THE CONNECTION

needs learners. Our building is not only clean and freshly painted but soon to house a fully operational STEAM Lab! Our students are meeting and exceeding standards, engaging deeply with their lessons, and learning how to build a strong community in everything they do. In addition to this, we've simplified administrative processes with e-collect forms, continuously refined our safety and security protocols, and fostered new connections with the greater community through events like Harvestfest and upcoming

6PM Oct. 15 Picture Re-take Day Oct. 15

Family Math Night 6 - 7PM

Oct. 18 & 19 **Feastable**

Oct. 19 Catholic Schools Walk Registration and T-shirt Orders Here

Rotary Park 8:30 - 10am

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. 8

Movie Night 6:30pm

Feedback Survey

More info to come

Nov. 15

Save the Date:

Trivia Night

Nov. 20

End of Trimester 1

Nov. 22

Save the Date:

Middle School Social

Nov. 27 - 29

Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 2 No School Teacher Parent-Teacher

Conferences

Dec. 5-6

Holiday Treasures Gift

Shop (details to come)

Dec. 19

Save the Date: K5-2nd Grade Musical

View 2024-2025

Academic Calendar <u>here</u>

disabilities and

parades. And let's not forget the excitement surrounding our new playground! But we're not done! Looking ahead, next year will bring even more growth and improvement. We will introduce a new Literacy program, provide training for our teachers on how to integrate STEAM Lab equipment into cross-curricular lessons, expand our Special Needs Scholarship Program, and work toward growing our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. Our commitment to enhancing our facilities will also continue,

with plans to highlight our school's colors and the guidance of St. Mary herself through art. This includes a major update

to our school's branding, website, and social media presence to better reflect who we are. Ultimately, all of this work is meant to provide the best Catholic, high quality, academic excellence possible for each and every one of our students, including our future students.

Through this lens, we are excited to kick-off this year's Catholic Schools Walk, and we need your help to make it a huge success! Our goal is to raise \$40,000 by October 19th, and 100% of the funds raised will directly benefit St. Mary Parish School. This is an incredible opportunity Our fundraising goal is set at \$200 per student. You can

for us to invest in our future. **How You Can Help** 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 Walkthis 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

Let's make this year's Catholic Schools Walk our best

for all our students. Thank you for your continued

one yet!

for all students!

unique.

or frustration.

<u> Mogilevsky:</u>

WHAT TO EXPECT

Catholic Schools Walk:

and Iready Diagnostic Assessment.

Child Supervision Available: Cafeteria

together and tour their children's classrooms.

pass.

partnership in helping St. Mary Parish School thrive.

Sincerely, Annemarie Wood

This week, our good news is sharing in our understanding and respect

ear St. Mary Families

I want to take a moment to address a topic that is central to our school's mission and the values of our Catholic faith: fostering understanding and

an environment where differences are not highlighted in negative ways but

When differences are called out or encouraged, we know it can be deeply hurtful. We aim to help all students understand that every child is valuable and that we must treat one another with kindness, patience, and dignity. Doing so honors the values that make our Catholic school community so

While we strive to understand why certain behaviors may occur. I also want

or neurodiversity. Our children are naturally curious, and when we give them the tools to understand these situations through the lens of compassion and empathy, they can respond with care rather than confusion

To help you navigate these conversations at home, we will be sharing resources on how to talk to your children about disabilities and the behaviors they may observe in their classmates. These resources will provide helpful insights on fostering understanding and encouraging your

Thank you for your continued partnership as we cultivate a positive, inclusive, and faith-filled environment for all our children. Together, we can

child to show love and respect to everyone in our community.

children/#:~:text=If%20your%20child%20does%20something

<u>Director of Teaching: From the Desk of Mrs.</u>

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

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mbracing Differences

with

<u>Telling our Good News!</u>

neurodiversities. As a community, students with a wide range of talents, perspectives, and unique ways of learning are a blessing. We can teach our children to appreciate these differences while maintaining a strong sense of unity and belonging. In alignment with Catholic Social Teaching, we believe that every person is made in the image and likeness of God, deserving of dignity and respect. This principle guides us as we build a supportive and inclusive community that values each child's individual gifts and challenges. We want to nurture

respect for all children, especially those

to be clear that we do not condone actions that disrupt the learning environment or violate classroom and school expectations. Behaviors such as the destruction of property, inappropriate language, or physical aggression are not acceptable. In those instances, we work closely with the students involved and their families to ensure that consequences are in place, and we support these students in learning and growing from their mistakes. That said, it's equally important that all our students understand why certain behaviors might happen, primarily when they result from a disability

instead embraced as part of the richness of our community.

help them grow into compassionate, thoughtful individuals who live out the values of human dignity in all they do. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. Sincerely, Mrs. Wood https://www.parentclub.scot/articles/children-andneurodiversity https://fr.eb.org/eb-blog?pk=1579353&fromId=309904 https://constructiveparenting.com/blog-reinforcing-empathy-

FAMILY DATE **OCTOBER 15, 2024** IN MATHEMATICS TIME 👣 i-Ready 🎖 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.

• Info Session (for parents): Overview of Bridges math curriculum

Questions: Erika Mogilevsky at mogilevskye@smps.school

Visiting Classrooms: Families will engage in a math workplace game

ALL ATTENDEES WILL RECEIVE OUT-OF-UNIFORM PASSES

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

Congratulations You heard the call to serve and you

our 2024-2025 Student

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THOLIC SCHOOL

St. Mary Parish School - Catholic Schools Walk Rotary Park – Menomonee Falls



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

Goal

\$1.600

\$4,200

\$4,400

\$3,000

\$2,800

\$3,600

\$3,400

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\$2,600

\$2,600

\$1,800

\$2,000

employer to see if your company participates and maximize the impact of

SMPS SPIRITWEAR SHOP OPEN:

The next spirit wear store is open! Please take advantage of this sale and support our St. Mary

community with some St. Mary School and/or Warriors

"I really like how she pushes us all

already learned a lot of new stuff. I

really appreciate her as our ELA

"I have gotten way smarter in her

ENJOY A NIGHT WITH OTHER ST. MARY

PARENTS

11 TH OCTOBER AT 6:00 PM LOCATION: AMERICAN LEGION POST N88W16652 MAIN ST, MENOMONEE

FALLS, WI 53051

class and she is nice." - Sam

to be the best at ELA. We've

teacher." - Michael B.

Does your employer do matching gifts? Please check with your

STORE CLOSES: 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

*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

Any questions or additional item requests to add to the selection,

please contact Michele Spaeth at (414) 617-8515

Our St. Mary Teachers are the Best:

how much they're appreciated by our students &

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

Teacher Spotlight: Mrs. Schroeder, M.S. ELA

community. This week we are highlighting our middle school

Read more quotes shared about Mrs. Schroeder here.

% of Goal

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4%

9%

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6%

As of 10/2

\$0

\$270

\$575

\$390

\$520

\$150

\$300

\$50

\$75

\$50

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\$100

\$100

\$2,580

CST. Donate towards your student's classroom today! https:// fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/SCHOOLSWALK/tenomoneeFalls

Check out the Leaderboard as of Oct. 2nd!

Teacher/Classroom

K3 Mrs. Schmitt

K5 Mrs. Hartwig

1st Ms. Kaminski

2nd Mrs. Halverson

3rd Mrs. Kleinmann

4th Ms. Curran

5th Ms. Schaefer

7th Mr. Burleigh

7th Mrs. Schroede

8th Mrs. Mrozinski

"spirit wear"!

LINK: https://bsg.chipply.com/stmarysmf/

8th Mrs. Nennig

TOTAL

your gift.

Burghardt's stores.

wear" or out-of-uniform days.

ELA teacher, Mrs. Schroeder.

"Mrs. Schroeder is always nice

and helps you with your work. Mrs.

confused and always wants you to

Home & School Updates:

Our Movie Night chairs, Mary and Ryan Strankowski, are looking for feedback for future movie nights! Please fill out the short survey

below with your movie suggestions

and other ideas you may have to

share! *Additional help for movie

School Office at office@smps.school

Playground Volunteer Sign Up

Lunchroom Volunteer Sign Up

Reminders & Resources:

Athletics Updates:

Friday, October 4

8th "A" at Home

6 pm - 6th at Home 7 pm - 8th "B" at Home • 8 pm - 8th "A" at Home

WPCP

nights is also needed!

Movie Night Feedback

Movie Night:

Feedback Requested

Schroeder always pushes you to

be the best you can be in E.L.A.

push harder than you normally

She is helpful when you are

, would." - Will K.

SEE YOU AT THE WALK!

6th Mr Wroblewski

K4 Mrs. Bingenheimer

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

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

Boys Volleyball Girls Volleyball

St. Mary Menomonee Falls 6th Grade Boys Volleyball Tournament concludes Sat, Oct 5th. See Bracket below. Go Warriors!

St. Mary Tournament Bracket - 6th Grade Boys

The 6th Grade Boys tournament began Thursday evening and

concludes on Saturday. See bracket here.

Parish Updates:

Good luck, Warriors!

Middle School Students: Service Hours Opportunity

with the collection. This will count for service hours. https://

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

Feastable Information & Volunteer Opportunities

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

www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AA8AF2AA4FD0-51985666-help

Saturday, October 5 No Matches for Girls Teams

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

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Concessions and Admissions Volunteers Needed: Sign Up Here

QUESTIONS?

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 Extravagan

Information at stmaryparish.net Join Us for

"The Quest" Begins Oct 6

Do you ever feel discouraged? Are you unsure how to find joy and courage in an often troubled world? Maybe you'd just like

Join us for an all-you-can-eat

Thanksgiving-style meal, sides & desserts

When: Friday, Oct. 18 & Saturday, Oct. 19

Where: St. Mary Parish School Activity Center

Tickets Sold at the Door

\$16 ADULT | \$14 SENIOR | \$9 CHILD | FREE 6 yrs & Under

The Quest

Starting Oct. 6

Congratulations and thank you for your participation! In the Community:

4 - 8. Click here for registration information.

Marquette University High School Open House: Sun., October 13. Applications Due Nov. 1. Click here for flyer with additional info.

October Lunch Menu Connect with us on Facebook and Instagram!

begin watching and discussing "The Quest," a miniseries that navigates some of these nuanced issues. Any adults 18+ may attend — you don't heart and a curious mind. Click here to learn more. **Calendar Raffle Winners:** and Scott Schwantz Sharon Memory

need to be baptized, Catholic or even religious. Just come with an open Congratulations to these \$30 winners drawn on October 2nd: Bonner Family, Burtzel Family, Jason and Nicole Birschbach, And special congrats to this \$250 winner drawn October 4:

to explore more deeply what it means to live out our Christian faith. If so, we hope you'll join us next Oct. 6, when as a parish community we will

2024-25 Academic Calendar Scrip Raise Right App Change of Dismissal Safeguarding Training/CMG Connect

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. HIGH SCHOOL DASH Winter Basketball at DSHA: Open to girls in grades **PIUS XI Catholic High School Class of 2029:**

Admissions Information and Open House Oct. 9th: Click here for important dates and additional information. Playground Volunteer Sign Up **Lunchroom** Volunteer Sign Up