THE CONNECTION

Dear Families. Having a "blizzard" day today was not how we planned to end Advent, but I'm sure the kids didn't mind exchanging the ugly

December 22nd, 2022

- Dec. 23 Jan 2

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Break

Jan. 3

Weekly Newsletter

Christmas sweater day for a day off of school. Hopefully, you were

Thank you for entrusting your children with us. Thank you, students, for making us smile...even when we are not so happy. Thanks to all the Theater Guild volunteers who paint scenery,

able to find a way to get those last-minute gifts wrapped with your

blessings. For the faculty, staff and I that means each and every one

of you. Please accept our sincerest gratitude for all you do and know

children in the house. Christmas is a time for us to count our

make props, sew costumes and much more for our school plays. Thanks for serving lunch with a smile. Thank you for supervising the lunchroom, giving the teachers a break.

Thank you, library parents who help keep our library organized

that each of you remain in our prayers.

- and in working order. Thank you, theatre guild parents, without your hard work and
- talents we wouldn't be able to produce three awesome musicals each year!
- Thank you, playground parents, for watching over our students even on the coldest of days.
- Thank you, students, for sweeping classrooms and helping in many other ways.
- Thanks to all the parents who serve on leadership committees like the School Committee and Home and School. You're the
- Thank you, parents, for helping your kids work on those extra projects at home. Thank you to Santa's secret helpers for making shopping easy

for our students.

concession duties.

Faithfully.

- Thank you, Room Parents, for all you do for teachers and children. You take such good care of us! Thank you to all the parents who coach our sports teams and do
- Thanks to all of you for your open and supportive communication throughout the year. Thanks to all our parents who chaperone field trips, especially for those who chaperone events that require winter gear and boots.
- Thank you to the Art Angels who give their time generously to display all our students' heavenly artwork. Thanks to everyone for serving on fundraising committees, for

those of you who participate in the fundraisers.

- Thank you, students, for giving us "miles of smiles" and helping us teachers get through each day! Thanks to each and every one of you for all you bring to St. Mary and
- for your continued support. The faculty, staff and I wish you and your family all the blessings and joys of the Christmas season.
- Linda Joyner
 - 30 to be included in the 2023 Raffle. The parish offices will be closed on December MPORTANT 23 and 26. However, you may use the

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Nicholas Kelly, Wisconsin School Choice Presentation slides for video #2

If you were unable to attend one of the Wisconsin School Choice informational meetings, we hope you will watch the video recording and follow up with me if you have any questions or concerns. See links below. After Christmas break, we will be setting up a parent meeting so we can answer any questions and address any concerns you may have.

Jan. 9 Spelling Bee (5th-8th)

Classes Resume

Jan. 16 Chipotle Night, 4-8pm

Jan. 9 Junior Docent School

Program at Art Museum (3rd, 4th, some 5th grade)

No School/In-Service Day Jan. 29 Open House 11am - 2pm

Jan. 27

Catholics School Week Feb. 3 Family Fun Fair

Jan. 30- Feb.3 .

Feb. 9 No School (Conferences)

No School (Teacher In-Service)

March 2 - 22

Iowa Testing

Feb 10

March 7 End of Trimester 2

View Full Calendar

Calendar Raffles must be returned to the parish office by Friday, December

mail slot on the front door of the parish office to turn in your raffles after hours.

8th Grade Field Trip

The eighth grade class of 2023 enjoyed a day of bonding on Wednesday! They attended Mass at Jesu and then all cheered on the Marquette Golden Eagles



at a basketball game. **Do You Know About Directory Spot?** <u>Directory Spot</u> is a useful downloadable app for for school parents! The app is populated

with parent names, home address, emails and

phone numbers of fellow families of St. Mary

and utilize the app, please let the school office

School. If you'd like to add your information



know, and we will get your info added! **Optimist Club Student of the Month** Sarah Fischer Congratulations to Sarah Fischer who was chosen as the Student of the Month for December! Sarah is a positive example for her peers. She has an incredible ability to lead by example, oftentimes without even realizing that she is

checks her answers. Her assignments are organized and

and new content. She approaches problems to solve from a variety of ways and makes real world applications to what she is learning. She has a strong work ethic in all that she does. Sarah treats everyone with kindness and is positive to

be around. All of this comes naturally to her and she is a calming presence in the classroom. **CONGRATULATIONS, SARAH!**

Our older students have also been busy. Ms. Rosner's 3rd grade class collected items for the Germantown Police Department and even got a shout-out on facebook for their kindness! Ms. Kleinmann's 5th grade class made 2 baskets! One went to Children's burn unit, and one went to Children's orthopedic.

Our 8th graders worked together as one class and donated snacks and beverages for the Menomonee Falls Police Department.



ADVENT SERVICE PROJECTS Our goal as Catholics is to be charitable to those in need. Serving the poor and undeserved is our mission. More of our students' classrooms have completed their Advent Service projects as you can see below—The K's chose a tag from the Giving Tree from church and fulfilled that mission!



"God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son." - John 3:16

Loving like Jesus means we hold everything we own with loose hands. Our giving of our time and talents in order to serve other people is an

Year all year long.

"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." - Hebrews 13:16

Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed on Dec. 23 and 26

St. Mary Parish & School and St. Anthony Parish are hosting a community Blood Drive from 1:30 to 6:30 pm on Thursday, Dec. 29. The location will be St. Mary Parish School, N89W16215 Cleveland Ave., Menomonee Falls. Sign up online at <a href="https://bitsup.ncbi.nlm.ncbi.n You will receive a \$15 e-gift card as a thank you for donating blood during the holiday season. Your name will also be entered into a drawing for a car

> Christmas Day Masses SUNDAY, DEC. 25 8 & 10:30 AM

Burtzel Family. Thank you for your support.

Change of Dismissal

St. Mary & St. Anthony INCENSE FREE MASSES: 5PM AT ST. ANTHONY • 8 AM AT ST MARY

In the Community

Inclement Weather Policy Lunchroom Volunteer Sign Up Link

January Hot Lunch Menu

incredible way to display our love for Jesus and to walk in his footsteps. Your time spent volunteering and offering your time and talents is a blessing to our St. Mary Community. We thank you ALL so very much to each and every one of you who have volunteered so far this school year. God Bless you all through this Christmas Season and into the New **Home and School Meeting Update** <u>Check out the Meeting Minutes</u> from the last H&S Meeting from Jan. 6th.

Next H&S Meeting is scheduled for Jan. 9th at 7pm in the School Conference Rooms. All are welcome! **Parish Updates Blood Drive is Dec. 29**

2022-23 Academic Calendar 2022-23 Home & School Calendar <u>Updated Guidelines for COVID-19</u>

Christmas Eve Masses SATURDAY, DEC. 24 St. Anthony at 5 pm St. Mary at 4 & 10 pm Congratulations to these \$30 winners that were drawn on December 21st: Minue Family, Carolyn Stelpflug, Lemminger Family, Jerry Esser, and the

Calendar Raffle Winners



Playground Volunteer Sign Up Link

Connect with us on Facebook and Instagram!