

CHALLENGING MINDS • DEVELOPING CHARACTER • LIVING JESUS

Dear St. Mary's Families,

We are pleased to announce that the [2025-2026 school calendar](#) is now available! As you begin planning for the next academic year, we want to highlight an important update:

Beginning next year, the second Wednesday of each month will be an early release day at 11:30 AM.

To support our families, we have confirmed that **busing will be available** on these early release days. Additionally, we will offer **after-care until 3:00 PM at no cost** for families who need it. After 3:00 PM, regular after-care rates will apply.

Why This Change?

This adjustment is a strategic decision aimed at strengthening both our academic programs and our commitment to continuous school improvement, aligning directly to our mission statement in pursuit of academic excellence and supporting our learners through Catholic tradition.

Accreditation & Self-Study Year:

Next year marks an important milestone—our self-study year in preparation for our next accreditation cycle. This process is an essential component of maintaining excellence in Catholic education. A thorough self-study requires deep reflection, collaboration, and the collection of evidence to demonstrate our commitment to high standards. These early release days will provide time for faculty and staff to engage in this meaningful work while also allowing opportunities for parental and community involvement in the process.

Enhancing Academic Excellence & Supporting Diverse Learners:

This year, we successfully introduced a new math curriculum, and next year, we are excited to launch a comprehensive literacy program (more info to come soon) that will further elevate our students' learning experiences. Additionally, our faculty will continue their ongoing professional development to support students across all levels of academic and social-emotional learning (SEL), ensuring that every child—from those developing foundational skills to high-achieving learners—receives the guidance and challenges they need to flourish.

We thank you for your continued support as we take these important steps forward. If you have any questions about the updated calendar or early release schedule, please don't hesitate to reach out.

God bless,

Annemarie Wood

UPCOMING EVENTS

TONIGHT
Movie Night: Leo 6pm

Mar. 17
Out of Uniform day: Wear Green in honor of St. Patrick's Day

Mar. 20
[Moana Jr. Musical](#)
3rd–5th grades
1pm & 6:30pm
Facebook Event link [here](#)
Sign Up to Volunteer [here](#)

Mar. 20
\$2 Out-of-Uniform Buy Out Day
(Wear Hawaiian-themed shirts or "ocean blue" to support our theater program!)

Mar. 24 - 28
Spring Break

April 2
IOWA testing begins

April 4
M.S. Social (tentative)

April 8
Stations of the Cross

Apr. 11
[Trivia Night](#)
7pm
[Sign up here](#)

April 15
[Chick-fil-A Restaurant Night](#)
4 - 8pm
*Mobile orders only
View details [here](#)

April 16
Mandatory 8th grade D.C. Trip Meeting for parents and students
6 - 7:45pm

Apr. 18 - 21
Easter Break

Apr. 23
Home & School meeting
5:30pm

Apr. 25
[Grandparents' / Special Friends' Day](#)
(more info to come)

Apr. 25
Father-Daughter Dance
(more info to come)

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

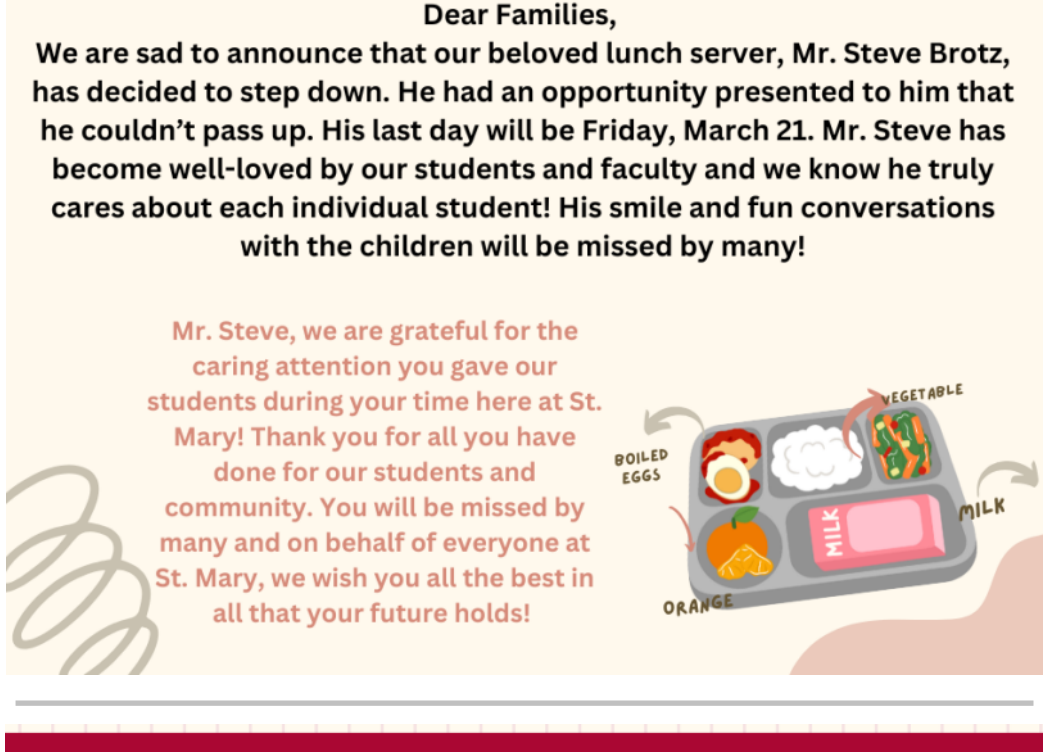
April Hot Lunch Ordering Open: Orders Due March 20th by 10am



The ordering for April is now open. Please place your orders [here](#). Orders are due by Thursday, March 20th by 10am. We will not be able to accept orders after our counts have been submitted to our vendors. Thank you for understanding.

View April lunch Menu [here](#).

Volunteers Needed Thursday!
Helpers needed Thursday (Costuming, ticket sales, etc!) and Friday AM (clean up)



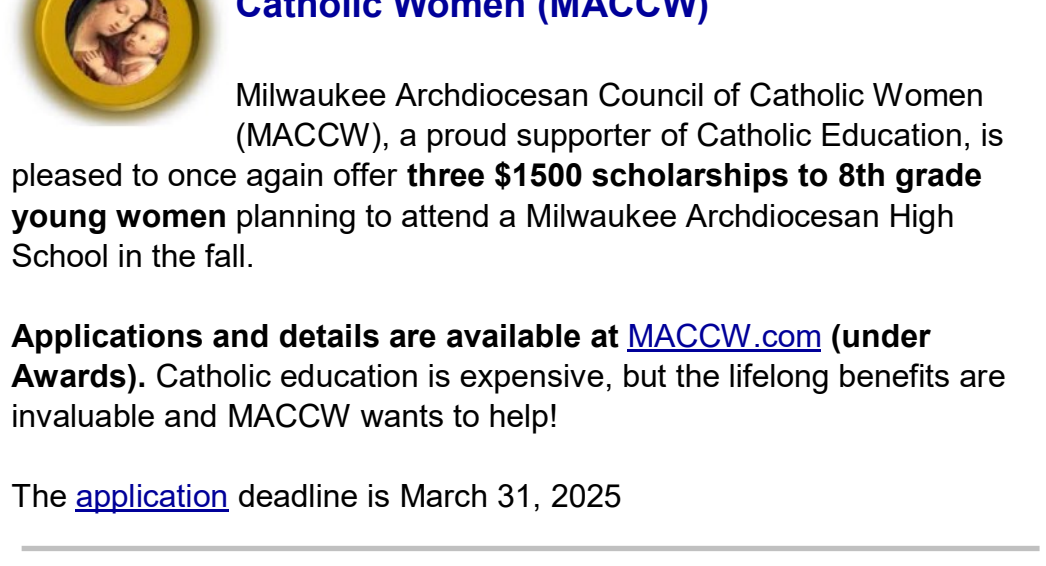
Your help is needed to make this play run smoothly!

Please consider signing up [HERE](#). Contact Ann MacGillis with any questions. Thank you! **VOLUNTEERS MUST BE SAFE GUARDED.**

\$2 Out-of-Uniform Buy-Out Day: March 20

Wear Hawaiian shirts or "Ocean blue" in support of our Moana musical! All cash raised will go directly to supporting the SMPS Theater program! Out-of-uniform guidelines apply. Thanks for your support!

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL PROUDLY PRESENTS....



THURSDAY, MARCH 20
ST. MARY ACTIVITY CENTER

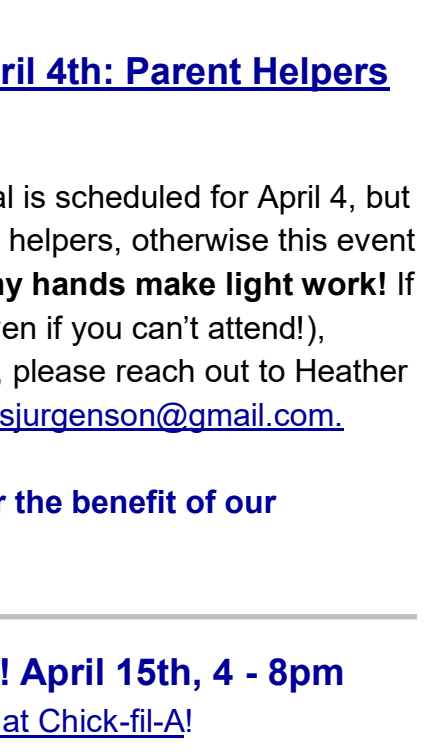
1PM Matinee Show (Doors open 12:30pm) 6:30 pm Evening Show (Doors open 6pm)



MR. STEVE STEPPING DOWN

Dear Families,
We are sad to announce that our beloved lunch server, Mr. Steve Brotz, has decided to step down. He had an opportunity presented to him that he couldn't pass up. His last day will be Friday, March 21. Mr. Steve has become well-loved by our students and faculty and we know he truly cares about each individual student! His smile and fun conversations with the children will be missed by many!

Mr. Steve, we are grateful for the caring attention you gave our students during your time here at St. Mary! Thank you for all you have done for our students and community. You will be missed by many and on behalf of everyone at St. Mary, we wish you all the best in all that your future holds!



SAVE THE DATE

GRANDPARENTS' / SPECIAL FRIENDS' DAY

DATE APRIL 25, 2025
TIME 08:00 - 10:30 AM
 More details coming soon!



The Seton Tuition Assistance Fund: Application

The Seton Volleyball Championships benefit The Waukesha County Catholic Schools Tuition Assistance Fund, which is used to make Catholic school education a real possibility for those elementary students who may not otherwise be able to afford full tuition. Tuition assistance is provided in the form of \$1,000 grants, paid directly to your child's school on your behalf. View [additional information and application here](#).

The Milwaukee Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (MACCW)

Milwaukee Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (MACCW), a proud supporter of Catholic Education, is pleased to once again offer **three \$1500 scholarships to 8th grade young women** planning to attend a Milwaukee Archdiocesan High School in the fall.

Applications and details are available at [MACCW.com](#) (under Awards). Catholic education is expensive, but the lifelong benefits are invaluable and MACCW wants to help! The [application](#) deadline is March 31, 2025

Director of Teaching: From the Desk of Mrs. Mogilevsky:

STEAM Club: 3D Printing, Coding, and More!
For Grades 3-5

Join us for an after-school STEAM Club where students will explore 3D printing, coding, and more! Sessions run Tuesdays in April (April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29) from 3:00-4:00 PM. The cost is \$15 per student, with a max of 15 participants. Families will be charged through Blackbaud. [Sign up by Friday, March 28!](#)

For questions, contact Erika Mogilevsky at mogilevskye@smps.school.

Telling our Good News:

The Good News is...
8th Grade Boys @ the Padre

Heart, integrity, and tenacity - Hold your heads high guys, we're incredibly proud of you!

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 M.S. math teacher, Mrs. Nennig. Check out what some students and others had to share about her.

Teacher Spotlight: Mrs. Nennig, M.S. Math

"Mrs. Nennig is kind and an extraordinary teacher. She always makes her lessons fun and interesting with her Nennigism."
- Sadie

"There is a snowbank for you (she helps you when it snows up)." - Lucas

"Mrs. Nennig is a wonderful and dedicated teacher. She pushes her students to do their best and to treat each other with respect. She is upfront with students and parents about expectations. She is an asset to our school."
- Sarah Harenke

"She pushes us to do our best and to be the best." - Ian

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

Home & School Updates:

Middle School Social Tentative April 4th: Parent Helpers Needed (or event will be cancelled)

WE NEED YOUR HELP

A middle school social is scheduled for April 4, but we need more parent helpers, otherwise this event will be canceled. **Many hands make light work!** If you can help plan (even if you can't attend!), organize, set up, etc., please reach out to Heather Jurgenson at heathersjurgenson@gmail.com.

Let's find a way to make this happen for the benefit of our students! Thank you!

Save the Date! April 15th, 4 - 8pm

Restaurant Night at Chick-fil-A!
*Mobile Orders only
View flyer with ordering info/details [here](#)

Join us for our next Home & School Meeting April 23rd

All our welcome to join us at our next H&S meeting on April 23rd at 5:30pm in the St. Mary conference rooms. (Please enter through blue alleyway doors off of Hayes Ave). All school parents are welcome.

Trivia Night

FRIDAY, APRIL 11TH
7PM
SIGN UP HERE TODAY!

(DOORS OPEN 6:30)
ACTIVITY CENTER

CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP!

TICKET \$10

Trivia night is open to all school families and parishioners but also family, friends, neighbors. Compete for a cash prize and the traveling trophy! Spread the word! Make a team and come join the fun!!!

Trivia night is a fun adult night out- bring your own snacks and beverages (adult beverages are welcome!) Costumes are welcome but not required! Cost is \$10 per person, teams up to ten people Contact the school office for a babysitter list! Hope to see you there!

QUESTIONS? EMAIL KUHNMD1528@YAHOO.COM

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We need your help! Weekly volunteer slots are available! 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

Parish Updates:

Sing to the Lord!

Our St. Mary Parish Children's Choir is looking for voices to join us in singing for weekend Masses. The Children's Choir sings once per month, October through May, at the 9:30 Mass, with rehearsal starting at 8:35 before the Mass. Remaining dates for this year include: **March 16, April 13, and May 18.** The choir is open to children second grade and older. If you'd like to join, please contact Danielle DeMeuse at demeused@stam.church or Anna Wozniak at wozniaka@stam.church

Family Adoration & Potluck

Sunday
March 16

Join St. Mary and St. Anthony parish families at 4:30 PM on Sunday, March 16 for a time of Adoration followed by a potluck dinner at St. Mary.

From 4:30-5 pm we will adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, with Fr. Linn leading us in prayer — spoken and silent. We will close with Vespers and Benediction. Following Adoration, we will enjoy a shared meal and have an opportunity for fellowship.

All parishioners and guests are welcome. Adoration will take place at St. Mary Church and the potluck dinner in the Activity Center. Tell us what you are bringing to the potluck using the QR Code.

Calendar Raffle Winners:

Congratulations to these \$30 winners drawn March 12th:
Dorothy Nilles-Cook, Lauren Taylor, Mary Schneider, Kelly Vecitis, and the Crivello family

Thank you for your participation!

In the Community:

Cloud 9 Summer Camps: Choose from several art and sewing camps; options for grades K5 - 8!

Camp Toro Day Camp: (June 23 - 26, 10am - 4pm) Open to boys ages 8-11. The boys will play hard and pray hard for four days—enjoying sports, swimming and games as well as daily Mass, the Rosary, and talks on leadership and virtue. To be added to the email list, please contact krisyvandrastek@yahoo.com

Falls Summer Academy: Open to students who reside in the boundaries of the Menomonee Falls school district. Please click [here](#) for more information and to register!

Camp Chesterton Day Camp 2025: Tuesday, June 10th. Open to students ages 8 - 12 years old. Click [here](#) for more info and to register.

Rocket Aquatics Learn to Swim Clinics: For children between the ages of 4-14 and interested in improving and developing basic swimming strokes geared towards competitive swimming, building endurance, swimming and having fun. Click [here](#) for more info.

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.

CSTS Join the **CSTS Community:** A community of empowered athletes. Explore the training options for all middle and high school athletes [here](#).