



CHALLENGING MINDS • DEVELOPING CHARACTER • LIVING JESUS

Dear St. Mary's Families,

As I reflect on our recent Open House and the tours I have been giving to prospective families, one recurring theme stands out—amazement at the depth of opportunities and offerings within our school. I have heard comments like, "I had no idea so much was happening in here!" and "Wow, I didn't know you offered so many things!" This is a testament to the incredible work of our teachers, staff, and families who make St. Mary's such a vibrant and enriching place for our students.

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden." —Matthew 5:14

Our school community is growing—not just in numbers, but in opportunities for students to thrive academically, spiritually, and socially. Every day, I see our mission in action: *St. Mary Parish School creates Catholic leaders through academic excellence, supporting diverse learners, and seeing Jesus in every person.* From engaging classroom lessons and faith-filled services to extracurricular activities and service projects, our students are being shaped into strong, compassionate leaders.

This mission is not only reflected in our students, but in you, our parents. You are the foundation of these wonderful children, modeling faith, kindness, and leadership through your actions and interactions. Thank you for your partnership in making St. Mary's a place where every child is seen, valued, and encouraged to reach their full potential.

If you ever want to learn more about our programs, share ideas, or simply have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. Together, we will continue to grow, celebrate, and share the good news of all that is happening at St. Mary Parish School!

Blessings,
Annemarie Wood

UPCOMING EVENTS

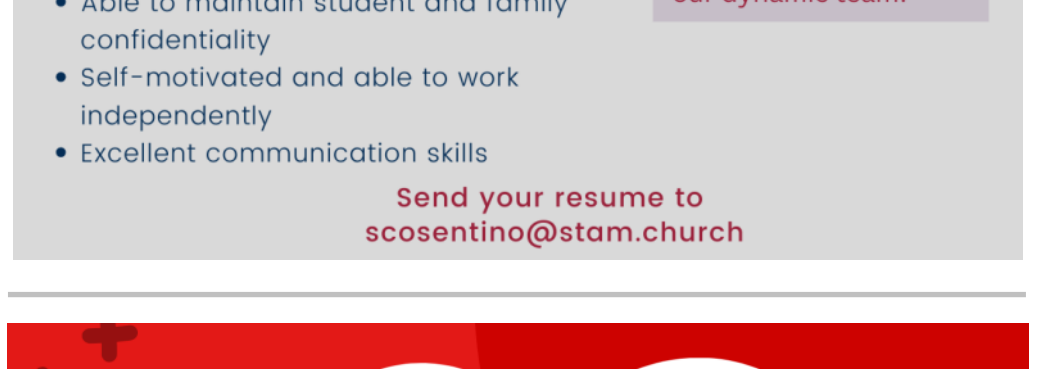
- Feb. 18**
VIP Team Photos
- Feb. 18**
[Dave's Hot Chicken Restaurant Night](#)
4 - 8pm
- Feb. 19**
Parent-Teacher Conferences (evening)
- Feb. 20**
Early Release at 11:30am
(Parent-Teacher Conferences)
- Feb. 21**
No School
(Parent-Teacher Conferences)
- Feb. 28**
[Mother-Son Cornhole Tournament](#)
Doors open 5:30pm
- Mar. 3 - 7th**
[Literati Book Fair](#)
- Mar. 6**
End of Trimester 2
- Mar. 12**
Home & School Meeting
5:30pm
- Mar. 14**
Movie Night: Leo
6:30pm
- Mar. 20**
Moana Jr. Musical
3rd—5th Grades
1pm & 6:30pm
- Mar. 24 - 28**
Spring Break
- Apr. 11**
Save the Date
[Trivia Night](#)
7pm

[View 2024-2025 Academic Calendar here](#)

Spring Conferences

Conference Dates and Times:
 Wednesday, February 19th: 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM
 Thursday, February 20th: 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

These conferences will begin with teacher requested conferences. If you do not hear from your child's teacher, then you do not need to schedule a spring conference. If you have questions, you are very welcome to reach out to any staff member any time.



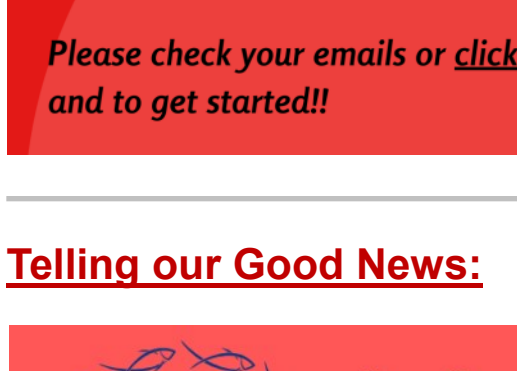
Volunteer Opportunity!

Coordinator NEEDED

We are in need of a coordinator to run the program and order gift cards, as well as help with distributing the gift cards that are shipped to St. Mary's. The commitment is not too time consuming, but does need to be done during regular parish office hours.

St. Mary's families continue to earn over \$25,000 annually in RaiseRight rebates. These rebate dollars are all used for tuition credit and parish support. RaiseRight helps to make Catholic education more affordable for so many families.

Please consider whether you can help keep this fundraiser viable.



If you have any questions, or would like to know more about volunteer opportunities, please contact Jerry Esser: jerryesser@sbcglobal.net

WE ARE HIRING

Accountant/Choice Administrator

- Bachelors Degree required
- Experience working with Excel required
- Experience with Quickbooks desktop or similar accounting program required
- Familiarity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP)
- Familiarity with the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program and Special Needs Scholarship Program (SNSP)
- Practicing Catholic preferred
- Able to maintain student and family confidentiality
- Self-motivated and able to work independently
- Excellent communication skills

We are looking for an organized accountant to support the School and Parish with CHOICE and SNSP paperwork and financials. Support our students and become a member of our dynamic team!

Send your resume to scosentino@stam.church

Kids HEART Challenge

Underway now! Please Join Us!

The Heart Heroes are here! Help our classrooms earn Amazon gift cards by signing up for the Kids Heart Challenge. Thanks to those of you who already have! We are excited to team together to achieve our goals and be a part of this life-saving effort!

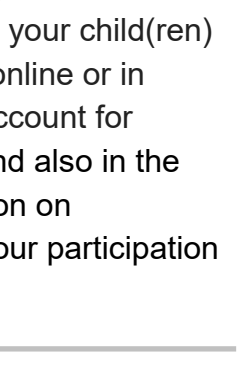
Please check your emails or [click here](#) for more important info and to get started!!

Telling our Good News:

Our Good News: 100 Days of School Glow Day

Our St. Mary Teachers are the Best:

We are so proud to have such amazing teachers here at St. Mary, and we want to show off how much they are appreciated by our students, families and fellow faculty! This week we are highlighting our K4 teacher, Mrs. Bingenheimer. Check out what some students and others had to share about her.



Teacher Spotlight: Mrs. Bingenheimer - K4

"I like her curly hair and how she teaches me letters. I learn so much from her. She's the best teacher in the whole entire world!" - Waverly, 4K

"Mrs. B is kind and I like when she teaches me. I love what she puts up in Pretend Center and she even made us an igloo!" - Kiran P., 4K

"Mrs. B is exceptionally talented with the kids. She's so patient and has helped. (Our son) grow in faith, friendships, and helped him develop a love of learning. She's awesome!" - The Prabhu Family.

"Mrs. B is the best because she teaches us letters and takes us to Mad Science class." - Jack T., 4K

[Read more quotes shared about Mrs. Bingenheimer here.](#)

Reminders:

Now Accepting Digital Recording Orders

WE KNEAD a little Christmas A recording of "We Knead a Little Christmas" musical is a great keepsake of your child's performance. Please complete the order form [here](#).

Hot Lunch Ordering Portal for March is Open

Please [order here](#). All orders must be placed by **10am on Friday, Feb. 21st**. We will not be able to add any additional meals after our counts have been submitted to our vendors.

View March lunch menu [here](#). Thank you.

Home & School Updates:

St. Mary Parish School MOTHER/SON CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

Friday, February 28, 2025
St. Mary Activity Center

Doors open at 5:30pm
 Game play 6:00-9:00pm

\$15/family
 Picnic pizza dinner

PRIZES FOR:

- Winning Mother/Son team in each age bracket
- Shoe Design Contest
- Yard Yatzee
- Best Dressed Team

[RSVP](#) by Friday, February 21st

Literati + STORY ARCADE BOOK FAIR

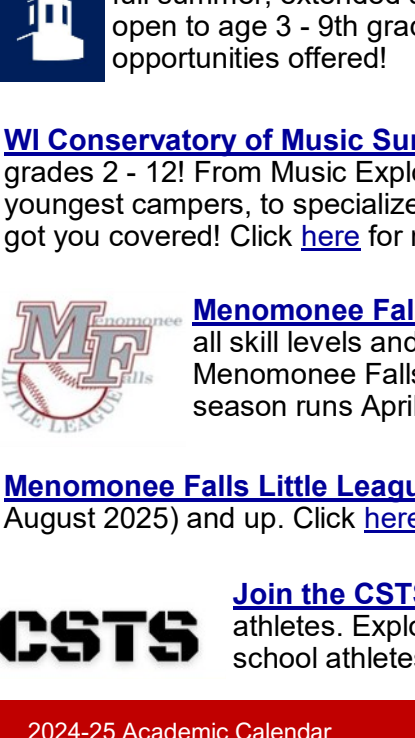
LEVEL UP YOUR READING GAME + SPRING 2025

BOOK FAIR Happening Now!

In-Person Book Fair March 3 - 7th!

We have a new book fair company called Literati! Our in person book fair is March 3-7! The [online fair](#) is open NOW until March 7. Here is a [letter](#) from our book fair chair, Ashley Phillips, which includes all the fair information as well as links to the gift card purchasing guide. Anyone can purchase a gift card for your child(ren) to use at the fair. These gift cards can be used either online or in person. If not all used, it will be saved in your child's account for future use. Our school's link for the book fair is [here](#) and also in the letter. Please be sure to read it for additional information on classroom wishlists and the book club membership! Your participation helps us earn more books for our school!

Movie Night (Last one of the year!): Leo March 14 6:30pm - 8:15pm



This event is for enrolled St. Mary students only.

Cost: \$6 donation per student billed through BlackBaud.

The students bring sleeping bags and pillows, and many of the younger students like to wear pajamas!

Parent and middle school helpers are needed. Please [sign up to help here!](#)

Questions? Contact Mary Strankowski at m.strankowski@yahoo.com

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We need your help! Our St. Mary Volunteers are our best, and we're looking for more parents/volunteers to help for our daily volunteer needs! 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 School Office at office@smps.school**

[Playground](#) Volunteer Sign Up

[Lunchroom](#) Volunteer Sign Up

Join us for our next Home & School Meeting:

All our welcome to join us at our next H&S meeting on March 12 at 5:30pm. Take a look at our Home and School Activities Calendar [here](#) for a peek at all H&S sponsored events scheduled this school year!

Athletics Updates:

WARRIOR ATHLETICS

BOYS BASKETBALL

Saturday, Feb. 8th

- 8:15AM: 5th Don Bosco Blue at Home
- 9:15AM: 5th Don Bosco Blue at Home
- 9:15AM: 6th Don Bosco Blue at St. Dominic
- 10:15AM: 8th Notre Dame at St. Jude
- 10:15AM: 7th Notre Dame at St. Sebastian
- 10:15AM: 5th Don Bosco Gold at Home
- 11:15AM: 5th Don Bosco Gold at Home
- 3PM: 8th Don Bosco Blue at Home

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Saturday, Feb. 8th

- 1PM: 5th Don Bosco Gold at Home
- 2PM: 7th Notre Dame at Home

VOLUNTEERS FOR CONCESSIONS & ADMISSIONS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for this weekend and the remainder of the basketball season. Please help out if you can! [Please sign up here.](#) Thank you!

St. Mary 8th Grade Boys "B" Team Tournament Continues Saturday and Sunday! Our 8th grade Boys B team is competing in the St. Mary Tournament which continues Saturday Feb. 8, and Sunday, Feb. 9. View Bracket here. Good luck and Go Warriors!

Parish Updates:

St. Mary Elizabeth Ministry Potluck is Feb. 10

The St. Mary Elizabeth Ministry is hosting an informational meeting and potluck gathering at 6:15 pm on Monday, Feb. 10 in the St. Elizabeth Room, located in the lower level of the parish office. Elizabeth Ministry International (EMI) and its Chapters worldwide support families during the childbearing years and beyond. Efforts led by St. Mary Elizabeth Ministry members include: Baptismal Hospitality, Christmas in July, Gardening Angels for the Marian Memorial Garden, Rosebud Prayer Program, Mother's and Father's Day projects and Service for the Loss of a Child. For information about St. Mary's Chapter, contact Elizabeth Ministry Coordinator, Geri Roskopf, at 262-255-1494 or email geriroskopf@sbcglobal.net

FATHER & SON RETREAT

March 21-22, 2025
 5-8 Year Olds

Friday 8:30 PM through Saturday 10:00 AM

\$200 PER FAMILY (4 MEMBERS MAX)

Elizabeth Ministry offers a Catholic retreat that provides fathers and sons an opportunity to:

- Make a break from the world.
- Improve quality time on their relationship.
- Create a meaningful spiritual experience.
- Enjoy a rewarding faith-filled experience.

Retreats include lodging, snacks, breakfast, priest ministrations, and breakfast!

To Register visit www.elizabethministry.com/events or call (888) 524-0557

MOTHER & DAUGHTER RETREAT

January 24-25, 2025
 8-8 Year Olds

February 28-March 1, 2025
 9-13 Year Olds

Friday 8:30 PM through Saturday 6:30 PM

\$325 PER FAMILY (4 MEMBERS MAX)

Elizabeth Ministry offers special Catholic retreats to encourage mothers and daughters to:

- Improve their relationship through prayer, reflection, and support.
- Enjoy a rewarding faith-filled experience.
- Enjoy a meaningful spiritual experience.

Retreats are customized for each age group and include lodging, snacks, meals on-site, priest ministrations, and breakfast!

To Register visit www.elizabethministry.com/events or call (888) 524-0557

Calendar Raffle Winners:

Congratulations to these \$30 winners drawn Feb. 5th: Clay Oudenhoven, Catherine Kohlmetz, MacGillis Family, Scott & Carol Davis, and Anne Dolph

Thank you for your participation!

In the Community:

- University School of Milwaukee Summer Camps:** Options exist for full summer, extended session, mini session, and weekly registrations, open to age 3 - 9th grade! Click [here](#) for more info on all of the opportunities offered!
- WI Conservatory of Music Summer Camps:** Options for grades 2 - 12! From Music Exploration Camps for our youngest campers, to specialized camps for teens, we've got you covered! Click [here](#) for more info.
- Menomonee Falls Little League Registration Open:** Open to all skill levels and also open to students who reside outside of Menomonee Falls! Registration goes through Feb. 15th, and season runs April - mid July. View Flyer [here](#).
- Menomonee Falls Little League Umpires Needed:** Open to age 13 (by August 2025) and up. Click [here](#) for more information.
- Join the CSTS Community:** A community of empowered athletes. Explore the training options for all middle and high school athletes [here](#).

2024-25 Academic Calendar	Home & School Calendar
Scrip Raise Right App	Lunchroom Volunteer Sign Up
Change of Dismissal	Playground Volunteer Sign Up
Safeguarding Training/CMG Connect	February Hot Lunch Menu

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