



CHALLENGING MINDS • DEVELOPING CHARACTER • LIVING JESUS

Dear St. Mary's Families,

I am filled with joy and gratitude as I reflect on the many wonderful things happening in our school community. This past week's Family Math Night was a huge success, bringing together parents, students, and teachers for an evening of learning and fun. It was truly heartwarming to see our community working together and supporting one another.

As we look ahead, the excitement continues to build with our **Feastable** this weekend! These events are a true testament to the strength of our school community, where every family plays a vital role in making St. Mary's such a special place. Volunteers are still needed.

This brings me to a very important event on our calendar: the **Catholic Schools Walk** this Saturday. As you know, this is one of our biggest fundraisers, and it's all about coming together to support the future of St. Mary's. The funds we raise will go directly toward investing in our staff, enhancing educational excellence, and growing our STEAM programs. Our goal is to raise **\$40,000**—but we can't do it without YOU. It's so important that every family shows up on Saturday to walk, cheer, and celebrate the amazing community we've built together.

In moments like these, I'm reminded of the words of **1 Corinthians 12:12**, which say, *"Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. We are truly one body, working together for the good of our children and our faith."*

Thank you for your continued support and for showing up for St. Mary's. Together, we are building something truly beautiful.

See you Saturday!

Blessings,

Mrs. Wood

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tonight & Tomorrow
[Feastable](#)

Tomorrow! (Oct. 19)
Catholic Schools Walk
 Rotary Park
 8:30 - 10am
[Event Day Info Here](#)

Oct. 24
 Early Release @11:30am
 Parent-Teacher Conferences

Oct. 25
 No School
 Parent-Teacher Conferences

Oct. 31
 Out-of-Uniform Fall or Halloween
 Colors: Orange, Brown, Black, Green, Purple

Nov. 1
 All School Mass, (Holy Day of Obligation) & 3rd Grade Saints Presentations

Nov. 1st
 K5 - 1st Gr. Field Trip

Nov. 6
 Home & School Meeting
 Lower Level Conf. Rm 5:30pm

Nov. 8
 Movie Night 6:30pm
[Feedback Survey](#)
 More info to come

Nov. 12
[Chipotle Restaurant Night](#)
 4 - 8pm

Nov. 15
 Trivia Night
[Sign Up Here](#)

Nov. 20
 End of Trimester 1

Nov. 22
 Save the Date: Middle School Social

Nov. 27 - 29
 Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 2
 No School

Dec. 5-6
 Holiday Treasures Gift Shop (details to come)

Dec. 19
 Save the Date: K5-2nd Grade Musical

Dec. 31
 Christmas Break

[View 2024-2025 Academic Calendar here](#)

November Hot Lunch Portal: Orders Due Tuesday!

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](#)

Reminder: Sign up for Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher conferences are Thursday, Oct. 24th and Fri. Oct. 25th. You should have received the sign-up links via email earlier this week. Please remember to sign up if you haven't already done so!

View Conference Sign Up Information [Here](#)

Please view our [Standards-Based Grading Guide](#) for your reference.

Food/Snacks for Teacher Conferences Sign Up:

Please help treat our teachers to some food/snacks during conferences as a "thank you" for all they do for our students!

Items for Thursday should be dropped off by 1pm (10/24) in the Teacher's Lounge and items for Friday dropped around 8am (10/25) in the Teacher's Lounge. Please label which day your items are for if dropped off early.

[Sign Up Here](#). Thank you!

HELP NEEDED!
THE NOT-SO-TRUE STORY...

IT STARTED INNOCENTLY ENOUGH: A FORGOTTEN CLOSET IN THE ATTIC. "JUST A FEW OLD COSTUMES," THEY SAID. IT WAS BEHIND A DOOR I'M PRETTY SURE NO ONE HAS TOUCHED SINCE THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION. AFTER BRACING OURSELVES (AND SAYING A QUICK PRAYER), ARMED WITH NOTHING BUT A BROOM AND OPTIMISM, WE PULLED IT OPEN—AND OUT TUMBLED A TREASURE TROVE OF CHAOS.

IMAGINE A FULL SET OF VIKING HELMETS, MISMATCHED PIRATE BOOTS, A MEDIEVAL GOWN DRAPED OVER A SMALL MOUNTAIN OF PLASTIC SWORDS, AND A SURPRISINGLY REALISTIC CHICKEN COSTUME THAT SEEMED TO BE STARING AT ME—JUDGING ME— I SWEAR I HEARD IT CLUCK. THIS CLOSET HAD EVERYTHING! AS I SIFTED THROUGH LAYERS OF CRUSHED VELVET AND SEQUINS, I REALIZED THIS WASN'T JUST A CLOSET—IT WAS A TIME CAPSULE OF EVERY SCHOOL FAYE SINCE... FOREVER.

THESE WERE CAPES THAT PROBABLY MADE THEIR DEBUT IN THE THREE LITTLE PIGS AND A CARDBOARD CROWN THAT MUST HAVE BEEN MORE ELEMENTARY-SCHOOL PRODUCTIONS OF KING ARTHUR THAN I CAN COUNT. I EVEN FOUND A SCRIPT FOR PETER PAN WITH A STICKY NOTE SAYING, "REMEMBER: NEVER WORK WITH 2ND GRADERS AND FAIRY DUST!"

AFTER PULLING OUT A WIG THAT LOOKED SUSPICIOUSLY LIKE A RETIRED MOP HEAD, I DECIDED IT WAS TIME TO CALL IN REINFORCEMENTS. YOU HAVE BEEN CHOSEN: THE BRAVE, THE NOSTALGIC, AND THE PROUD OF OUR THEATER PROGRAM. SO PLEASE JOIN US AFTER STUDENT LUNCH ON OCTOBER 23RD TO ORGANIZE THE CLOSET OF FORGOTTEN GEMS.

TO THE PARENTS WHO'VE BLENDED, AND SAFETY-PINNED COSTUMES TOGETHER OVER THE YEARS: BLESS YOU. MAY YOUR SEWING MACHINES NEVER JAM, AND YOUR CLOSETS REMAIN FAR LESS TERRIFYING THAN OURS.

CLOSET CLEAN OUT
10/23 STARTING 12:15

Telling our Good News!

Our Good News.. Math Night!

Students in K5 - 5th grade brought their parents in to learn about our new Math curriculum and then showed their parents how to play some fun math games!

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

"When helping your child with math at home, asking thoughtful questions can encourage deeper understanding and build their confidence. Start by asking open-ended questions like, *"How did you figure that out?"* or *"What do you notice?"* This helps you gain insight into their thinking and guides them in explaining their reasoning. You don't need to have all the answers—modeling curiosity and learning alongside your child teaches them valuable problem-solving skills."

Catholic Schools Walk:

A Few Volunteers Still Needed

Our Catholic Schools Walk is TOMORROW! **We still need a few more helpers.** Please see the volunteer opportunities in the sign-up below. Middle school students can earn service hours.

[Sign Up Here](#)

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

What to Expect:

Click here for Important Event

Day Information including:

- Walk Start/Finish Location with map
- Group Photo and Prayer times
- Parking
- Additional details

See you at the Walk!!

- **Our school goal is to raise \$40,000 this year** (which is around \$200/student)! We are well on our way! 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 31 at 10pm CST**. Donate towards your student's classroom today! <https://fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/SCHOOLSWALK/tenomoneefalls>

PRIZES: There will be **1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes** for the top 3 classrooms that raise the most money per student by Oct. 31st!

- **1st place** = Krueger's bowling party + 4 days out of uniform + Culver's Custard Party
- **2nd place** = Movie + PJ Day + Culver's Custard Party
- **3rd place** = Culver's Custard Party

Check out the Leaderboard as of October 18th!

Teacher	Goal	Raised	% to Goal	# of Students	\$ Per Student
4th - Curran	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,455.00	101.62%	17	\$ 203.24
2nd - Halverson	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,679.00	95.68%	14	\$ 191.36
K4 - Bingenheimer	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 3,550.00	84.52%	21	\$ 169.05
K5- Hartwig	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 3,504.75	79.65%	22	\$ 159.31
8th - Mrozinski	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,298.00	72.11%	9	\$ 144.22
5th - Schaefer	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 2,447.59	71.99%	17	\$ 143.98
8th - Nennig	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,306.00	65.30%	10	\$ 130.60
1st - Burleigh	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 1,594.00	61.31%	13	\$ 122.62
7th - Kamiński	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,659.70	55.32%	15	\$ 110.65
3rd - Kleinmann	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 1,822.00	50.61%	18	\$ 101.22
7th - Schroeder	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 1,272.00	48.92%	13	\$ 97.85
8th - Wroblewski	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 1,599.00	47.03%	17	\$ 94.06
K3 - Schmitt	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 672.00	42.00%	8	\$ 84.00
All Schools	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 395.00	32.92%		
Total	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 27,254.04	68.14%	194	\$ 140.48

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

If you would like to attend the walk but have not officially registered, no worries; you can simply show up!

We hope to **SEE YOU AT THE WALK!**

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 dsha.info/tickets.

What to Expect:

Click here for Important Event

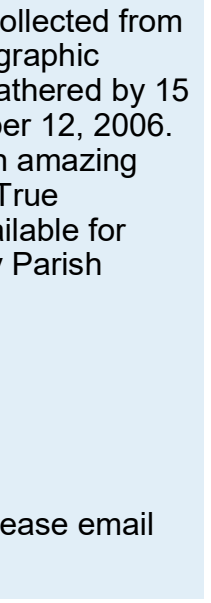
Day Information including:

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See you at the Walk!!

Our St. Mary Teachers are the Best:

We're proud to have amazing teachers here at St. Mary, and we want to show off the great work they're doing and how much they're appreciated by our students & community. This week we are highlighting middle school Social Studies teacher, Mr. Wroblewski.



Teacher Spotlight: Mr. Wroblewski, M.S. Social Studies

"Mr. W is one of the best teachers at the school. He has a great sense of humor and makes learning fun. He's easy to talk to and very friendly."
 - John H.

"Mr. Dubs makes social studies class fun even when the topic is a little boring. Especially when we take notes for most of the class and he makes jokes and keeps us interested in what we're learning about."
 - Chloe W.

"Mr. W is an amazing teacher and makes things fun. He's chill and listens to all of us whenever we have something to say. I love the idea of a game before every class."
 - Blake K.

"Mr. Dubs can turn boring topics into amazing and funny lessons."
 - Tommy

Read more quotes shared about Mr. Wroblewski here.

Home & School Updates:

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

CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL

25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH 11:45-8PM

WIT9N360 RIVER CREST DR, MENOMONEE FALLS, WI 53001

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP (PHONE: 920-484-8824) OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT

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*

[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 they have a set at school and if they are working properly.

OUR SCHOOL PARTICIPATES IN THE WISCONSIN PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM. PARENTS ARE ELIGIBLE STUDENTS TO ATTEND A PARENTAL CHOICE PRIVATE SCHOOL. PLEASE CONTACT THE DISTRICT OFFICE OR VISIT THE CHOICE PORTAL FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO APPLY AND YOUR ELIGIBILITY.

QUESTIONS?

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROGRAM, PLEASE REACH OUT TO MR. WROBLEWSKI, THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR AT wroblew@smps.school.

Athletics Updates:

Warrior Athletics

Boys Volleyball Friday, October 18

- 7 pm - 6th at St. Agnes
- 7 pm - 8th 'B' at St. Francis Borgia
- 9 pm - 8th 'A' at St. Agnes

Girls Volleyball Saturday, October 19

- 8:30am - 7th at St. John Vianney
- 8:30am - 5th at St. Agnes
- 10:30am - 5th at St. Agnes

Concessions and Admissions Volunteers Needed: Sign Up Here

7th Grade girls volleyball tournament starts next week with pool play on Tuesday and Thursday, Oct 22 & 24. (View bracket and additional info 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. Congrats, Warriors!

Parish Updates:

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.net](https://www.stmaryparish.net)

Feastable is Tonight/Tomorrow! Volunteers Still Needed!

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

The **38th Annual St. Mary Feastable** is tonight and tomorrow. Everyone is invited to this all-you-can-eat Thanksgiving-style dinner with all the fixin's. ([Price Information here](#)). This is a great service opportunity for students and families.

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit is Coming to St. Mary

Join us for a self-guided tour of 158 Eucharistic miracles collected from 22 countries when the Vatican Eucharistic Miracles Photographic Exhibition comes to St. Mary this week! The exhibit was gathered by 15-year-old Blessed Carlos Acutis before his death on October 12, 2006. All verified and approved by the Catholic Church, this is an amazing opportunity to delve deeper into our faith and witness the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. The exhibit will be available for viewing in the Lower Level Conference Rooms of St. Mary Parish School at these times:

- Thursday, Oct. 24 12:30-2:30 pm
- Friday, Oct. 25 9 am to 5 pm
- Saturday, Oct. 26 8:30 to 10:30 am

If you'd like any additional information about the exhibit, please email Dcn Reesman at reesmanm@stam.church.

Calendar Raffle Winners:

Congratulations to these \$30 winners drawn on October 16th:
 Scott & Bridget Ahrens, Tom Glocka, Liah McCabe, and Selma & Isaac Kachchaf

And special congratulations to this \$150 winner drawn Oct. 18th:
 Crivello Family

Congratulations and thank you for your participation!

In the Community:

Chesterton Academy Open House, Sun. Nov. 3: If you'd like to learn more about Chesterton Academy, [register for our Open House](#) held on Sunday, Nov. 3rd at 1PM or [schedule a shadow visit](#).

DSHA Open House and class of 2029 Application: Open House for 5th-8th graders is Sunday, Oct 20th. Learn more and register [here](#). Class of 2029 Applications are due Friday, Nov 8th. 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.](#)