

CHALLENGING MINDS • DEVELOPING CHARACTER • LIVING JESUS

## Dear St. Mary's Families,

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your participation in our recent Catholic Schools Walk and Feastable. A special thank you to Kristen Stanek and her team of volunteers who made this event happen. Everyone's collective enthusiasm and support made both events a tremendous success, showcasing the strength and spirit of our wonderful community.

I'm thrilled to announce that our second and fourth grades have surpassed their fundraising goals— what an incredible achievement! Additionally, our K4 and K5 classes have each raised over \$3,800. Wow! This is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our students and families.

As we continue to raise funds through the end of the month, I want to remind you that we are currently \$8,000 short of our overall \$40,000 goal. However, I firmly believe that with our collective efforts, we can achieve this milestone! Every contribution counts, and your ongoing support is invaluable.

As we reflect on our community, I'm reminded of Hebrews 10:24-25, which encourages us to "consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another." It's a beautiful reminder of the power we have when we come together in support of one another and our children.

Thank you once again for your commitment to St. Mary's. Together, we are making a lasting impact!

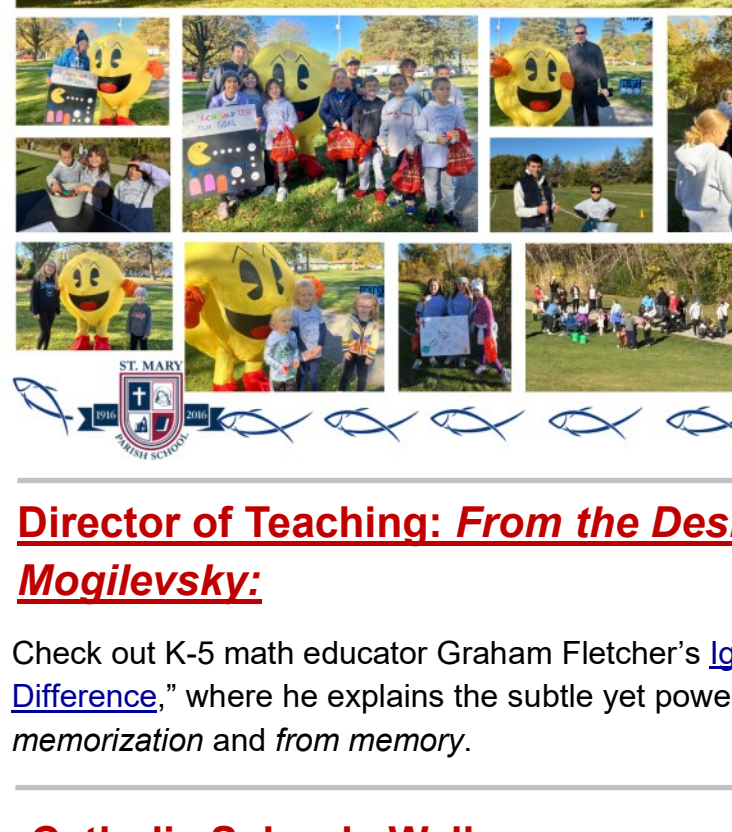
Blessings,

Mrs. Wood

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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. 1**  
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. 23 - 31**  
Christmas Break

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



## Standards-Based Grading:

As we continue to embrace our Standards-Based Grading (SBG) at St. Mary Parish School, I want to take this opportunity to explain our policies and principles related to this vital assessment method. Our aim is to cultivate an environment that encourages student development, inspires motivation, and provides a transparent view of their progress. Please see our [Standards-Based Grading Guide](#) for your reference.

## 2025 SMPS CALENDAR RAFFLE



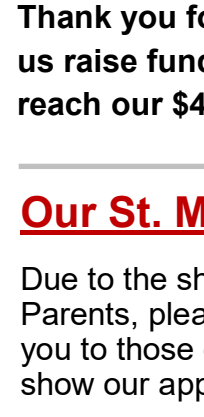
## 2025 Calendar Raffle

The Calendar Raffle is an opportunity for you to have fun, raise money, and win money. **Each family needs to sell or buy at least 5 Calendar Raffles.** If each family sells 5 Raffles - then our school makes \$7,400. If each family sells 10 Raffles - then our school makes \$18,300!

What a big difference your effort can make!

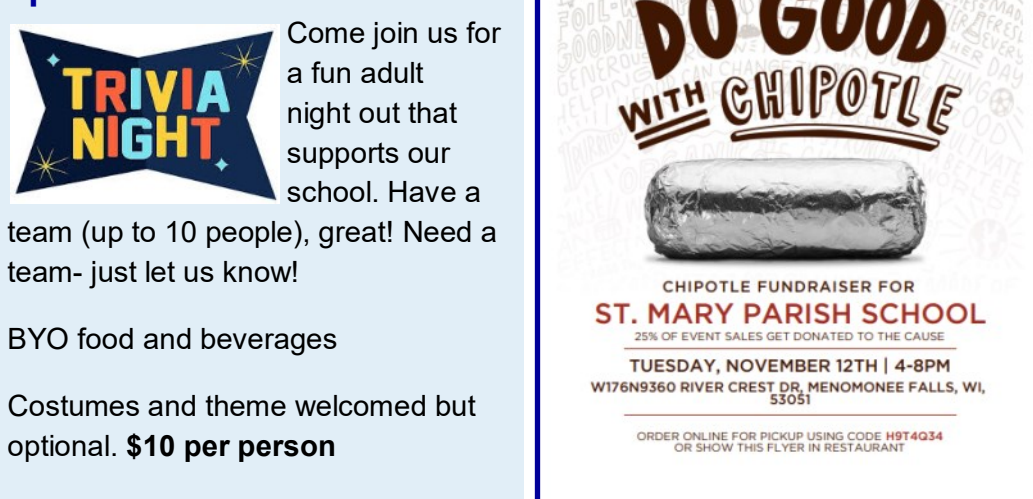
If you need more Calendar Raffles, please contact the office.

## Telling our Good News!



## Our Good News: Catholic Schools Walk!

Thank you so much to everyone who participated, volunteered and/or donated to our annual Catholic Schools Walk this past Saturday! It was such a fun and successful day celebrating our wonderful school and parish community!



## Director of Teaching: From the Desk of Mrs. Moqilevsky:

Check out K-5 math educator Graham Fletcher's [Ignite Talk](#), "There IS a Difference," where he explains the subtle yet powerful difference between *memorization* and *from memory*.

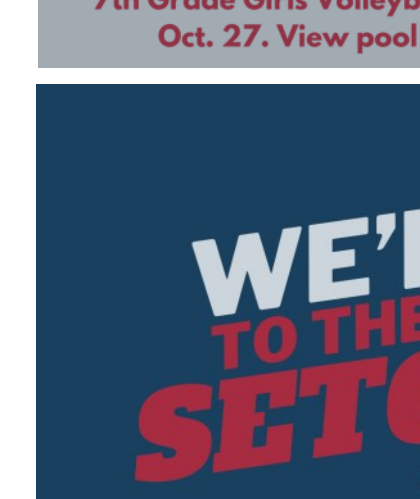
## Catholic Schools Walk:



Thank you so much to everyone who participated, volunteered and/or donated to our annual Catholic Schools Walk this past Saturday! As of today's date, we have raised \$31,445.04! Thank you so much to everyone who has supported our goal thus far. We are still taking donations now through October 31! Help us reach our goal and [donate here!](#)

- 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 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!



- First place** = Krueger's bowling party + 4 days out of uniform + Culver's Custard Party
- Second place** = Movie + PJ Day + Culver's Custard Party
- Third place** = Culver's Custard Party

## Check out the Leaderboard as of October 25th!

Teacher	Goal	Raised	% to Goal	# of Students	\$ Per Student
4th - Curran	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 5,205.00	153.09%	17	\$ 306.18
2nd - Halverson	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,874.00	102.64%	14	\$ 205.29
K4 - Bingenheimer	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 3,900.00	92.86%	21	\$ 185.71
K5- Hartwig	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 3,804.75	86.47%	22	\$ 172.94
5th - Schaefer	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 2,747.59	80.81%	17	\$ 161.62
8th - Mrozinski	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,298.00	72.11%	9	\$ 144.22
8th - Nennig	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,406.00	70.30%	10	\$ 140.60
7th - Burleigh	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 1,619.00	62.27%	13	\$ 124.54
1st - Kaminski	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,779.70	59.32%	15	\$ 118.65
6th - Wroblewski	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 2,000.00	58.82%	17	\$ 117.65
7th - Schroeder	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 1,472.00	56.62%	13	\$ 113.23
K3 - Schmitt	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 872.00	54.50%	8	\$ 109.00
3rd - Kleinmann	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 1,947.00	54.08%	18	\$ 108.17
All School	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 520.00	43.33%		
Total	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 31,445.04	78.61%	194	\$ 162.09

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

**Thank you for supporting our Catholic Schools Walk and helping us raise funds for our school! Please keep sharing to help us reach our \$40,000 goal!**

## Our St. Mary Teachers are the Best:

Due to the short week, our Teacher Spotlight will return next week! Parents, please watch your email for requests for quotes, and thank you to those of you who have already been helping share quotes as we show our appreciation for our wonderful St. Mary teachers!

## 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**

**DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE**

CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL  
25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH | 4-8PM  
W776N9360 RIVER CREST DR, MENOMONEE FALLS, WI 53051

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE #WFF4984 OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT

For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the Menomonee Falls location. All orders must be placed by 11:00am on Tuesday. Delivery orders will not count.

**CHIPOTLE**

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

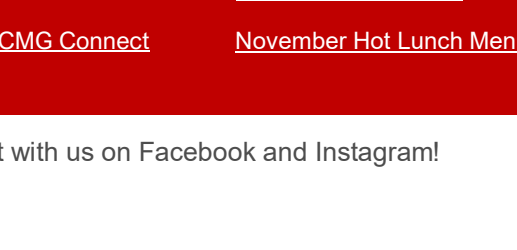
Our St. Mary Volunteers are the best, and we couldn't do it without you. Thank you in advance for your consideration in signing up and volunteering! *\*Please note, all volunteers must have completed the Safeguarding Training. If you have not done so, please contact the School Office at [office@smps.school](mailto:office@smps.school)*

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

## Athletics Updates:



**Boys Volleyball** **Friday, October 25**

- 6 pm - 6th at home
- 8 pm - 6th at home
- 9 pm - 8th "B" at St. Gabriel
- 9 pm - 8th "A" at home

**Girls Volleyball** **Saturday, October 26**

- 8:30 am - 7th at St. Joseph
- Waukesha
- 12 pm - 8th at St. Sebastian

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

**7th Grade Girls Volleyball Tournament concludes on Sunday, Oct. 27. [View pool play and matchup brackets here.](#)**



**Congratulations to our 8th Grade Boys' and Girls' Volleyball teams.. they're going to the Seton! Boys Division Pool Play is Monday evening (Oct. 28), and Girls Division 1 Pool Play is Wednesday evening (Oct. 30). Good luck, Warriors!**

**2024 Seton Spectator Guide (includes link to pool/bracket & complete schedule)**

Seton Tournament Schedule	
<b>8th Grade Boys</b>	<b>8th Grade Girls</b>
Monday, October 28: Pool play	Wednesday, October 30: Pool play
Thursday, October 31: 2nd round	Friday, November 1: 2nd round

## Parish Updates:

### Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit is at 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 remaining times:



- Friday, Oct. 25 9 am to 5 pm
- Saturday, Oct. 26 8:30 to 10:30 am
- Sunday, Oct. 27 8:30 am to 1 pm

If you'd like any additional information about the exhibit, please email Dcn Reesman at [reesmanm@stam.church](mailto:reesmanm@stam.church).

## Calendar Raffle Winners:

**Congratulations to these \$30 winners drawn on October 23rd:** Sean Kennedy, Julie & Jay Olszewski, Joshua Bridgeman, Kim Fiffick, and Alan Schwanda.

**Congratulations and thank you for your participation!**

## In the Community:



## 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](https://dsha.info/tickets).



**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](#).

**Marquette University High School:** 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.