THE CONNECTION

registration forms for the 2023-24 school year

February 10, 2023

returned by Friday, February 17th. Enrollment numbers are a necessary piece of data used in the budgeting process. Your assistance in helping us

Feb. 17

Weekly Newsletter

registration form. YOUR FEEDBACK IS NEEDED! Our daily hot lunch counts have been quite low this year which makes it difficult for our vendor to stay profitable. Fresh and Safe would like to know what they can do to increase the number of students taking hot lunch. Please help us by completing this short survey. We

project accurate enrollment numbers is greatly appreciated. Please click here to access the

need to receive your feedback on or before February 20th.

DID YOU KNOW? According to statistics provided by children's hospital 11% of middle school students and 32% of high school students in Wisconsin have tried vaping. Vaping can have serious side effects for children ranging from breathing issues to death. We make every effort to educate students about the

risks of vaping and other dangerous and risky behaviors. These important topics will be covered in grade 5 through the DARE program and in grades 6-8 in Health classes. What should you know about vaping? Click here RED/PINK DAY - In celebration of Valentine's Day, students may be out of uniform on Tuesday, February 14th.

Celebrating Catholic Schools Week...Continued..

St. Mary Track and Field Team: 5th - 8th grade Registration is Open; Sign up deadline is March 1st.

We have more fun pictures to share from last week's events, including the School Day Fun Fair.

Movie Night Doors Open 6:30pm Feb. 22 Panera Bread Night

4-8pm

Feb. 28 STEM Challenge

March 2 - 22 Iowa Testing

March 7 End of Trimester 2 March 7

Home & School Meeting 7pm

Middle School Social March 17 M.S. Retreat/Service

Day

March 23

Lion King Musical

March 10

(Grades 3-5) Doors Open 5:30pm March 27-31 Spring Break

> April 28 Trivia Night

(new date) View Full Calendar

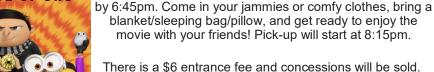
Check out the <u>updated album here!</u>



Faithfully,

Linda Joyner

Click the image for more info!



The next Movie Night is Friday, February 17th! We will be watching 'Minions: The Rise of Gru'!

Doors open for drop-off at 6:30pm, with the movie starting

Adult chaperones will be needed. If you have any questions or are interested in helping, please contact Michele (Justin) Spaeth at mlspaeth1@gmail.com. (Three Middle School students will also be needed—please let your homeroom teacher know if you are interested in helping.)

Movie Night is Feb. 17th!



REGISTER

" I like doing Math with Ms. Barenz

"Grant says what he loves about Ms.

she helps me learn, and ... she gives

Barenz is that 'She teaches us and

"I love walking with Ms. Barenz at

"Ms. Barenz has an unwavering

educationally but spiritually. Her

classroom fun, energetic and

Michele and Jerod Spaeth

dedication to a child's growth not only

incredible commitment to making the

educational is inspiring. We are so blessed that all three of our children

were able to have Ms. Barenz as their

teacher. Thank you Ms. Barenz for all that you do for our school and kiddos!"

us free choice." - Grant J.

recess. She is so kind. She

and I like it when she reads to us.

Hazel Leonard

ILLUMINATION

the Gym) and Finn's Lifesaver keychain -Earn the Frankie keychain (our heart hero dragon leader) when you raise \$150+ Thank you for being part of the Kids Heart Challenge and supporting our students, school and the American Heart Association. Together, we are lighting the torch of hope and making a difference.

Bonuses/FUN this year:

We're proud of our St. Mary teachers and want to show off how wonderful they are and how much they're appreciated! This week we are highlighting the amazing work of our 1st grade teacher, Ms. Barenz. Take a look at what some

Teacher Spotlight: Ms. Barenz - 1st Grade

"Ms. Barenz has such a zest for

daughter loves first grade and she is learning and growing so much! Katy says that Ms. Barenz makes reading

easy and we are really impressed with

reading. Ms. Barenz fills the students

grateful for all she has done to make

Katy's ability and attitude towards

with confidence by the way she believes in them. We are really

cushions. My favorite thing

about Ms. Barenz is that she says

every day when I go home. Ms.

peace and gives me the peace sign

and patient. She is special because

time to help me learn!" - Michael

she can do a lot of things at the same

Save the date!

Trivia Night will be

Friday, April 28th at 7pm. Start gathering your

teams and planning your themes! Please

note this is a change

of date from the one on the Home and

School calendar.

More information to come soon!

Home and School

Meeting Update:

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School Meeting will

be on March 7th at

7 PM in the School Conference Rooms.

All are welcome.

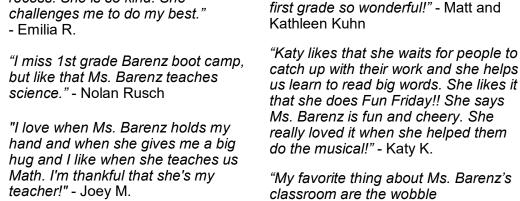
Barenz taught me how to be respectful

learning and makes it fun! Our

Our St. Mary Teachers are the Best!

students and families had to say about her:

Click to learn more about what the American Heart Association is doing to make an impact in our community.



Nolan

Here's a great example of Ms. Barenz teaching her students through fun, hands-on learning and activities! "Will the groundhog see his shadow or not? The 1st graders got to make groundhog houses with their 8th grade buddies last week!

Home & School Updates

Volunteer Spotlight:

with plays; recess and lunch duty; and so much more. She signs up for admission and concessions spots when no one else has volunteered. The school is really going to miss her next year.
- Nicole Fischer

"It's been a privilege and honor to know Amy. She always has a warm smile and happy spirit, she simply exudes community within the walls of St. Mary

Parish School. Amy has gone above and beyond volunteering for numerous

organizations and committees. Whatever is needed, whatever it takes, Amy will lend a helping hand. If there is an open position for concessions, Amy will take it! She's even been know to take back-to-back shifts just so no slot goes

unfilled. Her commitment to the success of the school and making it a positive

experience for all, including visiting schools, is always her mission. She has donated so much of her time over the last few years at St. Mary's. She sure will be missed after her twins, Laney and Jonah graduate this year. Thanks for

all you do, Amy!" - Sheri Kirchoff

"Amy is not only a great Mom but a great friend! Amy is always seen volunteering at all the school events. Whether she is helping out being a room

Amy Weyker Amy Weyker has been a long-standing parent volunteer at St. Mary, and as one parent below says, "the school is really going to miss her next year," as her two youngest will be graduating in June. Amy has been a huge help to the office, covering many recess volunteer slots over the years, among many other ways of going above and beyond in other organizations and committees.

Take a look at what some fellow parents had to say about her: "Amy is always willing to help whenever she can. She is a room mom; helps

parent, volunteering at games, or carpooling kids around she is always smiling and happy to help. Thank you for all your help over the years!"
- Karalee Ptak "Amy is a person you can always count on to take charge of a volunteer opportunity and lend her time. She's usually one of the first parents to volunteer for an opportunity and she usually takes on the tasks no one else wants to! Amy will never let you down and you always know whatever she is helping out with will get done and get done in a timely

Coffee and snacks will be provided. Commons

Grades 6 - 8: Held Sunday, March 12.

Fundraising Night at Panera: Feb 22nd manner. I wish we had many more Amy's to go around because she is so valuable and a great person as well!" - Deanna Jaeger "Amy is so generous with volunteering her time to our school! She has been such a warm and friendly presence at St. Mary's for so many years. From being a room parent to a recess supervisor to a Fun Fair volunteer, she is always willing to help out!" - Kim Schmitt Dine in or get food to go at Panera on "Amy is always eager to help and she is very organized, so she is wonderful to team up with on volunteer opportunities. She is also very personable and always willing to go above and beyond to help in any way she Feb. 22nd between 4 - 8pm and support St. Mary School! 20% of sales will

running an adult speaker series on the Catholic Social Teachings of the Church. All adults, regardless of whether you participate in our Faith Formation program, are invited to join us at 6:40 pm in the lower level conference rooms of the St. Mary Parish School. The next talk will be Wednesday, Feb 15: "The Call to Serve (Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving) " by Dr. James Stroud.

As part of our Faith Formation program we are

details are available here. All applications must be postmarked by Friday, April 1,2023 and winners will be notified by May 1st. Support St. Mary at J.K. Lee Taekwondo Help Support St. Mary and sign up for one month of classes, OR sign up to celebrate your child's

info, and complete the survey to sign up/get more information!

ANNIVERSAL

birthday at J.K. Lee. All proceeds go back to St. Mary! Click here for more

can. She takes initiative to get volunteer commitments kicked off and has great communication skills. Thanks Amy for always being a dedicated volunteer at St. Mary's!" - Angela Bonner be donated back "Amy Weyker has been a true blessing here at St. Mary Parish School. Thank to St. Mary! you Amy for shining your light in all the big and little things you do daily to help our kids and school shine brightly."- Lucy Koslo Click here for more info.

> card and distributed in your church and through PLW. Learn more at ProLifeWI.org/prayer-card-contest.

\$1,500 Scholarships to three deserving young girls who are planning to enter a Catholic High School in the Fall of 2023. Application forms and

John the Evangelist. Click the image for more

Save the Date: Summer Camp! Totus Tuus Summer Camp (1st - 12th grade) | St. Mary Parish •Sunday, June 25 - Friday, June 30 Registration and more info here Art Contest for your grade. Winning entries will be printed as a prayer Steubenville Conference | St. Paul, MN

July 10 - 14, 2023: Three sessions include STEM and Critical more information, and here to register. Milwaukee Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (MACCW) 8th Grade Girls Scholarship Opportunity: MACCW will be offering three

2023 is open and ends February 15, 2023. Click the image for more info. Pompeii Men's Club Catholic High School \$2,500 Scholarship Award:

Menomonee Falls Little League Registration: ONLINE Registration for

2023 Milwaukee Festival being held on Saturday, February 18 at the Cathedral of St.

calculating your tuition credit for your State Tax return. **Parish Updates** Faith Formation Parent Input/Listening Sessions All current and prospective Faith Formation parents are invited to share their thoughts at an upcoming Input/ Listening session. This will be an opportunity to offer feedback about the 2022-23 program and receive insight into the tentative direction of next year's program. The information gathered will help determine how we assist in family and student faith engagement.

•Friday, July 28-Sunday, July 30, 2023 Catholic Social Teaching Series: Join us on Feb. 15 for 'The Call to Serve'

Thank you for your support. In the Community

Must be a Catholic Grade School student to participate. Click on the image to the right to learn more and to access the full award application. (Applications due July 1st with full, final report card).

> Change of Dismissal **Inclement Weather Policy**

Sunday, Feb. 19 | 9:15 am | St. Anthony Parish in Chesterton Academy Sunday, Feb. 26 | 9:15 am | St. Mary Parish School Conference Room **Prayer Card Art Contest** Love painting, drawing, photography, or graphic design? Submit your artwork for a chance to win the 2023 Pro-Life Wisconsin

TUITION TAX CREDIT CLARIFICATIONS Click HERE for some tips to assist you when Please join us. You can sign up for one of the two dates below via the QR Code.

the Herbst Family. Boys and Girls Soccer Skills Clinic at Dominican High School: Click image for more information and to register. Summer Camp at Dominican High School (Entering grades 2-4) Thinking, Arts and Creativity, and Soccer Skills. Click the image for

Calendar Raffle Winners

Congratulations to these \$30 winners that were drawn on February 8th: David and Georgia Lewis, Charlie Nevins, Allen Nagan, Sean Kennedy, and

Cultura Vitae Night: "Teenagers, Technology, and Mental Health," hosted by Chesterton Academy, Thurs., Feb. 16th. Click image for more information. <u>February Hot Lunch Menu</u> 2022-23 Academic Calendar

2022-23 Home & School Calendar

CHESTERTON ACADEMY

<u>Lunchroom</u> Volunteer Sign Up Playground Volunteer Sign Up <u>Updated Guidelines for COVID-19</u> Connect with us on Facebook and Instagram!