

CHALLENGING MINDS • DEVELOPING CHARACTER • LIVING JESUS

Dear Families,

Great News!! We are a little over halfway to our goal for the Catholic Schools Walk! As of this morning, we have raised \$16,791 towards our \$30,000 goal. In celebration, the classroom that has raised the highest percentage of funds towards their goal by Friday, October 6, will get the honor of setting the "dress code" or "theme" for Friday, October 13th. See chart below for classroom standings as of today.

Teacher/Classroom	Number of Students	Classroom Goal	Raised \$ as of 10/4 12pm	Raised Per Student	% To Goal
1st Mrs. Kaminski	15	\$2,100	\$1,835	\$122	87%
8th Mrs. Nennig	19	\$2,660	\$2,295	\$121	86%
3rd Mrs. Kleinmann	17	\$2,380	\$1,700	\$100	71%
K4 Mrs. Blingenheimer	23	\$3,220	\$2,010	\$87	62%
8th Mrs. Mrozinski	19	\$2,660	\$1,690	\$84	60%
K5 Mrs. Hartwig	17	\$2,380	\$1,340	\$79	56%
2nd Mrs. Halverson	14	\$1,960	\$1,055	\$75	54%
4th Ms. Curran	18	\$2,520	\$1,295	\$72	51%
6th Mr. Burleigh	13	\$1,820	\$895	\$69	49%
7th Mrs. Schroeder	19	\$2,660	\$1,090	\$57	41%
K3 Mrs. Schmitt	9	\$1,260	\$446	\$50	35%
5th Ms. Schaefer	17	\$2,380	\$805	\$47	34%
6th Mr. Wroblewski	13	\$1,820	\$435	\$33	24%
TOTAL	213		\$16,791		

The Catholic Schools Walk is one of our "BIG THREE" fundraisers for the school year. These funds are an important part of our operating budget which helps us support teacher salaries and... **WE GET TO KEEP 100% OF EVERYTHING WE RAISE!** The Walk will be held at Rotary Park on Saturday, October 21st. We appreciate your continued support in helping us reach our goal and hope that you can join us on the walk!

Catholic Schools Walk t-shirt orders are due this Friday. Click here to order yours! Link to donate here.

If your child came home with a seemingly wild story about the school roof this week, there is probably some truth to it. However, please know the roof was never in danger of falling in. Maintenance work on replacing the roof has been taking place over the last few weeks. This work was slated to be done in a short window but was delayed due to rain. As they are trying to finish up this week, there has been quite a bit of noise off and on throughout the day, so our first through fourth graders have had quite an adventure. Fortunately, there is no school for the remainder of the week and no rain in the foreseeable future so everything should be wrapped up when the kids return on Monday.

What's going around? We have had several reported cases of strep and COVID over the past couple of weeks. To help minimize the spread of disease, students should stay home from school when they are ill. If your child tests positive for COVID it is recommended that you follow the [current CDC guidelines](#). Masking is not required, but will be supported. Please note that students who have been exposed to COVID and are asymptomatic do NOT need to quarantine, as long as they remain asymptomatic. Free COVID test kits are available in the school office.

If your child has been ill, **he/she should not return to school until free of symptoms and fever for 24 hours (without fever reducing medication) and is ready to participate fully in all school activities, recess included.** Generally, if children are well enough to be in school for classes, they are well enough to go outside and get some fresh air during the recess and noon hour breaks. If an exception is needed, the principal should be consulted.

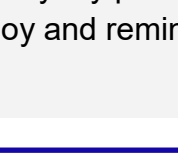
Faithfully,
Linda Joyner

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 5 - 6**
No School
- Oct. 10**
Picture Re-take Day
- Oct. 17**
[Café Zupas Night](#)
4pm - 9pm
- Oct. 20 - 21**
[Feastable](#)
- Oct. 21**
[Catholic Schools Walk](#)
([Registration/T-shirt order link](#))
- Oct. 23**
Home and School Meeting, 7pm
- Oct. 23 - 27**
St. Elizabeth Seton Volleyball Championship
- Oct. 26**
Early release at 11:30am
(Parent-Teacher Conferences)
- Oct. 27**
No School
(Parent-Teacher Conferences)
- Nov. 17**
Middle School Social
More info coming soon!
- Nov. 21**
K3-K5 Thanksgiving Feast
- Nov. 27**
Advent Prayer Service
- Nov. 29 - Dec. 1**
Holiday Treasures Gift Shop

[View Full Calendar](#)

Don't FORGET!



There is no school for students tomorrow and Friday due to staff development.

Tuesday, October 10th is picture retake day. Students who will be getting retakes may be out of uniform for that day.

Please note: The school office will be closed on Thursday, Oct. 5 and Friday, Oct. 6th. Thank you.

Catholic Prayer for My Pet

(In Honor of World Animal Day, a St. Francis of Assisi Prayer...)

In Your infinite wisdom, Lord God, when you created the Universe You blessed us all with living creatures. We especially thank You for giving us our pets who are our friends and who bring us so much joy in life. Their presence very often helps us get through trying times. Kindly bless my pet. May my pet continue giving me joy and remind me of Your power.

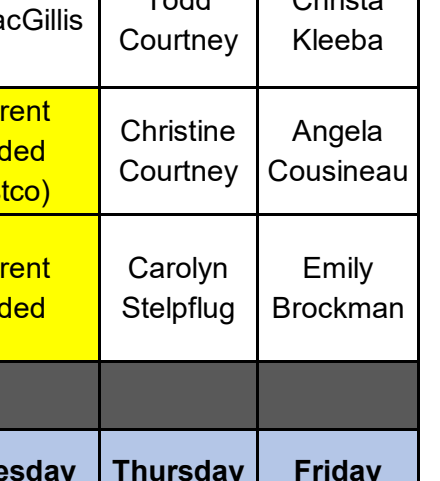
May we realize that as our pets trust us to take care of them, so we should trust You to take care of us, and in taking care of them we share in Your love for all Your creatures. Enlighten our minds to preserve all endangered species so that we may continue to appreciate all of Your creations.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

VIP Photo Re-Take Day: Tuesday, Oct. 10th

To view your student's school portraits, log for an email sent to you through "Visual Image Photography," or go to [vipis.com](#)

If you are unhappy with your child(s)' portrait, or if your child missed photo day, please have your child out-of-uniform and ready with a smile for our re-take day on Tuesday, Oct. 10th.



PICTURE RETAKE DAY!

(Re-take photos will be uploaded to VIP portal within 7 days.)

Important note: all families must choose which pose to use for the yearbook by Tuesday, Oct. 24th! (Otherwise VIP will choose for you). View the [VIP Portal here](#). If you have questions or cannot view your child's portrait, please contact support@vipis.com, or call the school office.

Daily Playground and Lunchroom Volunteers Needed

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

Week of 10/9/23	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchroom Servers (Need 2)	Angie Tappa	Shelly Lemming	Ann MacGillis	Todd Courtney	Christa Kleeba
	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed (Costco)	Christine Courtney	Angela Cousineau
Playground Helper (Need 1)	Jessica McDowell	Nathan Ambrose	1 Parent Needed	Carolyn Stelpflug	Emily Brockman
Week of 10/16/23	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchroom Servers (Need 2)	Kim Cook	Tori Gannon	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed	Christa Kleeba
	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed	Terrie Frankowski - Costco	1 Parent Needed	Angela Cousineau
Playground Helper (Need 1)	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed	Karen Micallef

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!

Home & School Updates

Catholic Schools Walk

St. Mary Parish School Catholic School's Walk
Rotary Park - Menomonee Falls
Saturday, October 21, 2023
8:30 - 10:00am

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

For more info, contact Kristin Stanek at kistanek3@gmail.com.
For a link to donate: Text **SCHOOLS WALK101** to 71777

Registration & Last Call for T-Shirts!!

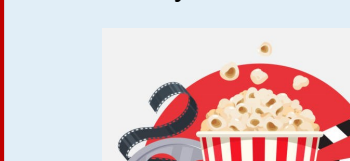
Registration is still open for the Catholic Schools Walk. Our St. Mary 2023-24 school theme, "Go Light Our World," is now a gym shirt option! Use the link below to order and to register.



T-SHIRT ORDERS DUE OCT. 6th!

Register and/or order here: [Catholic School Walk 2023](#)

Volunteers Needed for Schools Walk



Students and Adults are needed to help before and during the Schools Walk. *Click the image to the left for the sign up link.*

Middle school students will receive service hours.

Schools Walk Donation Page

Here's a link to donate. (Don't forget to find your class page!): <https://fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/SCHOOLS WALK/Team/StMaryMenomoneeFalls>

Remember, The classroom that has the highest % to goal by the end of day on the 6th will be able to choose the theme for a school-wide out-of-uniform day next week! It is a close race so keep those donations coming!

Thank you for your continued support and to everyone who has already donated!

Fundraiser Night with Café Zupas!

Tuesday, October 17
4 - 9pm



Help support St. Mary School and dine in or order curbside! St. Mary receives 25% of proceeds from sales between 4 - 9pm!

[Click here for the flyer!](#)

Home and School Meeting:

Please Join Us:
Monday, October 23
7pm
School Conference Rooms



Attendees should enter through the alley doors off of Hayes Ave.

Movie Night is Back!

Save the Date:
Friday, November 3rd



More details to come soon!

SAVE THE DATE!

Trivia Night
Friday, Nov. 10th, 7pm



Doors open at 6:30pm
Teams up to 10 people
\$10 per person - proceeds go to St. Mary School
Sign up will be posted soon!

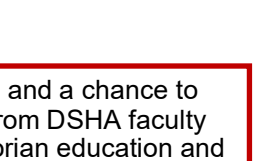
Connection Submissions Reminder:

If you ever have anything you'd like to submit for us to include in a Weekly Connection Newsletter, please be sure to email that information to either office@smpls.school or mccabeh@smpls.school by Thursday at 2pm to ensure the information will be included in that Friday's issue. If you have questions, please let the office know.

Thank you!

Athletics Updates

Come support our boys' St. Mary volleyball teams this weekend! Check out the home gym volleyball schedule below for boys/girls 5th-8th grade, all of which are hosted in the St. Mary Activity Center.



Let's Go, Warriors!!

Friday, October 6, 2023

6:00 PM	515	St. Mary Menomonee Falls	vs	512	Lumen Christi	Matthew	5th	Boys
7:00 PM	713	St. Charles Hartland	vs	717	St. Mary Menomonee Falls/St. Agnes	John	7th	Boys
8:00 PM	718	St. Mary Visitation EG	vs	717	St. Mary Menomonee Falls/St. Agnes	John	7th	Boys

Concessions Volunteers Needed

Families that have children in sports: Volunteers are needed to sign up for a minimum of 4 timeslots to help cover Concessions during sporting events. Many slots are available for the current Volleyball season, including openings for this weekend.

Please [click here to view the sign up](#).
Thank you!

Parish Updates

St. Mary 37th Feastable Dinner
Friday, October 20 &
Saturday, October 21, 2023
Meal times: 4pm-8pm
St. Mary Parish - School Activity Center
[Click here for full flyer/additional info!](#)



Join Us in a Marian & Eucharistic Procession!

About 2 years ago, we started a tradition of leading a Eucharistic and Marian Procession in October to give public witness of our faith and devotion toward the Holy Sacrament and our Blessed Mother. This year, we will continue this tradition in the evening on Oct. 7. The Procession will begin after the 4:30 pm Mass at St. Anthony and conclude at St. Mary. Join us as we process Jesus Himself in the Eucharist and a statue of the Blessed Mother through Appleton Avenue and the Main Street or adore along the route. There will be a bus to take those who walked the full route back to St. Anthony. If you'd like to participate in the procession, volunteers are needed to assist in a variety of roles, including to carry the canopy and the statue of Mary. Sign up online at bit.ly/stam2023 or call the parish office.

Calendar Raffle Winners

Congratulations to these \$30 winners that were drawn Oct. 4th:
Terri Noll, Julie Mass, Sarah Harenke and Oliver Harms

Thank you for your support and participation!

In the Community

Join us on Sunday, October 22 for Mass and a chance to explore DSHA. You will meet and hear from DSHA faculty and staff, learn about a Catholic, Salvatorian education and thriving Campus Ministry; and hear from current students and teachers about the **all-girls difference** in the college-prep environment.

DSHA Open House Schedule:
9 a.m. | Mass in the Mother of Our Savior Chapel!
10 a.m.-noon | Student-led tours; last tour leaves at 11:15 a.m.
10 a.m. OR 10:45 a.m. | 8th grade families: Join us for a special info session just for you! We'll cover all of your application; scholarship and financial aid questions, and anything else you would like to know about the DSHA High School experience!

Families who attend a session will receive a piece of swag.
[Register Here.](#)

Catholic Memorial HIGH SCHOOL
WHERE YOU RISE

You're Invited!
Catholic Memorial Open House
Sunday, October 15, 2023
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Join us to Experience the Excellence at CMH!
Immerse yourself in an outstanding and inspiring student experience rooted in faith. Succeed in a school that recognizes diverse learning styles and elevates every student through personalized teaching. Feel welcome in the safe environment that supports all students academically, socially and spiritually. Take advantage of unique opportunities for applied learning, STEM, internships and career exploration. Join the tradition of championship athletics, award-winning performing arts, and engaging extracurricular activities. Excel as a CMH graduate prepared for the future with a distinct competitive advantage.

[Register Here.](#)

Jr. Phoenix Golf Tryouts: Wednesday, Oct. 4th or Sunday, Oct. 8th.
Boys and girls residing in Menomonee Falls in grades 3 through 8 are eligible to try out. [Click the logo for more info.](#)

Pius XI Catholic High School Open House: Join us for our annual Fall Open House on Wednesday, October 18, 5:00 - 7:30pm. [Click the logo for the full flyer/additional info.](#)

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