



CHALLENGING MINDS

DEVELOPING CHARACTER

LIVING JESUS

Dear Families,

CELEBRATING SUCCESS! In celebration of our great success in exceeding our \$30,000 goal for the Catholic Schools Walk, students will be treated to a movie day on Tuesday, November 21st. K4-5th grade students will be watching [Rio \(PG\)](#) and 6-8th grade students will be watching [Home Alone \(PG\)](#). Please click on the movie titles to access Common Sense Media reviews. [Click on one of the links below to complete the permission form for movie day.](#)

[Rio Permission Form](#) (K4-grade 5)

[Home Alone Permission Form](#) (grades 6-8)

Tuesday will also be a themed dress day. Mrs. Mrozinski's class picked **"FAVORITE COLOR DAY"** as one of their themes, so wear your favorite color on Tuesday (unless you are in 4K, which has been set as "yellow day" for the Thanksgiving Feast).

November 28th marks the end of the first trimester. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns. Progress reports for students in grades 1-8 will be emailed home on Friday, December 8th.

We will have a short week next week due to Thanksgiving break so we will not be publishing a newsletter next Friday. And remember there is no school November 22 - 24.

Faithfully,

Linda Joyner

UPCOMING EVENTS

TONIGHT
[Middle School Social](#)
Activity Center
6 - 8pm
[\(Permission slip here\)](#)

Nov. 21
K3-K5 Thanksgiving Feast

Nov. 22 - 24
Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 27
Advent Prayer Service

Nov. 28
End of Trimester

Nov. 29
[Young Rembrandts](#)
Session 2 begins

Nov. 29 - Dec. 1
Holiday Treasures Gift Shop
[View Flyer Here](#)

Nov. 30
Forensics Meeting

Dec. 4
Home & School Meeting
7pm

Dec. 14
Christmas Musical
K5 - 2nd
6pm

Dec. 23 - Jan. 2
Christmas Break

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LANDS' END

Black Friday and Cyber Week Savings!

40% Off Bottoms, and 20% OFF Everything Else!

November 23 - November 29th!

[Click here](#) for the code and additional info!

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.

We currently still need many helpers next week.

Please see our upcoming needs below.

Week of 11/20/23	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchroom Servers (Need 2)	Jessica McDowell	1 Parent Needed	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
Playground Helper	Christine Courtney	1 Parent Needed	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
	Rick Stelpflug	Becky Leupi	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL

Week of 11/27/23	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchroom Servers (Need 2)	Christine Courtney	1 Parent Needed	Ann MacGillis	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed
	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed	Arlin Nguyen	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed
Playground Helper	Becky Leupi	Carolyn Stelpflug	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed	Carolyn Stelpflug

Here are the links to sign up:
[Lunchroom Sign Up](#)
[Playground Sign Up](#)

Also, we're always looking for NEW volunteers! If you have any interest in volunteering in any way to help support our students and families, please let the office know! We can connect you with various committees that fit your interests and talents and help find the best volunteer opportunities for you!
Thank you!

**Please note, all volunteers must have completed the Safeguarding Training. If you have not done so, please contact Steve at scosentino@stam.church.*

Reminder: Hot Lunch Portal for December Open

Please [place your students' hot lunch orders here](#).

Deadline for all orders is **Tuesday, Nov. 21st at 12pm.** We will not be able to accept orders placed after that date. Thank you!

[View December Hot Lunch Menu Here](#)



Next Session of Young Rembrandts Drawing Class begins Nov. 29!

Encourage your K5-5th grade student's enthusiasm for art and help develop their drawing skills with a Young Rembrandts drawing class. Classes run Wednesday, 3:10 - 4:10pm, 11/29 - 1/24. [Click here](#) for more information and to register!

Optimist Club Student of the Month: Ben T.

Ben T. is an individual who truly exemplifies the qualities of a St Mary student as a learner, citizen and disciple.

As a learner, Ben puts forth excellent effort and always has his work completed and on time. During math class, he wants to make sure he has corrected errors to ensure he understands the content.

As a citizen, Ben gets along well with his classmates and is a valued member of a group. He is capable of leading a lab group in science, and is willing to help others who have questions. He is also respectful of all adults and follows through whenever he is asked to do something extra.

As a disciple, Ben is always willing to lead a prayer, serve, or read at mass, and is also a great example to his first grade buddy.

Congratulations Ben!

Home & School Updates

Volunteer Spotlight: Matt and Kathleen Kuhn

Our St. Mary community has been blessed with amazing families who step up to volunteer, and after a very successful Trivia Night last week (organized by the Kuhn's!), there's no better time than now to give a huge shout-out and thanks to Matt and Kathleen Kuhn. Not only do they organize our Trivia Nights, they each have helped serve our students, teachers and community in many other ways! Check out all the great things other families had to say!

"Matt and Kathleen are such an important presence in our school, together and separately. Matt was always so responsive and supportive in his role as volleyball coordinator. Kathleen is always willing to take on new challenges, is an outstanding room parent, and is always so positive and enjoyable to be around! Her second grade daughter graciously volunteered her to start a Brownie Troop for our girls, and Kathleen has stepped up to the challenge, giving these girls a great opportunity and new experiences together. Thank you, Kuhns, for all of your commitment to our school community!" - Ann MacGillis

"Matt has been in an incredible Volleyball coach for Logan. He makes it fun for the kids while they develop skills and learn effective strategies to play their best. Thanks for all your time." - Jeff Johnston

"Thanks for coaching us and making us all better as individuals and as a team." - Logan J.

"Matt has been an integral part of the volleyball program for a while now, serving as the coordinator for the past 3 years. Matt puts in many hours ensuring that the volleyball season runs smoothly and that all our players have a great experience. We couldn't have a volleyball program without Matt!" - John Wiese

"We have not had long to get to know you, but in the short time we've been so impressed! Trivia night was an awesome experience: totally fun, original, and obviously planned with love! Thank you for this amazing contribution to the school!" - Logan and Mary Catherine Ausman

"My experience with Matt has been a positive, Christian relationship. He dedicates so much time to both the school and athletics, which is needed by all. He demonstrates selflessness, accountability and responsibility. I am thankful he is part of the St Mary community." - Lucas Rocole

"Kathleen and Matt are 2 of the most consistent faces we see in and around the school. If they are not coaching or being room parents, they are volunteering on committees or running trivia night. They are both caring, hardworking and the kind of people we want working with and around our kids. Thank you Kathleen and Matt for helping to make St Mary's a school we can be proud of!" - The Regent-Smith Family

"It takes people like Matt and Kathleen, who freely and generously give of their time, to make a church and school special. I am very grateful for all that they do. A sincere and heartfelt thanks goes to both of them for their service! May God bless them both abundantly!" - Deacon Lance & Angie Tappa

"Matt and Kathleen Kuhn are both such a blessing to our school! Matt has devoted so much of his time to coaching both volleyball and basketball over the years. He has a real passion for these sports and pushes the kids to try to reach their potential. Kathleen is always willing to help out with anything and everything! She is a room parent every year helping to organize class parties and gifts for teachers. She also helps out with so many different school events from the Catholic Schools Walk to Trivia Night! I don't know how they do it all, but we sure are lucky to have them both at St. Mary's!" - Kim Schmitt

"Thank you, Matt and Kathleen for ALL that you do for our school and parish community! Trivia Night, although a humbling experience for myself, is always so much fun. I truly appreciate all of the work, organization and planning that goes into creating such an awesome night for our community! I can remember Kathleen wearing that Cub Scout Den Leader uniform pregnant with Katy and wondering where you find the time. You have both taken on a million other responsibilities since then! Your passion, kindness and love for the community is shown in everything that you do. Thank you!" - Katie Esser

"My husband and I were able to take part in trivia last week and we had a great time! We both couldn't believe the work that the Kuhn's put into the event and can't wait to come back in the spring. Thank you!" - Mary Strankowski

"Kathleen and Matt Kuhn are always willing to volunteer. Matt stepped up many years to coach Volleyball and basketball as well as being on the athletic board. Kathleen has been the class mom many years and is always willing to volunteer her time. Thank you so much to you both for all your dedication to the school and church. We are lucky to have your family in our school and lives." - Gaar Family

"Matt and Kathleen have been pillars of volunteering at St Mary both for the Parish and the School for years. Matt has been a great contributor on the Athletic board and as the coordinator for the Volleyball program for the kids. Kathleen was active as a Cub Scout Den leader when my oldest was going through the program and she planned out many awesome activities and adventures for the boys over those five years. Matt organizes and runs Trivia Night in addition to ushering at church on Sunday mornings. They both are involved in baptism preparation for new parents. These are the kinds of volunteers that make St. Mary's such a dynamic and welcoming community to be a part of." - Bob Kohlmetz

"We've been able to attend 3 of the Trivia nights that Matt & Kathleen have organized and always have a blast! Thank you for all your dedication to SMPS and near-impossible Trivia questions!" - Meg Gonzalez

"This was my first time attending Trivia Night and Matt and Kathleen did a great job running it - everyone had a blast! I also see them involved in many other activities throughout the school and parish, so thank you for all you do!" - Emily Brockman

"Matt and Kathleen always do a great job with trivia nights. It is one of our favorite St. Mary Events. Outside of trivia though, you will always find them helping out within the school whether it's sports or a school committee. The Kuhn family is so kind with infectious smiles. It's always a pleasure when working with them for a church or school event." - Katie Weiske

"Matt and Kathleen Kuhn are amazing people. They share their time and talents by hosting trivia night, Matt is a member of the athletic board and leads the volleyball program, Kathleen is room parent (for multiple classes), a member of the School Advisory Committee as well as leading the 2nd grade Girl Scout troop. We sincerely appreciate all that you do for the school and your dedication to making it an amazing place for our children." - Michele & Jerod Spaeth

"Kathleen is always eager to help in any way she can. She has volunteered in many ways over the years but I am especially grateful for her help with the Friendship Family Committee. Kathleen calls and welcomes new families to St. Mary's and helps with any questions they have. She also helps volunteer at the Back to School ice cream social by serving ice cream and greeting all the families. Thank you for always being willing to help with whatever is needed, Kathleen. You are appreciated!" - Angela Bonner

Trivia Night Updates!

Trivia night was a success! Over 80 people attended and \$950.00 was donated to the school. The costumes were fabulous! The winner for best theme went to the Harry Potter table, and the winning trivia table who walked away with our new addition- a traveling trophy- was Emily Brockman, Maggie Lewis, Chris Lewis, Frances Sibley, Kelly Kohlmetz, Rachel and Kevin Kallinger and Logan and Mary Catherine Ausman.

Join us at the end of February for our next trivia night and see if this team can hold onto the trophy!

- Matt and Kathleen Kuhn

Check out more [photos of Trivia Night here!](#)



Forensics Team Update

Our St. Mary Parish School Forensics Team held their first informational meeting on Thursday. We had nine potential students in attendance at the meeting. Thank you to Leona Ausman, Loreli Daniels, Emma Esser, John Harenken, Tilly Micallef, Maddy Nguyen, Ben Nielsen, Zackary Rinke and Emma Yokes for your interest! It is not too late to jump into this middle school activity! If your student is interested, but you are worried about the time commitment, contact a coach and we would be happy to discuss the options. [Check out the link](#) for a letter sharing many details of our Forensics Program. And [click here](#) for info on categories and descriptions. Our next meeting will be **Thursday, November 30th**.

Parish Updates

St. Anthony & St. Mary Parish Faith Formation

Speaker Series

Seminarian Aaron Siehr Presents:

"...As in Heaven..."

Learn about the Catholic understanding of Heaven and common misconceptions.

Nov. 19 at 10:45 AM

Join us in the Lower Level Conference Rooms of St. Mary Parish School.

Celebrating the Year of the Parish Eucharistic Revival

Calendar Raffle Winners

Congratulations to these \$30 winners drawn on Nov. 1st:
Gabriella Memory, Helen Koopmann, Christa Kleebea, Christine & Steve Herbst, and Carol Shulteis

Thank you for your support and participation!

In the Community

Building a Culture of Vocations: Helping Your Child Discern God's Will: Thursday, Nov. 30th at Chesterton Academy. 6:-6:45pm: Holy Hour for Vocations; 7- 8:30pm: Keynote and Q & A. Free and Open to the Public!
[Click here](#) for more information and to register.

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. [Click here to view the flyer](#).

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