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Dear Families,

**“Whatever you did for the least of these...you did for me.” ~ Jesus**

**LENTEN ALMSGIVING PROJECT UPDATE:** Our shoe bins are filling up but we still have plenty of room so please consider donating some new or gently used shoes to our Soles For Jesus outreach project. It is quite humbling to think that the rarely worn shoes collecting dust in the back of our closets could make a life-changing difference in the life of a child or adult in Africa.

**Already do your spring cleaning?** No problem! We are also accepting monetary donations to help with shipping the shoes. To that end we will be holding a **buy-out-day on Thursday, March 21st**. On this day, students may be out of uniform for a \$1 or more donation. All proceeds will go towards our Lenten project.

**DROP OFF/PICK UP SAFETY:** We have had a few close calls during drop off and pick up over the past few weeks. For everyone's safety, please be extra vigilant when dropping students off in the morning and picking up after school. Please do not pass other cars in the morning car line as students may be exiting from the passenger side. Also note at pick up, students should remain inside the coned off area until a parent comes to pick them up and walk them to their cars. If you have grandparents or others dropping off and picking up your children, please make sure you share our safety procedures with them. **Thank you for your cooperation in keeping everyone safe!**

**LET'S GO WARRIORS! Congratulations to all three of our 8th grade basketball teams** who received invitations to play in the Padre Serra Tournament! This year's tournament begins on Saturday, March 9 and will be held at Dominican High School. You can come and cheer on our teams during the first round of the tournament at the following days/times:

- March 9 at 1:45 PM - Boys, Division 2
- March 15 at 7:45 PM - Girls
- March 17 at 5:30 PM - Boys, Division 1

**Please join us in praying the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary on Thursday, March 14th at 1:00 PM in the church.**



**Complete our parent survey this weekend and your child will receive an out-of-uniform pass!!**

Let's Go Warriors!  
Linda Joyner

UPCOMING EVENTS	
<b>March 14</b>	School Rosary, 1pm
<b>March 15</b>	M.S. Retreat Catholic Youth Rally
<b>March 16</b>	Irish Gala Sponsorship info <a href="#">here</a>
<b>March 19</b>	Stations of the Cross (Performed by 8th Graders) Activity Center 1pm
<b>March 19</b>	<a href="#">Chipotle Restaurant</a> 4 - 8pm
<b>March 21</b>	Buy-out of Uniform Day
<b>March 22</b>	Mother/Son Event <a href="#">Cornhole Tournament</a> Doors open 5:30 <a href="#">RSVP</a> by March 15
<b>March 25 - 29</b>	Holy Week
<b>March 26</b>	8th Grade UWM Planetarium Field Trip
<b>March 29 - April 5</b>	No School Easter Break
<b>April 8</b>	Home & School Meeting 7 - 8:30pm
<b>April 12</b>	Movie Night <i>More info to come</i>
<b>April 17</b>	MAP testing begins
<b>April 19</b>	Middle School Social <a href="#">GLOW Party!</a> Activity Center 6 - 8pm
<b>April 26</b>	Grandparents' Day
<b>May 1 - 4</b>	8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip
<b>May 15</b>	School Rosary Glorious Mysteries 11:15am

[View Full Calendar](#)

## Local Summer School Programs - Registrations open soon!



Summer is going to be here before we know it! If you're looking for options to keep your children busy and learning this summer, then check out these local summer school programs and opportunities. Note that some registrations open very soon and fill up quickly. Click the links below to read more info about the programs offered and for links to register!

### Menomonee Falls Resident Summer School:

2024 Falls Summer Academy Registration will open online at 9PM on Sunday, April 14, 2024.  
[Menomonee Falls Summer School 2024](#)

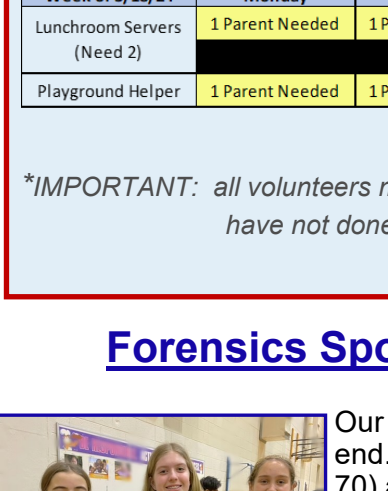
### Germantown Resident Summer School:

Dates to Note Regarding Summer School Registration  
 March 1 - Summer school courses available for preview  
 March 14 - Course registration opens  
 April 4 - Non-resident course registration opens  
 April 12 - Registration closes  
[Germantown Summer School 2024 Information](#)  
[Germantown Summer School Course Information](#)

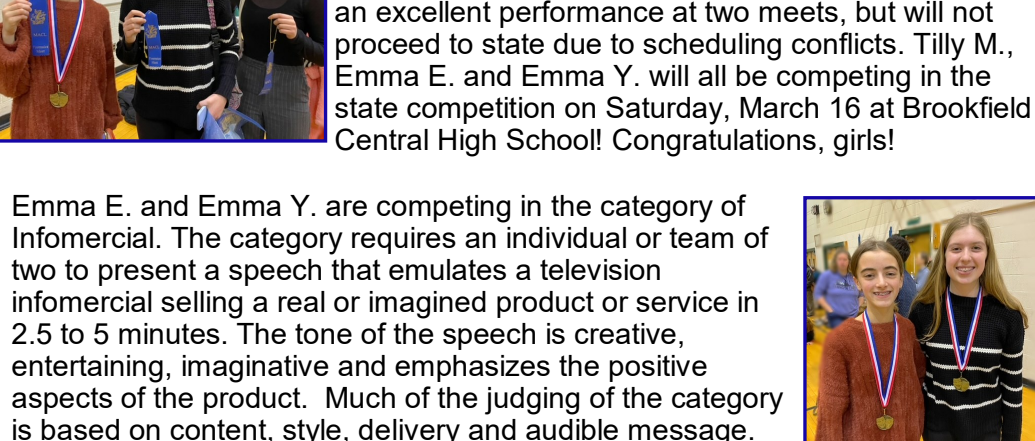
### Sussex Resident Summer School (Summer Opportunities Program):

Dates to Note Regarding Summer School Registration:  
 Course Listings, registration procedures, end-of-day plans released: week of March 11  
 March 11 - Registration Begins  
[Summer Opportunities Program Information](#)

## Students Celebrate Read Across America Week with Fun Learning Activities!

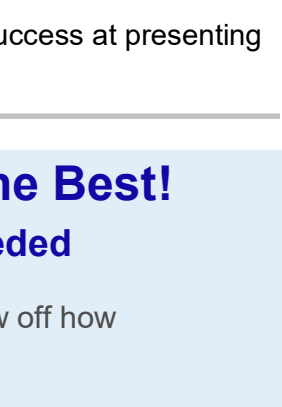


Students had a blast celebrating *Read Across America Week* in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday! Students got to act like scientists and made oobleck (a non-Newtonian fluid) based off the Dr. Seuss book, "Bartholomew and the Oobleck" and several classes wore mustaches based off the book, "The Lorax"! The "Read Across America road trip" our K4 - 4th grade students went on took them on a whirlwind adventure across the United States, filled with lots of reading! From reading in Alaska, each student was a new chapter in their reading adventure! Check out some more pictures of the exciting week [here!](#)



## Scholarships Available Through WCCS Tuition Assistance Fund. Deadline April 1st

Click [here](#) for more info



## Daily Playground and Lunchroom Volunteers Needed

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

- [Lunchroom Sign Up](#)
- [Playground Sign Up](#)

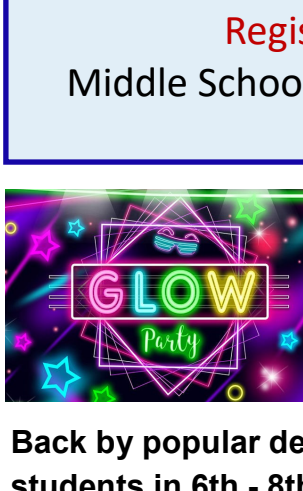
Week of 3/11/24	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchroom Servers (Need 2)	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed	Arin Nguyen Ann MacGillis	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed
Playground Helper	Becky Leupli	1 Parent Needed	Patrick McGarry	1 Parent Needed	Carolyn Steifflug

Week of 3/18/24	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchroom Servers (Need 2)	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed
Playground Helper	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed	Kristin Stank	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed

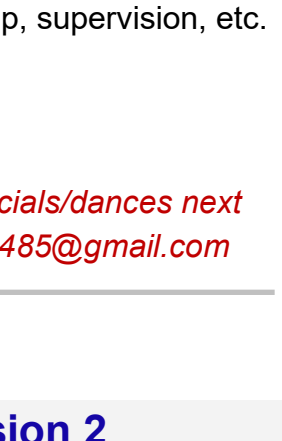
*\*IMPORTANT: all volunteers must have completed the Safeguarding Training. If you have not done so, please contact the parish office.*

## Forensics Spotlight: Emma E. & Emma Y.



Our regular season for Forensics has come to an end. Participants must earn an average of 62 (out of 70) at 3 meets in order to qualify for the Middle Level Forensics Association state competition. Loreli D. had an excellent performance at two meets, but will not proceed to state due to scheduling conflicts. Tilly M., Emma E. and Emma Y. will all be competing in the state competition on Saturday, March 16 at Brookfield Central High School! Congratulations, girls!

Emma E. and Emma Y. are competing in the category of Infomercial. The category requires an individual or team of two to present a speech that emulates a television infomercial selling a real or imagined product or service in 2.5 to 5 minutes. The tone of the speech is creative, entertaining, imaginative and emphasizes the positive aspects of the product. Much of the judging of the category is based on content, style, delivery and audible message. Have you ever had a hard time communicating with your pet? If so, the Emmas have a sales pitch for you...the Pet Translator!



[Click here to read the full story](#) and more about their success at presenting their imagined product!

## Our St. Mary Teachers are the Best! Teacher Spotlight: Quotes Needed

We're proud of our St. Mary teachers and want to show off how wonderful they are and how much they're appreciated!

A request was sent this week for quotes to highlight another one of our wonderful teachers. We are still looking for more quotes to share! If your student has this teacher, there is an email with a request for quotes in your inbox that was sent on March 5th. Please send anything you our your student wish to share to Heather at [mccabeh@smmps.school](mailto:mccabeh@smmps.school) by next Wednesday. Thank you!

## Home & School Updates

**Chipotle Restaurant Night!**  
 Tuesday, March 19th  
 4pm - 8pm

Dine in or order online for pick up while supporting St. Mary!

33% of sales will be donated back to our school! View the [flyer here](#) with important ordering info.

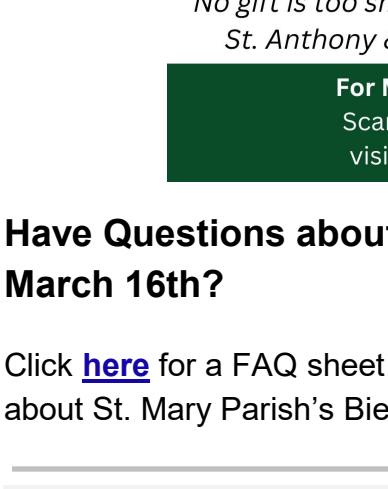
Thanks for your support!

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

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

All are welcome!

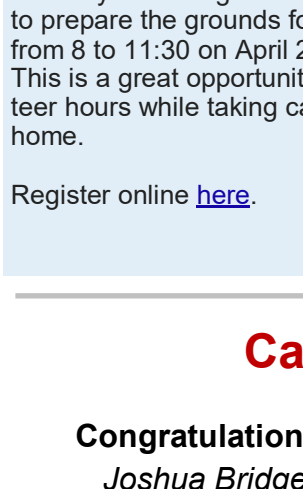
## MOTHER/SON CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT



**Friday, March 22, 2024**  
**St. Mary Activity Center**  
**Doors Open 5:30pm**

[Click here for the flyer and for the RSVP link!](#)  
 Registration deadline is **March 15!**  
 Middle School Volunteers are needed - [sign up here!](#)

## Save the Date: Middle School Social: Glow Party! Friday, April 19th 6 - 8PM



**Back by popular demand...Join us for a GLOW party! Open to students in 6th - 8th grade!**

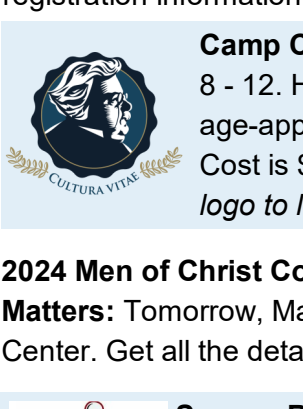
Parent Volunteers will be needed the day of for set up, supervision, etc. (*Sign Up Genius link coming soon!*)

More details to come!

*\*If you're interested in helping plan middle school socials/dances next year, please contact Christine Courtney at [ccchristine485@gmail.com](mailto:ccchristine485@gmail.com)*

## Athletics Updates

### Congrats to our 8th Grade Boys Division 2 Basketball Team!



This past Sunday, the 8th grade boys basketball team brought home the trophy when they took first place in the St. Jerome tournament of Stars in Oconomowoc. They won the final game with the final score being 37-12! Great job, boys! Now onto the next one...

### Padre Serra Tournament begins Saturday!

For the first time in school history we will have 3 teams participating in the 66<sup>th</sup> annual Padre Serra Tournament.



**8<sup>th</sup> grade boys** coached by Eric Nielsen will kick things off on **3/9 at 1:45** vs. St. Matthias.

Our **Girls team** will have their first game on **3/15 at 7:45** vs. St. Rita - Racine.



Lastly, our other **8<sup>th</sup> grade boys team** who are 25-0 and received the #1 overall seed will play their first game on **3/17 at 5:30 PM**.

In the 66 year history of the Padre, the girls program has captured 1 title in the early 2000s and no boys team has ever made a final. All 3 teams look to make some noise this year so please come to Whitefish Bay Dominican and support them. Please visit <https://www.thepadreserra.org> for more information and brackets.



Hope to see you there!

## Parish Updates

**Irish Gala**

Support the parishes as a Sponsor

Sponsoring the Irish Gala with a donation is one way to support the ministries and programs you value.

*No gift is too small and all will be recognized at the St. Anthony & St. Mary Irish Gala on March 16.*

For More Information Scan the QR Code or visit [bit.ly/stamgala](http://bit.ly/stamgala)

## Have Questions about St. Mary Parish Gala/Auction on March 16th?

Click [here](#) for a FAQ sheet of frequently asked questions and learn more about St. Mary Parish's Biennial Gala & Auction!

### Lenten Family Day: March 17

A Lenten Family Day consisting of Eucharistic Adoration and Confession will be offered for all families on Sunday, March 17. (View flyer [here](#)). Join us for light refreshments at 10:45 am in the school. Adoration and Reconciliation will start around 11:15 am in the church. Dcn. Lance Tappa will lead prayers to help children (and adults) stay focused in prayer. All children are welcome!

Tips for making Adoration a positive experience for young children are available [here](#).



### 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](#).

### Form Friendships in New Youth Groups!

St. Mary & St. Anthony parishes are forming a youth group! Two sessions will be offered — one for grades 7-9 and one for grades 10-12. Our first session will be March 22. The primary goal is to form friendships.

Sign up online at [bit.ly/stamyouthgroup](http://bit.ly/stamyouthgroup)

## Calendar Raffle Winners

**Congratulations to these \$30 winners drawn on March 6th:**  
 Joshua Bridgeman, Brockman Family, Carol Schulteis, and Sue and Chuck Kallinger

**And special congrats to this \$150 winner drawn March 8th:**  
 Bonnie Meulemans

Thank you for your support and participation!

## In the Community

**Circuit Baseball Camps:** These Christ-centered baseball camps are open to kids ages 6 - 12. All camps held at Brookfield Lutheran Fields. Multiple camps to choose from, with first beginning June 10th. [Click here](#) for the flyer with list of all camps, dates, and registration information.



**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.](#)

**2024 Men of Christ Conference—Mastering What Matters:** Tomorrow, March 9 at St. Mary Parish Activity Center. Get all the details and register [here](#).



**Sussex Bowl Summer Program: Kids Bowl Free!** Sussex Bowl was very complimentary of our students during their field trip during CSW. They wanted to share info about their summer bowling program where kids bowl free! Check out [more info here!](#)

**Upward Baseball League 2024:** Open to Grades K5 - 4th, boys and girls. Begins April 18th. Deadline to register is March 12, 2024. [Click the logo for more information.](#)



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