here to view flyer](#)

Restaurant Fundraiser Updates

Thanks to all who have participated in our restaurant fundraisers so far this year. Here are a few updates on how much was raised for St. Mary:

**Panera:** \$194.88  
**Smart Cow:** \$122.00  
**Café Zupa:** \$183.17  
**Noodles:** Update coming soon...

Thanks for your support!

Upcoming Restaurant Night at Qdoba

**Tuesday, Jan. 16th**  
4 - 8PM  
25% of all sales will be donated to St. Mary!

[Click here for flyer](#) which includes important QR code for online orders.

Thank you!

Musical Director Needed!

Our Spring Musical is tentatively planned for March 21st, but we are still in need of a director or possible co-directors to help us continue our long standing tradition of musical productions.

You won't get rich, but this is a paid position.

If you or someone you know may be interested, please have them contact the school office. This is a rewarding role and encourages our students to showcase their talents and gain confidence, while entertaining parents and families.  
Please spread the word!

Athletics Updates

Good luck to our 8th grade boys A basketball team who will be playing their final Home Tournament this weekend at St. Mary! Come support them and pack the house! [Click here](#) for the schedule. Lets go boys!

Concessions Help Needed

There are still a few slots that need to be filled for this weekend's tournament. Please [click here for a link to our sign up](#).

The volunteer positions are open to all PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, AUNTS, UNCLES, etc. who are available and willing to help out. A minimum of 4 spots per family should be filled per season.

Please remember that we depend on volunteers to make this happen. There is no buyout available, and all families involved in St. Mary's Athletics are obligated to help.

Thank you for your help!  
-St. Mary Parish Athletic Board

Calendar Raffle Winners

**Congratulations to these \$30 winners drawn on Jan 3rd:**  
*Michael Povolo, Jennifer Samson, Katie Weiske, and Christine Herbst*

**And special congrats to this \$150 winner drawn Jan 5th:**  
*St. Mary Parish School (on behalf of the Spaeth family - thank you!)*

Thank you for your support and participation!

In the Community

**Menomonee Falls SPIN Night** (Student/Parent Information Night) for incoming 9th grade students: Incoming 9th grade families, join us to meet our administration, counselors and learn about your child's upcoming year. Jan. 29th at 6pm. Click the logo for more info and [here](#) for a parent letter.

**Pius XI Winter Youth Dance Clinic:** Friday, January 19th. Join Pius XI's award-winning Varsity Poms team for a winter youth clinic from 4:30—8pm at the Pius XI Field House. Click the logo for more info!

**Upward Baseball League 2024:** Open to Grades K5 - 4th, boys and girls. Begins April 18th. Early bird discount now through Jan. 14th. Deadline to register is March 12, 2024. Click the logo for more information.