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THE CONNECTION

Weekly Newsletter



CHALLENGING MINDS

DEVELOPING CHARACTER

Dear Families,

Congratulations to our 8th grade boys and girls volleyball teams! Both teams took second place in pool play earlier this week and moved on to bracket play which began last night. The boys won last night's match in three and will play SJV tonight at 7:30 PM. The girls play their first match in the bracket tonight at 5:30 PM against St. Jude. If the girls win, they play again at 7:30 PM. All games are held at the Sting Center. **Please come and cheer on our Warriors!**

School Safety - School staff have been trained on a new version of the Standard Response Protocol (SRP). Students have also been learning the symbols and language of the SRP in their homerooms. And now it is your turn. I am hoping that each of you will <u>carefully read</u> this parent handout and occasionally review the symbols and their meanings with your child. Each symbol is connected to an action. For example:



Rove KA 5

The SECURE symbol - is followed by the directive: "Get Inside. Lock Outside Doors."

Your handout has more information, but when reviewing with your child please stick to the symbol, command word, and brief directive.

Classrooms have been learning and practicing these protocols and will be drilling on them in the next couple of weeks. One of the features of the SRP is that it is based on an all hazards approach rather than individual scenarios, so the same common language would be used in case of a fire, tornado, or other hazard.

Uniform Policy Update: The School Advisory Committee approved two changes to the uniform policy at the October 17th meeting. These changes are effective immediately and should be updated on the Land's End website. First, we added <u>red shirts as a</u> <u>color option for ALL grades</u>. Second, the <u>sock policy</u> <u>was amended to allow for small logos</u>. Please remember that socks <u>must be SOLID COLORS - navy</u> <u>blue, red, white, or black without STRIPES OR</u> <u>PATTERNS</u>. Click on the links below for the updated uniform charts (updates are highlighted).

In celebration of Halloween, **Tuesday, October 31st** has been declared "orange and black day" so students may be out-of-uniform. NO costumes please.

Have a great weekend! And let's go Warriors!! Linda Joyner

Boys 6-8

Catholic Schools Walk - Thank you!

Girls K4-5

Girls 6-8

Thank you to everyone who came to Rotary Park last Saturday for the Catholic Schools Walk. It was a great event to celebrate our fundraising goal and walk together in support of Catholic Education!

Special thanks to the Catholic Schools Walk Committee who dedicated their time and talents over the last two months to prepare for the walk.

Kristin Stanek would like to give a shout out all those who helped make the event and fundraiser a success!

Please see her special "thank you's" here.

There are still 6 days to donate! As a reminder, the bowling party competition is based on the highest "Raised per Student." as of 10/31/23 - 10:00 pm CST.

Check out the standings as of Thursday afternoon below!

Teacher/Classroom	Number of Students	Classroom Goal	Raised \$ as of 10/26 9pm	Raised Per Student
1st Ms. Kaminski	15	\$2,100	\$2,935	\$196
3rd Mrs. Kleinmann	17	\$2,380	\$3,075	\$181
8th Mrs. Mrozinski	19	\$2,660	\$3,330	\$175
6th Mr. Burleigh	13	\$1,820	\$2,265	\$174
K3 Mrs. Schmitt	9	\$1,260	\$1,436	\$160
4th Ms. Curran	18	\$2,520	\$2,840	\$158
8th Mrs. Nennig	19	\$2,660	\$2,720	\$143
K4 Mrs. Bingenheimer	23	\$3,220	\$3,260	\$142
K5 Mrs. Hartwig	17	\$2,380	\$2,310	\$136
5th Ms. Schaefer	17	\$2,380	\$2,140	\$126
2nd Mrs. Halverson	14	\$1,960	\$1,555	\$111
7th Mrs. Schroeder	19	\$2,660	\$2,075	\$109
6th Mr Wroblewski	13	\$1,820	\$1,105	\$85
General School			\$1,419	1. A. C. C.
TOTAL	213		\$32,465	

Schools Walk Donation Page

We are accepting donations through Oct. 31st. Donate Here!

Thank you!

Check Out All the Fun We Had!

Special thanks to Ann MacGillis who took some amazing pictures at our Walk! **Check out a <u>full album here</u>!**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Now - Nov. 3 Good News Virtual Book Fair

Nov. 1 All Saints Day Mass

Nov. 3 Fall Movie Night 6:30pm (Permission slip here)

Nov. 7 Smart Cow Night 4 - 8pm

Nov. 16 <u>Forensics Student</u> <u>Informational Meeting</u> *After school Rm 212*

Nov. 17 Middle School Social Activity Center 6 - 8pm

(<u>Permission slip here</u>) **Nov. 21** K3-K5 Thanksgiving

Feast Nov. 22 - 24

Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 27

Advent Prayer Service Nov. 29 - Dec. 1

Holiday Treasures Gift Shop

View Full Calendar





Show your Warrior Spirit and purchase Athletic Spirit Wear! <u>Deadline: Sun. Oct.</u> 29th,11:59pm

For a limited time only, Burghardt's is offering St. Mary Athletic Spiritwear for purchase! **Store closes SUNDAY**, **OCTOBER 29th at 11:59PM**.

(Items will be available mid-December).

Order Here!

REMINDER: NOT uniform approved. Athletic Spiritwear can only be worn during the school day on "Spiritwear" days, which are announced sporadically throughout the school year. *Many items are available to try on at the Burghardt's store if you need help with sizing.*

During checkout there will be a section to designate which student you want the items sent home with. If you do NOT want items sent home with a child because there are Christmas gifts please note "CHRISTMAS" = First Name and "GIFT" = Last Name (see pictures).

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	Recipient First Name Claire
	Recipient Last Name Spaeth

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Attention Middle School Students and Parents: Forensics is Back!



Is your middle schooler(s) interested in strengthening his/her public speaking skills while having fun with friends? Consider Forensics and have your student join us for an informational meeting after school on Thursday, Nov. 16th!

Flyer here for more information!

Daily Playground and Lunchroom Volunteers Needed

We still have several slots open for our daily lunchroom and recess volunteer needs for the weeks ahead. If you are available to help with lunch (11:20am - 1pm) or recess (12pm - 12:55pm), please use the links below to sign up.

Please <u>click here</u> to see our upcoming volunteering needs.

Our St. Mary Volunteers are the best, and we couldn't do it without you. Here are the links to sign up:

Lunchroom Sign Up Playground Sign Up

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 Steve at scosentino@stam.church.

Home & School Updates

Volunteer Spotlight: John Wiese

John has been an integral part of our St. Mary Community for several years, particularly representing St. Mary Athletics as our Athletic Director, among others! No better time than now when our 8th grade volleyball teams went to the Seton Tournament this week, to share all the great things John helps with and does for our students! Thank you to Kristin Stanek for nominating another fellow parent volunteer who offers so much talent and betters our St. Mary community in so many ways. Check out what other parents/families had to say about him:

"Thank you John for volunteering your time and representing St. Mary's Athletics as the Athletic Director and boys volleyball coach over the years! John offers a wealth of knowledge and we appreciate his guidance and organizational skills in all his volunteer positions! John helped coordinate a change to the gym practice and game schedule when the Activity Center faced roof issues. He was able to quickly reschedule volleyball games to St. Agnes so they weren't cancelled for our teams. Thank you John for your continued dedication and commitment to SMPS!"

- Josh and Kristin Stanek

"John has been instrumental as the Athletics Director at Saint Mary's. The programs run smoothly under his guidance, and he is supportive of the athletes and coaches, which makes this experience very special. His timeless actions don't go unnoticed and thank you for everything that you do!" - Kristin Braun

"I can't state how essential and valuable John has been to St Mary's in running the Athletic program. His leadership has been key to every student who has participated. Outside of the AD role he is a great model for what makes St Mary's special serving as an usher and in various other capacities." - Kirchoff Family

"John is such a great athletic director. He is open to new ideas, is fair and thoughtful, level headed and objective. He puts the student athletes first and foremost. He is an athletic director who serves with integrity and role models the parish and school values. We are proud that he is our AD at St. Mary's as he has great respect from other programs, from our leagues, and from our own parish families. He ensures that he has great visibility amongst all teams, parents and coaches by being present in the gym (aside from board duty shifts) just to watch, connect with board members, and get a pulse from parents and coaches. We truly appreciate his dedication and commitment!" - Shaun & Terri Meulemans

"John brings a calm and organized energy to our athletic program and is always responsive and available. Thank you John, for all of your contributions over the years!" - Ann MacGillis

"We are truly thankful for John's patience and the hard work he has provided in coaching volleyball for the current 8th grade boys the past 4 years. He approaches all games with an extreme amount of patience, calmness and never exhibits any type of frustration at or with our teenage boys. Teenage boys can be so difficult! However, the team listens to him and they all have so much fun together! Thank you John for your continued dedication to the athletics program at St Mary's Parish over the years. You have been a gift to all of us." - The Tappa Family

"John has been an ambassador of the athletic program, school, parish and community. John's commitment to the above has made improvements to all aspects to be a top quality volunteer and more importantly a person. I appreciate his leadership and dedication." - Lucas Rocole

Thank you, John, for all you do for our students and community!



RSVP HERE

Questions? Contact Matt Kuhn 414-688-1933 or kuhnmd1528@yahoo.com



Middle School Party! Friday, Nov. 17th 6 - 8pm

Activity Center Permission slip here.

Join us for Live DJ, Dancing, Games, Prizes and MORE! Cost: \$10 per student (Billed to BlackBaud/SmartTuition) Items are needed: Please <u>sign up to donate here</u>.

View Flyer Here

Athletics Updates

Seton Invitational: Congrats to the 8th Grade Boys and Girls Volleyball teams who are moving on in the Seton Tournament!





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We hope to see you out there in your Warriors gear Friday night cheering loudly for both teams as they look to win the Seton this year!

Parish Updates

Join Us for Mass:

Mass of Anticipation (Oct. 31): St. Anthony 5:30pm (Confessions at 5:00pm)

Solemnity of All Saint (Nov. 1): St. Mary: 6:30am, 8:10am, 6pm St. Anthony: 8am

 join us for one of the Mass times listed below. Consider having a special meal or dessert to continue the celebrations at home!
 Families might also pray a simple version of

the Litany of Saints by inviting each child to name a favorite saint while the rest of the family responds with "pray for us."

All Saints Holy Day of Obligation is Nov. 1

The Solemnity of All Saints is a holy day of

obligation, a day when the Church asks all her

children to celebrate together at Mass. Please

Thank you for Supporting Feastable!

"Thank you to St. Mary Parish School students and their families, teachers and staff for the role you played in making the 37th annual Feastable event a success through your volunteerism and dessert donations.

Student-volunteers represented our school and parish outstandingly with their hard work, courteous attitude, and Christ-like willingness to help in any manner in which they were asked. In addition, your creative luminaries provided an extra special touch to the event atmosphere. Wow!

Your theme for the school year is "Go Light Our World," and believe me when I say your light shined bright at Feastable.

THANK YOU so very much." -Karen and Denis Zyszkiewicz



Calendar Raffle Winners

Congratulations to these \$30 winners drawn on October 25th: Carol Schulteis, Beth Lohmann, Kristin Stanek, Tori Gannon, and Joey Karczewski

Thank you for your support and participation!

In the Community



Rocket Aquatics Swim Clinic: Rocket Aquatics based in Menomonee Falls and Germantown will be hosting an annual winter swim clinic for ages 9-14. <u>Click here</u> for more information.

Child Development Day: Germantown School District invites those interested to Child Development Day, offered Nov. 6th, Jan. 8th and April 8th. Appointments required and will offer developmental screening to confirm the progress of children and to possibly identify children who may show a need for a follow-up assessment. (for children age 2 years, 9 months through age 5. <u>Click here to view the flyer</u>.

2023-24 Academic Calendar 2023-24 Home & School Calendar Change of Dismissal Scrip Raise Right App

<u>Playground</u> Volunteer Sign Up <u>Lunchroom</u> Volunteer Sign Up <u>November Hot Lunch Menu</u>



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