

CHALLENGING MINDS

DEVELOPING CHARACTER

Dear Families,



PLAYGROUND UPDATE: Our play structure has been ordered! See rendering below. We should have a delivery date in a couple of weeks so we can start planning for the community build. We are hoping for a late July, early August build so keep your fingers crossed and stay tuned!



GRANDPARENTS/SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY! This special day will be here before you know it. Please take a look at the signup genius below to see how you can help make this day extra special for our guests and our students! Invitations will be sent out after spring break.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY: If you are spring cleaning next week, please keep an eye out for school library books. Late notices will go out after spring break.

2024-25 SCHOOL CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS:

- August 26: First Day of School
- November 27- December 2: Thanksgiving Break
- December 23 January 3: Christmas Break
- March 24-28: Spring Break
- April 18-21: Easter Break
- June 6: Last Day of School

Happy Easter! See you all on Monday, April 8th.

Linda Joyner

UPCOMING EVENTS

LIVING JESUS

March 29 - April 5 No School Easter Break

April 8 Home & School Meeting 7 - 8:30pm

> April 9 Eye Screening K3—K5 Permission Slip

April 12 <u>Movie Night</u> Disney Pixar's <u>Luca</u> 6:30pm <u>Permission Slip here</u>

April 17 MAP testing begins

April 19 Middle School Social <u>GLOW Party!</u> Activity Center 6 - 8pm (Grades 5 - 8) <u>Permission slip</u>

April 24 <u>Toppers Restaurant</u> <u>Night</u> 4 - 9pm

April 26 Grandparents'/Special Friends' Day

May 1 - 4 8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip

> **May 6** First Communion 9:30 - 10:30am

May 15 School Rosary Glorious Mysteries 11:15am

View Full Calendar

Grandparents'/Special Friends' Day April 26, 2024



We are beyond excited to welcome all of our amazing grandparents and special guests to St. Mary's! It's going to be such a special day filled with many cherished memories for our students and families.

We can't wait to show off our school and all the incredible things we've been working on. Let's make sure they leave feeling extra loved and appreciated during their visit!

If you are available for a few hours on Friday, please <u>sign up</u> <u>here</u> to volunteer your time.

We also need some treats and beverages for everyone to enjoy. Please check this <u>sign up genius</u> for a list of needed refreshments. You can drop off your contributions at the school office by Thursday, April 25th. Thank you for helping make this day extra special!

More details will be coming soon!

Students Visit Soles for Jesus with Generous Donation

On Wednesday, a group of 14 middle school students visited Soles for Jesus to deliver the donations collected during Lent and volunteered to assist in sorting shoes. Our team successfully sorted and packed more than 400 pairs of shoes during our visit! The shoes we packed today will be going to Burundi and Botswana. Learn more about <u>Soles for Jesus here</u>. View a few more pictures from the day <u>here</u>.



Thank you to all the students and families who donated shoes to make this donation possible!



Next Young Rembrandts Session Begins **April 10th.** Click the image to the left for more info and to register!

Students Celebrate Easter & Holy Week!

Mrs. Halverson's second grade class had fun looking for an egg filled with jellybeans and then graphing them! They also had to answer some other *"eggcellent"* questions about math and got to meet with their 7th grade buddies to make a Holy Week wreath. Students in 4K and 4th grade enjoyed sharing bread and wine (a.k.a. grape juice) with each other! Check out a few more pictures from this week <u>here</u>.



Daily Playground and Lunchroom Volunteers Needed

Please see below for links to sign up for our daily volunteer needs. We greatly appreciate your time and help! Here are the links to sign up:

> Lunchroom Sign Up Playground Sign Up

Slots are available nearly every day for the first two weeks after we return from break. Please help us fill these openings!

*IMPORTANT: all volunteers must have completed the Safeguarding Training. If you have not done so, please contact the parish office.

Our St. Mary Teachers are the Best!

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 our music teacher, Mr. Haimannn. Check out what some students, families and fellow teachers had to say:



Teacher Spotlight: Mr. Haimann, Music

"Ben is very passionate about music and passes that on to his students. I appreciated his willingness to help me with the Christmas musical, by teaching the students the choreography. This was a HUGE help to me. I also was grateful for his encouragement as well as the pointers he gave me. You are a gem Ben and we are lucky to have you here!" - Cristal Halverson

"Mr. Haimann is the best music teacher I have ever

"I like that Mr. H lets us play the instruments sometimes." -Oliver H., 1st grade

"I like that he taught us the song 'I Want A Dog' because it's fun to sing." -Emery H., 1st grade

"Mr. H is a really good music teacher because he makes up so many funny songs." - Addy S., 1st grade

had. He helps us learn about all of the instruments and he is very funny. I love that he laughs when we say funny things." - Michael D., 1st grade

"I love that he taught us the silly song Punch-A-

Nellow" - Grace H., 1st grade

"I like how Mr. H lets us do fun activities during music class." -Autumn B., 1st grade

"Mr. H is the best teacher ever because we get to do so many fun things." - Anna W., 1st grade

Read more quotes about Mr. Haimann here.

Home & School Updates



GLOW Party Middle School Dance! Friday, April 19th 6 - 8PM

Open to students grades 5 - 8!

Welcome 5th graders as you celebrate your move to middle school next school year! Dress in Neon/Glow-in-the-dark clothes and join us for Music, Dancing, Games, Pizza, Ice Cream, and more!

Now accepting student music requests! <u>Click here for the QR code</u> to request songs for the night of the dance! (Use access code mps2024)

<u>Click here</u> for the flyer with all the details, and <u>here</u> for the permission slip *(due to the office by April 12).*

Please sign up to <u>volunteer and/or donate here</u>.

*If you're interested in helping plan middle school socials/dances next year, please contact Christine Courtney at cchristine485@gmail.com



St. Mary Home & School Meeting Monday, April 8 *7pm*



School Conference Rooms (lower level, enter through Hayes alleyway doors)

All are welcome!



Toppers Restaurant Night April 24, 4-9PM 20% of sales will be donated to St. Mary! View flyer here!

Athletics Updates

St. Mary's (Menomonee Falls) Eighth Grade Boys' Basketball Team Wins their First Padre Serra Championship in School's History



Pictured left to right: PJ Rinzel, Daniel Regent-Smith, Coach Bobby Regent-Smith, Charlie Bliemehl, Ty Meulemans, Emmett Munson, Cameron Wentworth, Giuseppe Cutraro, Coach Phil Rinzel *(back)*, Justin Nygaard, Jack Olszewski, Zac Meulemans, Coach Brandon Kirchoff

The St. Mary's eighth grade boys basketball team made history by winning the Padre Serra tournament title after a 50-36 win against Waukesha Catholic at Dominican High School on Sunday, March 24. It was the first championship earned by a boys team at the school.

The win was the culmination of an impressive season for the team,

entering this tournament with a 29-0 season record and four other first place tournament honors under their belt. Those tournaments include the St. John Vianney tournament, the St. Mary home tournament, the Holy Angels tournament in West Bend, and the St. Rita tournament in Racine.

"Beyond winning the Padre and having the greatest year in St. Mary boys basketball history, we saw friendships form and relationships cemented between longtime and new teammates," said Brandon Kirchoff, one of the team's coaches. "It was a great thing to see."

While no one could have predicted the eighth grade team's historymaking win, there were early signs that the team had promise...

Read the full story here on our website

Parish Updates



Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday, March 28 7pm | Mass of the Last Supper (No 8:10 am Mass)

Good Friday, March 29 3 pm | The Lord's Passion (No 8:10 am Mass/No 12 pm Confession) 9 am -12 pm Confession at St. Anthony

Holy Saturday, March 30 8 pm | Easter Vigil (The only Mass on Holy Saturday is the Vigil)

Give Glory to God as an Altar Server: Next Training is April 13

There will be an Altar Server training on Saturday, April 13 from 2:30 pm to 4pm at St. Anthony Parish. Any student who is in 3rd grade and above is eligible. The training is for **all servers** regardless of the parish at which they will be serving (St. Mary or St. Anthony). This is a wonderful opportunity for students to deepen their understanding of the Mass. Email Sharon Memory at memorys@stam.church to RSVP.

Earn Volunteer Hours at Spring Work Day

St. Mary is hosting two Spring Work Days to prepare the grounds for spring. Join us from 8 to 11:30 on April 20 and/or May 11. This is a great opportunity to earn volunteer hours while taking care of our spiritual home.

Register online here.

Calendar Raffle Winners

Congratulations to these \$30 winners drawn on March 27th: Anne Dolph, Jack Richards, Crivello Family, Patricia Lohmann, and Rachel Beilfuss

Thank you for your support and participation!

In the Community

STARBASE Wisconsin offering two FREE STEM programs this summer: Choose from "Life Science and Wisconsin Wildlife" and/or "Aviation and Flight Simulation " Learn more about these hands-on summ

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Summer Camps at Camp de Sales: Summer day camps led by new Vocation Director Father Michael Malucha at the seminary for middle school men. Each day is filled with sports, prayer, and community. The boys will be served lunch. They can register for one, two or all three of the camps held on Saturday, June 22; Thursday, July 25; and/or Tuesday, August 6. Find more info and register <u>here</u>.

DSHA Summer Camp Program, Summer Cool: Choose from over 100 camps offered for girls in rising grades 1 –9. Additionally, <u>Community Theatre Works</u> (CTW) is staging *The Spongebob Musical*, open to girls and boys in rising grades 5 - 12. <u>Click here</u> for more information on all opportunities offered!





Camp Chesterton 2024: Summer one-day camp for kids ages 8 - 12. Highlights of the day include Mass, games, lunch, age-appropriate virtue talks, house competitions, and more! Cost is \$50 per child. Registration deadline is May 31. *Click the logo to learn more and for the link to register*.

2023-24 Academic Calendar 2023-24 Home & School Calendar Change of Dismissal Scrip Raise Right App <u>Playground</u> Volunteer Sign Up <u>Lunchroom</u> Volunteer Sign Up <u>April Hot Lunch Menu</u> <u>Safeguarding Training/CMG Connect</u>

