April 14, 2023

THE CONNECTION

Weekly Newsletter



CHALLENGING MINDS

DEVELOPING CHARACTER

Dear Families.

Thank you to everyone who brought in donations this week for the All for Books Scholastic Coin Challenge!

Today our school raised \$972.24! That makes a total of **\$1,396.54** this week. That money will go towards books for the school classrooms and the library. Plus, for every dollar we raise, Scholastic donates a book to a child in need.

The classroom that raised the most money this week wins a uniform free day!

In 3<sup>rd</sup> place with a total of \$155.40 is Mrs. McAsey's class 1st grade class.

In 2<sup>nd</sup> place with a total of \$231.40 is Mr. Burleigh's 6th grade class.

The winner with a total of \$280.81 is Mrs. Halverson's 2nd grade class! Congratulations and great job students!

The book fair chair will choose a day with your teacher to have a uniform free day!

Congratulations! Thank you for bringing in so much money for our school and classroom libraries!

What a great start way to kick off our Book Fair! Thank you!

Please see below for more info about our Book Fair which officially runs Monday - Friday next week! You can also view our school's landing page here for additional information and a link to set up an e-wallet for your student(s). We are also so excited to be able to welcome our Grandparents and Special Friends to the book fair on Friday, April 21st! (See more info on that below, as well!)

See you at the fair!

-Scholastic Book Fair Chairs

Grandparents' / Special Persons' Day Friday, April 21, 2023

We are excited to welcome all our grandparents and special guests to St. Mary's. We will begin with Liturgy at 8:10 and guests will come over to visit the classrooms and enjoy refreshments in the Activity Center.

As a reminder, any of the following are welcome to join in this special day.

**G-Grandparents R-Relatives** A-Aunts & Uncles **N-Neighbors D-Devoted Caregivers** 

<sup>®</sup>Grendzerents Special Iriends:

We are looking for a few volunteers to help make the day extra special for all of the guests. If you are able to help out for a few hours on that Friday, please sign up here.

Contributions for refreshments are still needed. Please see the signup genius for items needed. Food and drink items can be delivered to the activity center before mass on Friday, April 21st.

Thank you in advance for your help to make this a great day! Please feel free to contact Deanna Jaeger at <u>ddjaeger@sbcglobal.net</u> or 262.308.7504 with any questions.

**IMPORTANT: R.S.V.P.'s Needed ASAP** 



Please return your **<u>R.S.V.P.'s</u>** for Grandparents Day to the school office by Noon on Monday, April 17th, so we can properly plan and set up.

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Contributions for several refreshments are still needed. Please see the signup genius for items and to sign up. Food and drink items can be delivered to the activity center before mass on Friday, April 21st. We appreciate your generosity in helping provide snacks for our students, families and special visitors. (More info about event below!)

> Mother/Son Cornhole Tournament, Friday, **April 21st**



Please **<u>R.S.V.P. here</u>** as soon as possible if you can attend so we can plan accordingly! (More info about this fun event below!)

Trivia Night, April 28th, 7pm

LIVING JESUS

UPCOMING **EVENTS** 

TONIGHT Movie Night (Permission Slip)

April 17- 21 Scholastic Book Fair Volunteers needed See sign up here

> April 18 Panda Express Restaurant Day 10:30am - 9pm View Flyer Here

April 19 - May 10 **Annual Parochial** School Art Show Menomonee Falls Public Library

April 21 Grandparents Day View Invitation/RSVP <u>Here</u>

April 21 Mother Son Cornhole Tournament

April 24 Mass of Atonement @ Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, Sheboygan 6pm

April 26-29 Washington D.C. Trip 8th Grade

> April 28 Trivia Night

April 29 - 30 Donation Truck and Food Drive

St. Mary Parish

May 1 – 5 l eacher Appreciation Week

May 5 Middle School Social

May 8 Home & School Meeting School Conf. Rooms 7pm

May 19 Father Daughter Dance

**View Full Calendar** 

If you are interested in playing, please R.S.V.P. here ASAP. We need to know how many tables, etc. to set up so we can be ready to go for a fun night! (More info about this fun event below!)



Gosz 2023 Basketball Day Camp Sessions Boys and Girls (Entering grades 1-8)

> FUNDAMENTAL CAMP @ST. MARY'S SCHOOL JUNE 19-22, 1:00 - 3:30 pm

**OFFENSIVE SKILLS CAMP** @ST. MARY'S SCHOOL JUNE 26-29, 1:00 - 3:30 pm

SHOOTING CAMP @ST. DOMINICS GRADE SCHOOL JULY 18-20, 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

View Flyer and registration info here.

#### **Recording Orders Deadline Reminder:**

A recording of "A Christmas Yarn" Musical is a great keepsake of your child's performance. We are now accepting orders for this recording.



If you wish to order a digital recording of "A Christmas Yarn," please complete this form and return to the school office by Friday, April 21st.

### 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 the amazing work of our 7th grade/M.S. Social Studies teacher, Ms. Strieter. Take a look at what some students and families had to say about her:



### Teacher Spotlight: Ms. Strieter – Middle School Social Studies

"I enjoy being in Ms. Strieter's classroom because learning in there is so much fun. We always do fun projects and learn a lot while we do so. My favorite thing about Ms. Strieter is that she takes everybody's opinion in a thoughtful way and doesn't discount it. She also does not discount any question and always takes the time to answer it. I have learned to work better in a group in her class because we do group projects a lot, which will help me for the future. Ms. Strieter is special to me because she takes special care to meet the specific needs of every one of her students." - Natalie N.

"Ms. Strieter not only helps us learn Social Studies, but she teaches us how to be a better person. She really cares about her students. I will miss having her as my middle school teacher!" - Chloe K.

"I like her class very much. Even though she says "Social studies is PAIN", it will be pain without her here next year. We will all miss her. Thank you so much for everything you've done as our teacher." - Colin C.

"Ms. Strieter's class is very fun. We got to go to the folk fair and learn about different cultures. My favorite project we did was the medieval fair. Ms. Strieter's class is fun.' - Sam P.

"I really enjoyed the way you taught us, like going on field trips or putting on a fair at school! Thanks for being such an amazing teacher this year!" - Addy S.

"My favorite memory was the Folk Fair or all the gimkit games we played in class." - Drew S.

"Ms. Strieter doesn't just teach us the overview, broad parts of history—she teaches us little things about specific times and people, and teaches us things we wouldn't normally go in depth into, like specific pieces of Renaissance Art. I've learned so much about history and social studies from her that I would normally forget or be bored about." - Riley S.

"One thing that I liked was the in class projects like the medieval fair and the castle battles. One thing that I will always remember is that "social studies is pain." - PJ R.

"Your knowledge of history never ceases to amaze me." - Zac M.

"Social Studies is pain and suffering. I liked how she always made her class fun even though we still had to take notes." - Bodie H. "I really enjoyed doing all of the posters and projects. And I enjoy all the gimkits you set up before class. Lastly I really enjoy when we did board games." - Jack

"Ms. Strieter is an awesome teacher. She makes class fun with projects and gimkits. I couldn't have hoped for a better social studies teacher. We'll miss her!" - Maddy N.

"I like that she incorporates fun, while also obviously teaching us a lot, like gimkits and creative assignments. She's also really kind to us and respects us as not only students, but people, too. Sometimes she has a graded test and project so people that are better at projects have a chance to get a better grade, or vice versa." - Ava N.

"Ms. Strieter and I always fight to see who can say good morning first. It's really fun, but I am losing by a lot and need to step up my game. She is really sweet. One the last day of school, in 6th grade, she gave me such a tight hug that I couldn't breathe!" - Gianna

"Two things that I like are the projects, like the medieval fair and the castle wards. And the field trip, like the folk fair. It was really cool." - Jax. B

"I enjoyed doing the numerous activities with paper. Going to the folk fair and doing the medieval fair, and I will never ever forget your 'social studies is pain' motto." - Mike G.

"Ms. Strieter, I loved learning about medieval castles, and going to the folk fair. I also really love our ancient Greece and Rome visits last year. Thanks for being such a great teacher." - Tilly M.

"I loved going to the holiday folk fair and learning about all different cultures. 'Social students is pain and suffering' - Ms. Streiter" - Emma Y.

"There is never a dull moment in Ms. Streiter's room. She is an amazing teacher. In her classroom, I learn something new each and every day. The projects are super fun, and I am really going to miss her fun classes!" - Grace M.

"I am going to miss you very much. I had a lot of fun when we went to the folk fair. I enjoyed the medieval fair. I hope everyone will miss you because I know I will. After all, 'SOCIAL STUDIES IS PAIN!' Thank you for being such a good teacher." - Guiseppe C.

Thank you, Ms. Streiter, for the wonderful education and support you are providing our students! You are so appreciated and will be missed!

Home & School Updates

# Volunteer Spotlight:

Please help us continue thanking our great volunteers. Please share the name of someone you wish to thank/ highlight along with a quote about their contributions to Heather at mccabeh@smps.school.

Meeting Update View Meeting Minutes from

the April 4th meeting here.

Our next Home and School Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 8th at 7pm in the School

Conference Rooms.

We appreciate your feedback and know our volunteers appreciate the kind words, too!

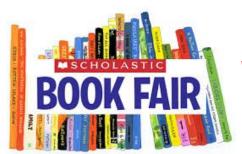


Movie Night TONIGHT 6:30pm - 8:15pm Permission Slip Here

We will be watching Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile! Doors open at 6:30pm & movie starts by 6:40pm. Come in your jammies or comfy clothes, bring a blanket/sleeping bag/pillow, and get ready to enjoy the movie with your friends! Pick-up will start at 8:15pm.

There is a \$6 entrance fee and concessions will be sold.

Home and School



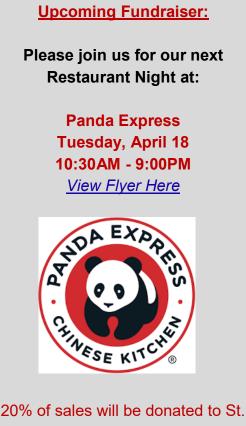
**Spring Scholastic Book Fair** April 17 - 21st

Volunteers are still needed to help during the fair! Please view the sign up here and help us make this book fair a great success for our students and school!

Click here to view our school's Scholastic landing page where you can set up e-wallet, view digital flyers and (starting April 17th) do some online book shopping!

Read a letter from our Bookfair Chair, Ashley Phillips, here for additional info about the Book Fair and E-Wallet!

We hope to see you at the fair! Happy Reading!



Mary School! We appreciate your participation and hope you'll join us! Thank you!





Friday, April 21st 6:30—9pm St. Mary Activity Center

\$10/Family Picnic pizza dinner

PRIZES FOR:

Winning mother/son team (in each age bracket) 3 Marker Challenge Yard Yahtzee

> View the Flyer and **RSVP Here**

# **Spring Trivia Night** Friday, April 28th 7pm **Activity Center**

St. Mary's has a fun tradition of biannual Trivia Nights. This is an adult event, that lasts 2 1/2 -3 hours, and is a great way to meet and talk with other parents. Trivia night consists of ten rounds of trivia. Tables bring their own food and drinks. (Adult beverages are welcomed.) There is a contest for best table theme, but it is up to you if your table would like to participate in this. We are hoping to have at least one team from each grade level. Teams consist of a maximum of 10 players.

If you are interested in playing, **please sign up here!** Please indicate if you are already on a team. If you are not already on a team, please consider joining a team with your grade level parents.

We hope you consider participating in this fun event! Questions? Please contact Kathleen Kuhn at ksimeth@hotmail.com

# Middle School Party: May 5th, 2023

Join us from 6pm - 8pm in the St. Mary Activity Center for Dancing, Games, Prizes and More!

# View Flyer Here!



# Parish Updates

### We Are Responsible for the Safety of Children

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. As Catholics, we have seen and experienced the pain and trauma that sexual abuse causes for victims, families, communities, schools and parishes. While St. Mary and St. Anthony Parishes are committed to ensuring that



every child can feel safe in our parishes and schools year-round, during this month the Archdiocese of Milwaukee places extra focus on the prevention and awareness of maintaining safe environments for children to learn, pray, and grow. One of the ways we do this is through Safe Environment training. Every priest, deacon, parish or school staff member, teacher and lay minister that is employed by a parish or school and any

volunteer working with minors must complete this child abuse and maltreatment prevention program.

Every year in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, each parish and school are required to complete a report documenting their compliance with the Safe Environment Program's policies and procedures. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee Safe Environment Office uses those reports to compile an archdiocesan report for USCCB audit firm Stonebridge Partners on our archdiocesan compliance with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee has been found compliant every year since 2004.

Each parish has a Safe Environment Coordinator to make sure we are compliant. For St. Mary and St. Anthony Parishes that person is Steve Cosentino. Feel free to reach out to him with any questions or concerns you might have.

-Fr. Andrew Linn, Associate Pastor, St. Mary and St. Anthony Parish

#### Totus Tuus Summer Camp:

Sign Up for Camp or to Volunteer Registration is now open for Totus Tuus, the faith-filled Summer Camp at St. Mary Parish School with sessions for students in grades 1-12. Join us June 26-30 for a fun and formative experience. Register at https://stmaryparish.regfox.com/totus-tuus-registration-2023 View Flyer Here.

### Calendar Raffle Winners

Congratulations to these \$30 winners that were drawn on April 13th: Christine Prause, Jesse Christen, Carol & Allen Kazmierczak, Tori Gannon, and Linda & Jack Pitrof.

Thank you for your support.

# In the Community



Pius XI Boys Basketball Camps: Open to grades 3 - 8. Choose between Offensive Skills Camp (June 12 - 15) and/or Pure Shooting Camp (June 19 - 22). Click the image to view the flyer and registration information.

Summer Athletic Youth Camps at PIUS XI: Choose from Boys or Girls Basketball, Cross Country, Football Camp, Volleyball Camp, and more. Contact Lynn at <u>Iteetz@piusxi.org</u> for additional information. Click image to view flyer.





Gosz Co-ed Basketball Academy (Grades 3 - 8): JULY 10-13, 9:30 AM TO 2:30 PM at St. Dominic's in Brookfield. Click image for more info and to register.

DSHA Open House: Open to 5th-7th Graders, Sunday April 23rd. Meet DSHA faculty and staff, learn about the benefits of the all-girls experience, and see our campus! Mass at 9am followed by student-led tours from 10-11:15 a.m. The last tour will depart at 11:15 a.m. Click here to register, and click the logo to view the flyer.





Dominican Sports Summer Camp: Discover your potential skills at Dominican High School's youth sports camps. Activities include; basketball, soccer, lacrosse and baseball. Click the image for more info and to register.

Camp Chesterton 2023: June 20th, open to kids ages 8 - 12. Join for group competitions, sports, virtue talks, and games throughout the day. Deadline to register is May 25th. Click the image for more info and to register.



Menomonee Falls Jr. Phoenix Open House: April 16th at 12pm and 1:15pm. Open to current Kindergarten and 1st graders. Click the image to view the flyer and for info how to RSVP.

Summer Camp at Dominican High School (Entering grades 2 - 4) July 10 - 14, 2023: Three sessions include STEM and Critical Thinking, Arts and Creativity, and Soccer Skills. Click the image for more information, and here to register.





Curcuit Baseball Camp Summer 2023 is open for registration: Open to children ages 6-12. Click the image for more information and to register.

Matthew 25 Local Work Camp 2023 Registration is Open: June 19 -23 at Good Shepherd Catholic Church: Open to students in 5th—12th \grade. Early bird registration is \$75 now through May 1st. Click image for more info and to register.





Pompeii Men's Club Catholic High School \$2,500 Scholarship Award: Must be a Catholic Grade School student to participate. Click on the image to the right to learn more and to access the full award application. (Applications due July 1st with full, final report card).

<u> April Hot Lunch Menu</u> 2022-23 Academic Calendar 2022-23 Home & School Calendar Updated Guidelines for COVID-19

Change of Dismissal Inclement Weather Policy Lunchroom Volunteer Sign Up Playground Volunteer Sign Up

