

CHALLENGING MINDS • DEVELOPING CHARACTER • LIVING JESUS

Dear St. Mary's Families,

Wow—what an incredible journey we all took to **Montunui** this past weekend! A huge **Maui-sized** thank you to our amazing cast and crew for their hard work, talent, and energy in bringing *Moana Jr.* to life. The kids truly shined! And, of course, none of it would have been possible without the **incredible support of our parents and teachers**—from crafting costumes and props to building scenery, practicing songs and dances, and running lines at home. We know those tunes have been playing on repeat in many households for weeks! Thank you for making this such a magical experience for our students.

This week, we are also sharing the **results of our parent survey**—your feedback is incredibly valuable in shaping our school's future. You'll find key takeaways in the newsletter, including areas where we are growing and opportunities for improvement. Your voice matters, and we're so grateful for your insights!

As we head into **spring break**, I encourage everyone to take a deep breath, step away from the daily routine, and embrace this time to recharge. St. Augustine reminds us, **"You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in You."** May this break be a time of renewal, rest, and joy, so we can return refreshed and ready to finish the year strong!

Enjoy the break, and see you soon!

Annemarie Wood

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar. 24 - 28
Spring Break

April 2
Forward Testing begins
(Grades 3–8)

April 4
M.S. Social—Game Night!
5th - 8th Grade welcome!

April 8
Stations of the Cross

April 9
Spring Young Rembrandts begins

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

April 15
Chick-fil-A Restaurant Night
*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

April 25
Father-Daughter Dance
(more to come)

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

Parent Survey Results Overview:

Please view [here](#). Thank you again to everyone who contributed.

Jr. Decent Program Mini Survey:

Additionally, please complete this [mini survey](#) about our Jr. Decent Program. We appreciate your feedback, and this survey should only take two minutes of your time. Thank you!

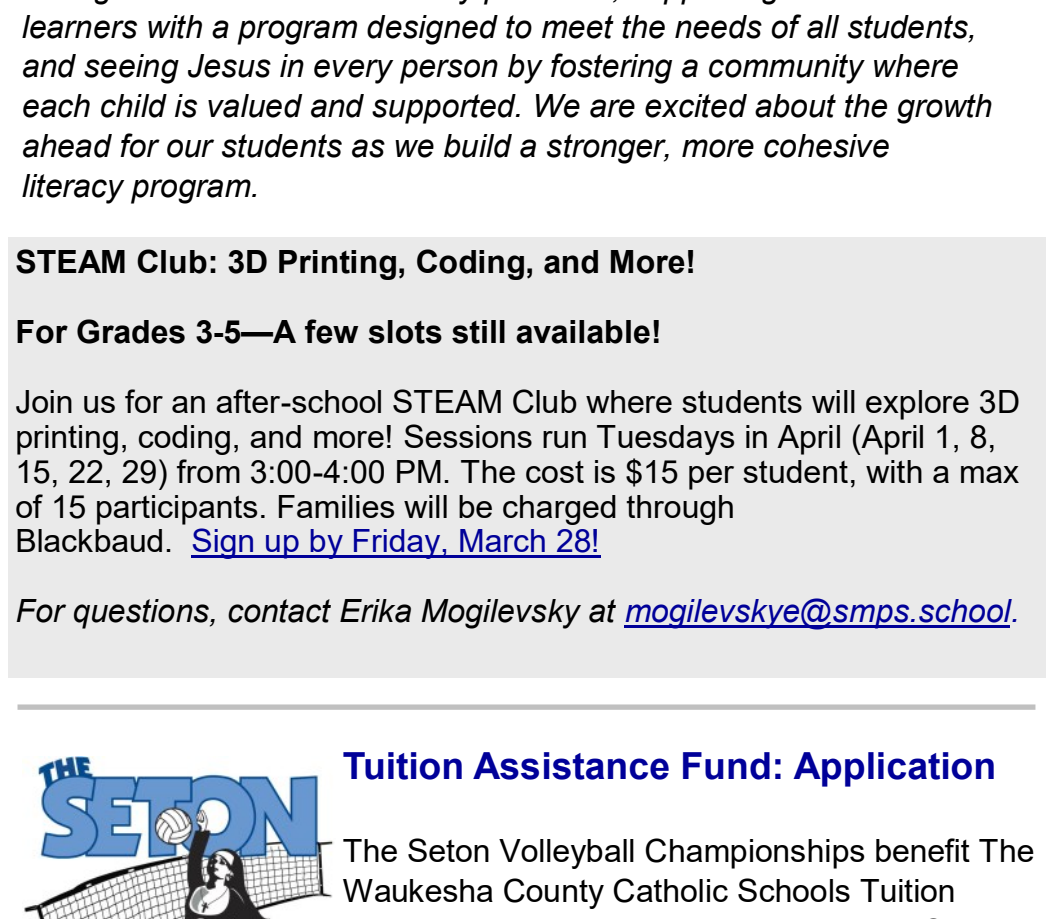
SHOW PHOTOS: [Click here](#) to view a Google shared album with pictures from the shows, and feel free to add your own to share the memories with everyone!

Thank you again to all of our Theatre Guild Members, Mrs. Wood, Mr. Maurer, Mr. Haimann, Mrs. Prosser, Mrs. Prabhu, Ms. Schaefer, Ms. Curran, Mrs. Kleinmann, stage crew, and the many other staff, volunteers and parents who had any help in putting on this production! It takes a village, and this wouldn't have been the great success it was without your help!

Telling our Good News:

The Good News is "Moana Jr.!"

A huge congratulations to our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders for two epic performances on Thursday! Your hard work helped you all find the way to putting on an unforgettable show! A Maui-sized thank you to everyone who had a hand in helping with this production! Your hard work shines, too!



LOOKING FOR A DIRECTOR FOR OUR MAY MIDDLE SCHOOL PLAY

HELP WANTED

director needed

WE'RE HOPING TO FIND SOMEONE WHO CAN COME IN DURING THE SCHOOL DAY AND DIRECTOR OUR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS IN THEIR PLAY.

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

At our School Advisory Meeting this week, I shared the findings of our comprehensive literacy review, which revealed inconsistencies in K-5 reading and writing instruction and a need for more professional learning for teachers. Over the past year, we established a Literacy Leadership Team, used the Wisconsin Curriculum Crosswalk Tool to guide our next steps in literacy shifts, and secured a \$25,000 "Love One Another" grant for literacy resources. Teachers are engaging in structured literacy training focused on best practice strategies, with ongoing professional development to ensure effective literacy instruction for all students. After careful evaluation and piloting, we are excited to implement *Being a Reader and Being a Writer by Collaborative Classroom* to strengthen our reading and writing instruction in K-5, while continuing to use *Foundations for phonics*. Teachers will participate in training and ongoing collaboration to ensure a strong, research-based approach to literacy instruction. This work aligns with our mission statement by promoting academic excellence through evidence-based literacy practices, supporting diverse learners with a program designed to meet the needs of all students, and seeing Jesus in every person by fostering a community where each child is valued and supported. We are excited about the growth ahead for our students as we build a stronger, more cohesive literacy program.

STEAM Club: 3D Printing, Coding, and More!

For Grades 3-5—A few slots still available!

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.

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)

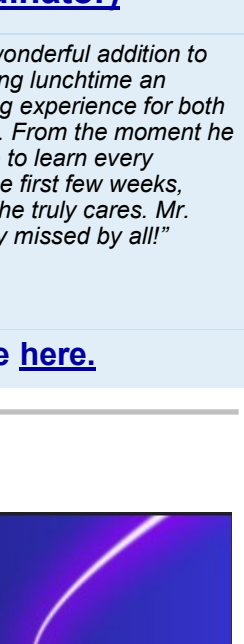
Milwaukee Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (MACCW), a proud supporter of Catholic Education, is pleased to once again offer **three \$1500 scholarships to 8th grade young women** planning to attend a Milwaukee Archdiocesan High School in the fall.

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

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 is a bit different as we say goodbye to our lunchroom coordinator, Steve, as Friday was his last day at St. Mary. We will miss you!



Goodbye Mr. Steve Brotz - (Lunchroom Coordinator)

"Thank you for serving us the lunches. We will miss you. Thank you for being kind and generous to us." — Christian L.

"Mr. Steve has been a wonderful addition to the St. Mary team, making lunchtime an enjoyable and welcoming experience for both students and volunteers. From the moment he started, he took the time to learn every student's name within the first few weeks, showing just how much he truly cares. Mr. Steve, you will be deeply missed by all!" — Tori Gannon

Read more quotes shared about Mr. Steve [here](#).

Home & School Updates:

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL

GAME NIGHT

Neon

MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIAL

FRIDAY, APRIL 4TH
6-8 PM

[CLICK HERE FOR INFORMATION AND SIGN UP](#)

Library Spring Cleaning—April 5th Helpers Needed!

The library is looking to do a little Spring Cleaning. Saturday, April 5th 9:30am to 11:30am. Adult and Middle School volunteers needed. We will be cleaning, organizing and adding new books into the system. Children welcome!

Sign Up [here!](#) Thank you for your help!
-Sarah Harenke

GRANDPARENTS'/ SPECIAL FRIENDS' DAY

DATE APRIL 25, 2025 **RSVP**

VOLUNTEER FOR THE EVENT **DONATE REFRESHMENTS**

SCHEDULE:
8:00 - 9:00 AM - MASS
9:15 - 9:35 AM - LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AND SOCIAL IN ACTIVITY CENTER (DOORS OPEN @ 9:00)
9:35-10:15 AM - BINGO
10:15-10:30 AM - PRAYER

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: **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

Calendar Raffle Winners:

Congratulations to these \$30 winners drawn March 19th:
Jennifer Samson, Diane Harley, Zachary Favour, and Mark Krawczyk

And congrats to this \$250 winner drawn March 21st:
Phillips 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 krisvandrastek@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.

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

