



**Dear St. Mary Parish School Families,**

As we come together as a community of faith, our hearts and prayers are particularly focused on those affected by the recent hurricanes. These natural disasters have brought immense challenges and suffering to many, and it is in times like these that we are called to support one another through prayer and action.

Let us lift our voices in prayer for all those impacted—those who have lost homes, loved ones, and the sense of security we often take for granted. May they find comfort in God's embrace and strength in the support of their community. We also pray for the first responders and volunteers who are tirelessly working to provide assistance and hope in the midst of despair.

In the spirit of our Catholic faith, let us remember the words of St. Teresa of Avila: "Prayer is an art of love." As we unite in prayer, may we be inspired to offer our hands and hearts in service to those in need. Consider reaching out to local charities or organizations dedicated to helping hurricane victims. Every effort, no matter how small, can make a difference.

Together, let us trust in God's providence and be beacons of hope for our brothers and sisters during this difficult time.

| UPCOMING EVENTS         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| <b>TONIGHT</b>          | Parent Social<br>American Legion (Men. Falls)<br>6PM<br><a href="#">Picture Retake Day</a>   |
| <b>Oct. 15</b>          | Family Math Night<br>6 - 7PM   |
| <b>Oct. 18 &amp; 19</b> | <a href="#">Feastable</a>  |
| <b>Oct. 19</b>          | Catholic Schools Walk<br>Rotary Park<br>8:30 - 10am<br><a href="#">Register Here</a>         |
| <b>Oct. 24</b>          | Early Release @11:30am<br>Parent-Teacher Conferences   |
| <b>Oct. 25</b>          | Parent-Teacher Conferences   |
| <b>Oct. 31</b>          | Out-of-Uniform Fall or Halloween Colors: Orange, Purple, Black, Green, Brown                 |
| <b>Nov. 1</b>           | All School Mass, (Holy Day of Obligation) & 3rd Grade Saints Presentations                   |
| <b>Nov. 8</b>           | Movie Night 6:30pm<br><a href="#">Feedback Survey</a><br>More info to come                   |
| <b>Nov. 12</b>          | <a href="#">Chipotle Restaurant Night</a><br>4 - 8pm   |
| <b>Nov. 15</b>          | Save the Date: Trivia Night<br><a href="#">Sign Up Here</a>                                  |
| <b>Nov. 20</b>          | End of Trimester 1   |
| <b>Nov. 22</b>          | Save the Date: Middle School Social  |
| <b>Nov. 27 - 29</b>     | Thanksgiving Break   |
| <b>Dec. 2</b>           | No School  |
| <b>Dec. 5-6</b>         | Holiday Treasures Gift Shop<br>(details to come)   |
| <b>Dec. 19</b>          | Save the Date: K5-2nd Grade Musical<br><a href="#">View 2024-2025 Academic Calendar here</a> |

**The Catholic Schools Walk and our Parish Feastable are right around the corner!**

Next weekend holds great promise as we come together as a community to support our school and parish. We understand that it may seem like we are frequently asking for your support—and we are. We truly need your time, treasure, and talents to create opportunities for our future. Please share the Good News of what we're doing here at St. Mary's and encourage others to support us as well.

**Our Catholic Schools Walk goal is to raise \$40,000 by October 31st, and 100% of the funds raised will directly benefit St. Mary Parish School.** This is an incredible opportunity for us to invest in our future.

**How You Can Help**

Our fundraising goal is set at \$200 per student. You can participate by reaching out to family, friends, and even your employer for matching contributions. Every dollar raised brings us closer to our goal, and there are several ways to get involved:

- Register for the Walk and track our progress by visiting the St. Mary team page: [Catholic Schools Walk - St. Mary Menomonee Falls](#).
- Share the link with your network and ask them to support our school. The money you raise will have a lasting impact on our students and teachers.
- Encourage your child to get excited about the Walk—this is their chance to make a difference for their school!

With your energy, commitment, and support, we are confident that we can reach this important milestone and continue to provide an exceptional educational experience for all our students. Thank you for your continued partnership in helping St. Mary Parish School thrive.

**Support and care comes in many forms. Thank you for the ways to give.**

Sincerely,  
Annemarie Wood

**November Hot Lunch Portal Open:**

Our hot lunch portal for the month of November is now open. Please order [HERE](#). Orders must be placed on or before **Tuesday, Oct. 22nd by 10am** at the latest. Please get your orders in on time as we will not be able to re-open the hot lunch portal once quantities have been submitted to our hot lunch vendor.

[November Hot Lunch Menu](#)

**Picture Retake Day: Tuesday, October 15**

If your child has not yet been photographed or, if you prefer for your child to have re-takes done, please have your child dressed in appropriate out-of-uniform attire and be ready with a smile on Tuesday morning! VIP will email you the images when they are ready to view/order.

**Telling our Good News!**

Students share the Good News...

Each class made a Poster to Kick-Off fundraising for the Catholic Schools Walk

**Director of Teaching: From the Desk of Mrs. Mogilevsky:**

"Your child's i-Ready results will be shared during conferences at the end of the month. You'll receive insights into their beginning-of-the-year performance and areas for growth, along with recommendations for supporting their progress. Click [here](#) for more information on interpreting i-Ready scores."

Join us for Family Math Night, to learn more about our new K-5 math curriculum resource. Families who participate will earn an out-of-uniform pass.

**FAMILY MATH NIGHT**

**DATE**  
OCTOBER 15, 2024

**TIME**  
6:00 - 7:00 PM

**CONFERENCE ROOMS**

Join us for an informative evening to explore Bridges in Mathematics, our new K5-5 math curriculum, and iReady, our new K5-8 diagnostic assessment.

**WHAT TO EXPECT**

- Info Session (for parents): Overview of Bridges math curriculum and Iready Diagnostic Assessment.
- Visiting Classrooms: Families will engage in a math workplace game together and tour their children's classrooms.
- Child Supervision Available: Cafeteria
- Questions: Erika Mogilevsky at [mogilevsky@smps.school](mailto:mogilevsky@smps.school)

**ALL ATTENDEES WILL RECEIVE OUT-OF-UNIFORM PASSES**

**ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL**  
Challenging Minds • Developing Character • Living Jesus

**Catholic Schools Walk:**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP: Volunteers Needed**

Our Catholic Schools Walk is quickly approaching! We need student and adult help to make this successful. Please see the volunteer opportunities in the sign-up. Middle school students can earn service hours. We especially need help with the collection at 5pm Mass this coming weekend.

[Sign Up Here](#)

**JOIN US**

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WALK**

St. Mary Parish School - Catholic Schools Walk  
Rotary Park – Menomonee Falls  
Saturday, October 19, 2024  
8:30 - 10:00am

The 1.3-mile course will open after opening prayer at 9:15 AM.  
Donuts, coffee and water provided by our sponsors. Enjoy games and candy along the walk route!

For more information, contact St. Mary Catholic Schools Walk Co-Chairs:  
Kristin Stanek • Arin Nguyen • Stefanie Harms

**Catholic Schools Walk Registration**

**Registration is still open. Register here: [CSW 2024](#)**

- Our school goal is to raise \$40,000 this year (which is around \$200/student)! This year, our focus is on enhancing professional development for our dedicated teachers, expanding our STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) curriculum, and fostering a vibrant community that exemplifies our shared values. Last year we raised over \$36,000 with the matching gifts from the Archdiocese and event sponsors.
- The race is on to see which classroom can raise the most towards their goal! The **CSW Fundraising competition ends on October 31st at 10pm CST**. Donate towards your student's classroom today! <https://fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/SCHOOLS/WALK/tenomoneefalls>

Check out the Leaderboard as of October 11th!

| Teacher             | Goal                | Raised              | % to Goal     | \$ Per Student |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1 2nd - Halverson   | \$ 2,800.00         | \$ 1,547.00         | 55.25%        | \$ 110.50      |
| 2 K4 - Bingenheimer | \$ 4,200.00         | \$ 2,223.00         | 52.93%        | \$ 105.86      |
| 3 K5- Hartwig       | \$ 4,400.00         | \$ 2,272.75         | 51.65%        | \$ 103.31      |
| 4 8th - Nennig      | \$ 2,000.00         | \$ 934.00           | 46.70%        | \$ 93.40       |
| 5 4th - Curran      | \$ 3,400.00         | \$ 1,433.00         | 42.15%        | \$ 84.29       |
| 6 1st - Kaminski    | \$ 3,000.00         | \$ 996.00           | 33.20%        | \$ 66.40       |
| 7 5th - Schaerler   | \$ 3,400.00         | \$ 1,125.50         | 33.11%        | \$ 66.21       |
| 8 6th - Wroblewski  | \$ 3,400.00         | \$ 875.00           | 25.74%        | \$ 51.47       |
| 9 7th - Schroeder   | \$ 2,600.00         | \$ 650.00           | 25.00%        | \$ 50.00       |
| 10 K3 - Schmitt     | \$ 1,600.00         | \$ 400.00           | 25.00%        | \$ 50.00       |
| 11 3rd - Kleinmann  | \$ 3,600.00         | \$ 790.00           | 21.94%        | \$ 43.89       |
| 12 8th - Mrozinski  | \$ 1,800.00         | \$ 376.00           | 20.89%        | \$ 41.78       |
| 13 7th - Burleigh   | \$ 2,600.00         | \$ 222.00           | 8.54%         | \$ 17.08       |
| All School          | \$ 1,200.00         | \$ 25.00            |               |                |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>\$ 40,000.00</b> | <b>\$ 13,869.34</b> | <b>34.67%</b> |                |

**Does your employer do matching gifts?** Please check with your employer to see if your company participates and maximize the impact of your gift.

**CSW Food Drive: Oct. 14 - 18th**

As part of our Catholic School's Walk, we will be hosting a food drive. During the week of October 14-18th any student who brings at least two items for the walk will get an out of uniform coupon. Items can also be brought to the walk.

**Here is what our food pantry is asking for:**

- Oatmeal
- Hamburger helper
- Soup
- Hygiene Products such as toothpaste, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, soap, etc.

**Thank you in advance for your donations!**

**SMPS SPIRITWEAR SHOP OPEN:**

The next spirit wear sale is open! Please take advantage of this sale and support our St. Mary community with some St. Mary School and/or Warriors "spirit wear"!

LINK: <https://bsq.chipply.com/stmarysmf/>

**STORE CLOSSES: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15TH @ 11:59PM CT**  
**ESTIMATED DELIVERY DATE:** MID TO LATE NOVEMBER  
**SIZING:** Many items (but not all) are available to try-on at the Burghardt's stores.

\*REMINDER: These items are NOT uniform approved; however, tops can be worn on Mondays with UNIFORM bottoms. Otherwise spirit wear can only be worn during the school day on designated "Spirit wear" or out-of-uniform days.

Any questions or additional item requests to add to the selection, please contact Michele Spaeth at [414-617-8515](tel:4146178515)

**SMPS Alumni Performing in "The Lightning Thief" at D.S.H.A!**

Former student graduates of 2024 and current Parish Members Amy K., Natalie N., and Emma E. will be participating in the DSHA production of *The Lightning Thief - The Percy Jackson Musical*.

November 8 & 9 at 7:00 p.m.  
November 10 at 2:00 p.m.  
November 15 at 7:00 p.m.  
November 16 at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Tickets to this family-friendly show can be purchased at [dsaha.info/tickets](https://dsaha.info/tickets).

**Our St. Mary Teachers are the Best:**

We're proud to have amazing teachers here at St. Mary, and we want to show off all the great work they're doing and how much they're appreciated by our students & community. This week we are highlighting our first grade teacher, Ms. Kaminski.

**Teacher Spotlight: Ms. Kaminski, First Grade**

"I really enjoy our jar for teacher and student points. You never know how fast it will fill up. I loved making our glitter glue slime! And I would never have learned to read Lila Greer Teacher of the Year if Ms. Kaminski hadn't read it to us! Now I can read other books like it!" - Maggie W.

"Ms. Kaminski is really nice and caring. I liked that she showed us a picture of her dog, Gus. My favorite thing she teaches is math. She is a great teacher to me." - Cam B.

"She made Number Corner one of the best parts of the day." - Oliver H.

**Read more quotes shared about Ms. Kaminski [here](#).**

**Home & School Updates:**

**Save the Date! Trivia night:**  
Friday, Nov. 15th  
7pm

Come join us for a fun adult night out that supports our school. Have a team (up to 10 people), great! Need a team- just let us know!

BYO food and beverages

Costumes and theme welcomed but optional. \$10 per person

Sign up by November 11th

[Sign Up Here!](#)

**Restaurant Night: Nov. 12th**

WE CAN DO THIS! FOOD WITH INTELLIGENCE  
COMMUNITY FIRST!

**DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE**

CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL  
26% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH 4-8PM  
WYOMING RIVER CREST DR. MENOMONEE FALLS, WI 53051

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE [HRT4034](#) OR SHOW THIS FLIER IN RESTAURANT

**CHIPOTLE**

Four great options to support our fundraising. They will be able to order for pickup only from the Restaurant. This is not a "drive through". All items are subject to availability and are not guaranteed.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Our St. Mary Volunteers are the best, and we couldn't do it without you. 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](mailto:office@smps.school)

[Playground](#) Volunteer Sign Up  
[Lunchroom](#) Volunteer Sign Up

**\*\*Additional Volunteer Opportunities for the 2024-25 School Year**

**Reminders & Resources:**

**HeadPhone Check**

Students use their headphones often. Please check with your child that their have a set at school and if they are working properly.

OUR SCHOOL PARTICIPATES IN THE WPCP PRIVATE SCHOOL PROGRAM (WPCP). THE WPCP ALLOWS PARTICIPATING PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN GRADES 5-12 A REDUCED COST PROGRAM (WPCP) WHICH PROVIDES PARENTS WITH THE OPTION TO APPLY AND IF YOUR STUDENT MAY BE ELIGIBLE.

THERE WILL BE TWO INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS THIS SCHOOL YEAR ABOUT THE CHOICE PROGRAM TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS FAMILIES MIGHT HAVE. THE MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE NOVEMBER 12TH AND FEBRUARY 12TH AT 8PM IN ROOM 105 (IN THE OFFICE OF OUR SCHOOL).

**QUESTIONS?**

If you have questions about the program please feel free to reach out to Ms. Harms, the program administrator at [wab@wsmps.school](mailto:wab@wsmps.school)

**Athletics Updates:**

**WARRIOR ATHLETICS**

**Boys Volleyball** Friday, October 11

- 7 pm - 6th at St Jude
- 7 pm - 8th 'A' at St Robert
- 9 pm - 8th 'B' at St Mary

Visitation EG

**Girls Volleyball** Saturday, October 12

- 8:30am - 7th at St. Mary
- Visitation
- 1pm - 5th at Christ King
- 2pm - 5th at Christ King
- 3pm - 8th at St. Jude

**Concessions and Admissions Volunteers Needed:**  
[Sign Up Here](#)

Exciting news that both our boys and girls 8th grade volleyball teams have received invitations to the 2024 Elizabeth Seton Volleyball Tournament (The Seton). Boys Division Pool Play is the evening of Monday, October 28th and Girls Division 1 Pool Play is the evening of Wednesday, October 30th. Stay tuned..

**Parish Updates:**

**Feastable Information, Volunteers Still Needed!**

[Click here for a video to learn more about Volunteer Opportunities! \(We really need your help!\) Sign up to volunteer here!](#)

The 38th Annual St. Mary Feastable is coming up Oct. 18 & 19. Everyone is invited to this all-you-can-eat Thanksgiving-style dinner with all the fixin's. ([Price Information here](#)). We also need volunteers to bake or share desserts, and help out in a variety of ways on the day of the event. This is a great service opportunity for students and families. More information can be found in this flyer. Or, if you already know how you'd like to help, [sign up online](#). Anyone who helps at the event will enjoy their meal at a special volunteer rate. Never heard of Feastable? [Here is a video that will bring you up to speed.](#)

**St. Mary's 38th Annual Dining Extravaganza**

**Feastable**

Join us for an all-you-can-eat Thanksgiving-style meal, sides & desserts

When: Friday, Oct. 18 & Saturday, Oct. 19 (Dinner is served from 4 pm to 7:30 pm)

Where: St. Mary Parish School Activity Center

Tickets Sold at the Door  
\$16 ADULT | \$14 SENIOR | \$9 CHILD | FREE 6 yrs & Under  
[Information at stmaryparish.org](http://Information at stmaryparish.org)

**HELP Volunteers Needed**

It takes a village to put on this amazing, tummy-filling, event.

Opportunities for Middle School, Teen, and Adult helpers.

Sign-up here to help before or after the Catholic Schools Walk  
[https://www.writc.com/signup-sheet/6259819548770364Putm\\_campaign=send\\_shareable\\_link&utm\\_source=evite&utm\\_medium=shareable\\_invite](https://www.writc.com/signup-sheet/6259819548770364Putm_campaign=send_shareable_link&utm_source=evite&utm_medium=shareable_invite)

**Middle School Students: Service Hours Opportunity**

Help is needed at Mass the weekend of October 12-13th as we take up a collection for our Catholic Schools Walk. We are looking for middle school students to read the announcement and any students to help with the collection. This will count for service hours. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AA8AF2AA4FD0-51985666-help>

**Calendar Raffle Winners:**

**Congratulations to these \$30 winners drawn on October 9th:**  
Kathy Wambold, Cassandra Gorsuch, Aaron Kleeba, Hilker Family, and Tappa Family

Congratulations and thank you for your participation!

**In the Community:**

**DSHA Open House and class of 2029 Application:** Open House for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders is Sunday, Oct 20<sup>th</sup>. Learn more and register [here](#). Class of 2029 Applications are due Friday, Nov 8<sup>th</sup>. The online application can be accessed [here](#).

**Marquette University High School Open House:**  
Sun., October 13. Applications Due Nov. 1. [Click here](#) for flyer with additional info.

**DASH Winter Basketball at DSHA:** Open to girls in grades 4 - 8. [Click here](#) for registration information.

2024-25 Academic Calendar | Playground Volunteer Sign Up  
Scrip Raise Right App | Lunchroom Volunteer Sign Up  
Change of Dismissal | October Lunch Menu  
Safeguarding Training/CMG Connect | November Hot Lunch Menu

Connect with us on Facebook and Instagram!