June 5, 2026 **THE CONNECTION** Weekly Newsletter



St. Mary Parish School creates Catholic leaders through academic excellence, supporting diverse learners, and seeing Jesus in every person.

Dear families,

As we close another school year, I find myself reflecting on all that God has done in our school community over the past ten months.

This year was filled with moments that are already becoming treasured memories. We cheered at volleyball and basketball games, listened to the beautiful songs at Christmas and through the musicals, welcomed grandparents and special friends into our classrooms, cheered for our Veteran's Day procession, and celebrated Catholic Schools Week. We watched students discover new passions during STEM challenges, share their patron saints and perform the Living Stations of the Cross, and explore everything from Madison, and the Milwaukee Art Museum, to Jones Island.

We crowned Mary, processed with Jesus in the Eucharist, prayed together at Mass, and celebrated sacraments. We packed lunches for those in need, completed service projects, welcomed new students into our community, and watched friendships grow stronger. We laughed at Spirit Days, enjoyed buddy activities, and pep rallies, and shared countless ordinary moments that somehow became extraordinary simply because we experienced them together.

When I think back on this year, however, the moments that stand out most are often the ordinary ones: students holding doors for one another, classrooms bursting into laughter, teachers greeting children by name each morning, friends helping friends, and the joy that fills our hallways on any given day. These are the moments that remind me that a school is so much more than a building. It is a community.

And somehow, in between all of that, our students learned to read more fluently, solve more complex problems, think more critically, grow in confidence, and become a little more of the people God created them to be.

Thank you for sharing your children with us. Thank you for your partnership, your trust, your volunteer hours, your prayers, your support at events, and the countless ways you contribute to the life of St. Mary's. Together, we continue to create a place where children are becoming Catholic leaders.

As summer begins, I encourage you to embrace the gift of family time. Read together. Play outside. Take walks. Attend Mass. Eat ice cream. Stay up a little too late around a campfire. Make memories. In a world that often moves too fast, summer offers us the opportunity to slow down and enjoy the people God has placed in our lives.

I will miss seeing your children every day, but I look forward to welcoming everyone back in August. Information for the 2026-2027 school year will be shared at the beginning of August.

Have a wonderful summer, and thank you for a truly memorable year.

God bless,

Mrs. Wood

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 5
Last day of School
Brat Fry!
11:30AM - 1:30PM

August 18
Back to School Night
(And VIP Photos)
(more info to come in Summer)

August 22
Annual Golf Outing

Date TBD
Used Uniform Sale
(stay tuned!)

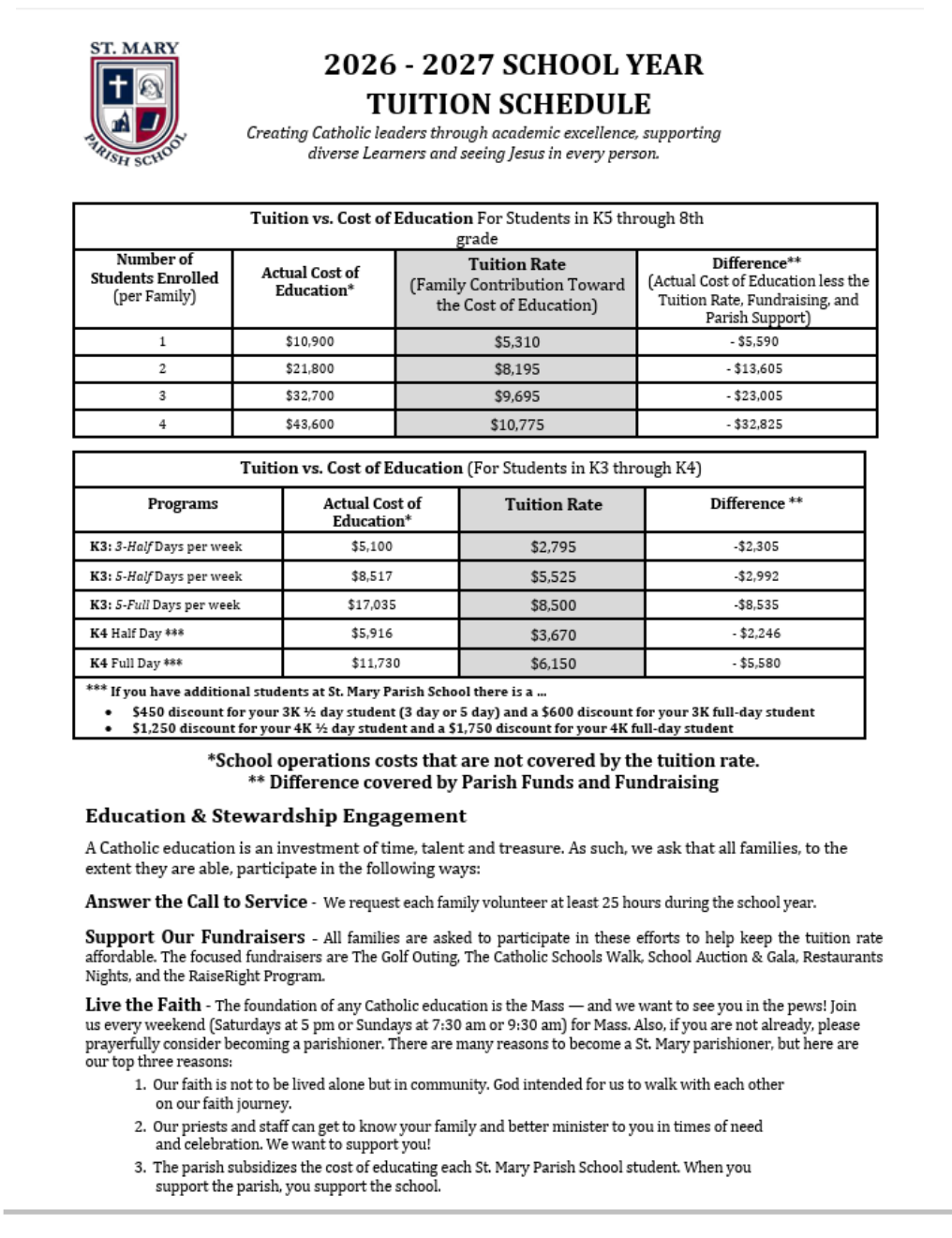
2026-2027 Academic Calendar

2025-2026 Academic Calendar

2025-2026 Family Handbook

View Next Year's Academic Calendar

2026-2027 Academic Calendar



2026 - 2027 SCHOOL YEAR
TUITION SCHEDULE

Creating Catholic leaders through academic excellence, supporting diverse Learners and seeing Jesus in every person.

Tuition vs. Cost of Education For Students in K5 through 8th grade

Number of Students Enrolled (per Family)	Actual Cost of Education*	Tuition Rate (Family Contribution Toward the Cost of Education)	Difference** (Actual Cost of Education less the Tuition Rate, Fundraising, and Parish Support)
1	$10,900	$5,310	- $5,590
2	$21,800	$8,195	- $13,605
3	$32,700	$9,695	- $23,005
4	$43,600	$10,775	- $32,825

Tuition vs. Cost of Education (For Students in K3 through K4)

Programs	Actual Cost of Education*	Tuition Rate	Difference **
K3: *3-Half* Days per week	$5,100	$2,795	-$2,305
K3: *5-Half* Days per week	$8,517	$5,525	-$2,992
K3: *5-Full* Days per week	$17,035	$8,500	-$8,535
K4 Half Day ***	$5,916	$3,670	- $2,246
K4 Full Day ***	$11,730	$6,150	- $5,580

*** If you have additional students at St. Mary Parish School there is a ...
- $450 discount for your 3K ½ day student (3 day or 5 day) and a $600 discount for your 3K full-day student
- $1,250 discount for your 4K ½ day student and a $1,750 discount for your 4K full-day student

*School operations costs that are not covered by the tuition rate.
** Difference covered by Parish Funds and Fundraising

Education & Stewardship Engagement

A Catholic education is an investment of time, talent and treasure. As such, we ask that all families, to the extent they are able, participate in the following ways:

Answer the Call to Service - We request each family volunteer at least 25 hours during the school year.

Support Our Fundraisers - All families are asked to participate in these efforts to help keep the tuition rate affordable. The focused fundraisers are The Golf Outing, The Catholic Schools Walk, School Auction & Gala, Restaurants Nights, and the RaiseRight Program.

Live the Faith - The foundation of any Catholic education is the Mass — and we want to see you in the pews! Join us every weekend (Saturdays at 5 pm or Sundays at 7:30 am or 9:30 am) for Mass. Also, if you are not already, please prayerfully consider becoming a parishioner. There are many reasons to become a St. Mary parishioner, but here are our top three reasons:

1. Our faith is not to be lived alone but in community. God intended for us to walk with each other on our faith journey.
2. Our priests and staff can get to know your family and better minister to you in times of need and celebration. We want to support you!
3. The parish subsidizes the cost of educating each St. Mary Parish School student. When you support the parish, you support the school.

Annual Family Feedback Booklet

Click here to view or scan QR code below.



Many Hands, One Mission: Help Make Our Golf Outing a Success!

Our annual Golf Outing is one of the school's largest fundraisers of the year, and its success depends on the support of our amazing parent community. Whether you have a few hours to spare or would like to take on a larger role, there are many ways to help—from securing sponsors and raffle basket donations to distributing flyers, assisting with marketing, coordinating volunteers, setting up, and helping on the day of the event.

As the saying goes, *many hands make light work!* The more volunteers we have, the more successful this event will be for our students and school. If you're interested in lending a hand, please complete the volunteer interest survey using the link below. Thank you for helping make this event a hole-in-one!



View Annual Golf Outing Interest Survey **here**



From the Desk of Mrs. Mogilevsky:

Later this month, families will receive their child's i-Ready and Wisconsin Forward Exam results once we receive the official Forward reports. We are incredibly proud that over 80% of our students scored at grade level or advanced in math and reading, about 30 percentage points higher than the Wisconsin average. Even more exciting, our student growth this year was outstanding!

While these assessments provide helpful information, they are just one measure of learning. We also use classroom performance, daily work, teacher observations, and other assessments to understand each child's progress.

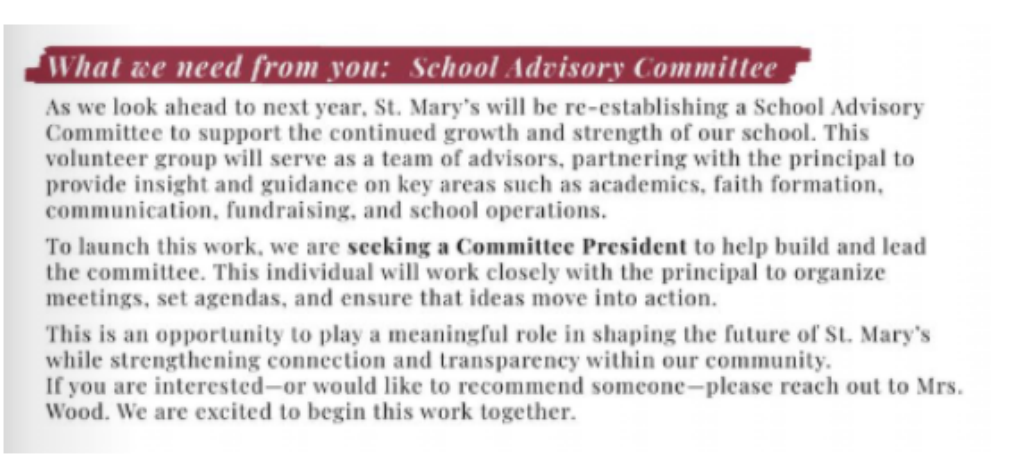
Our students have so much to celebrate this year!



Looking Ahead:

School Advisory Committee

As we prepare for next year, we are seeking a parent to serve as President of our School Advisory Committee.



What we need from you: School Advisory Committee

As we look ahead to next year, St. Mary's will be re-establishing a School Advisory Committee to support the continued growth and strength of our school. This volunteer group will serve as a team of advisors, partnering with the principal to provide insight and guidance on key areas such as academics, faith formation, communication, fundraising, and school operations.

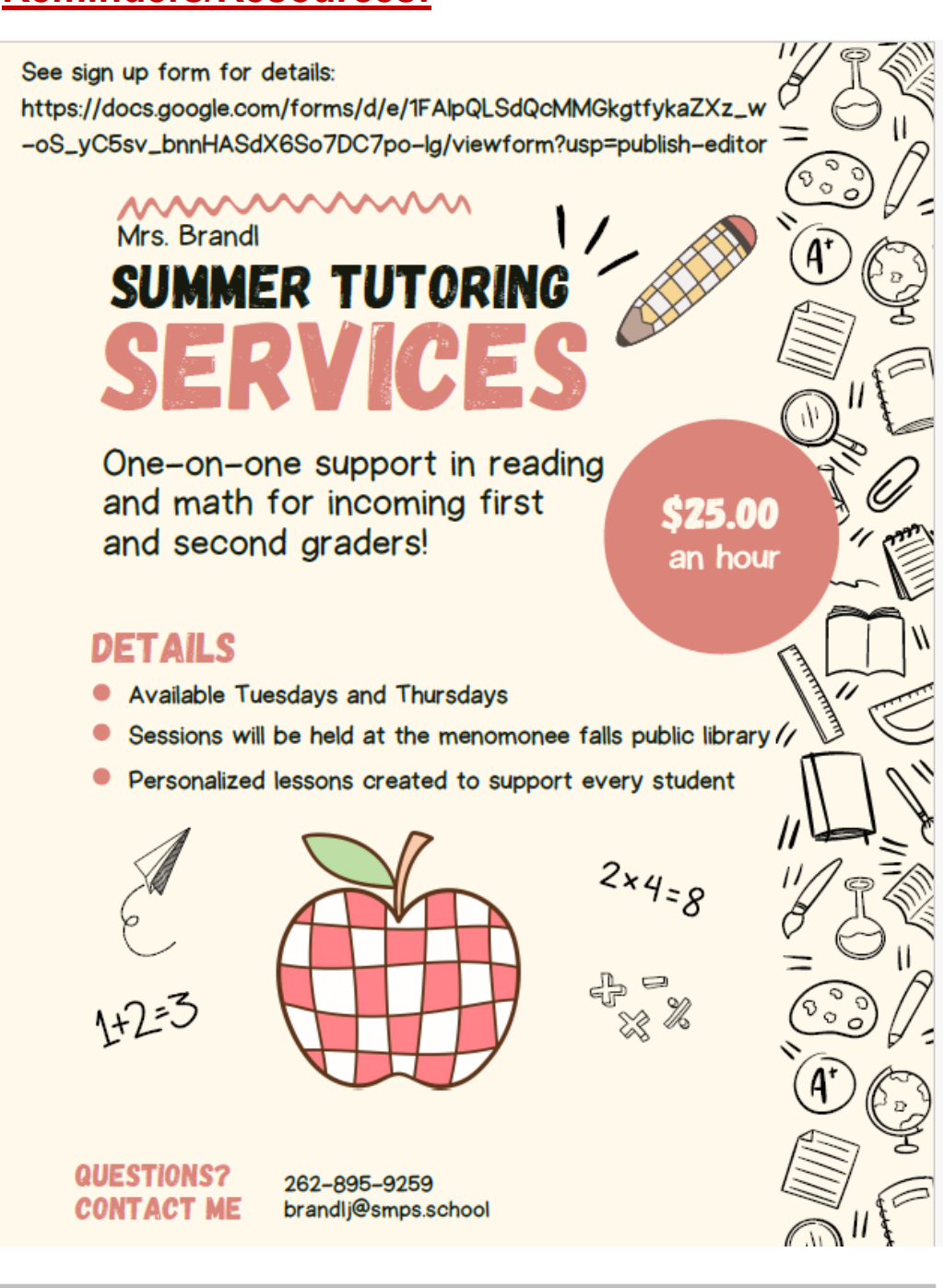
To launch this work, we are **seeking a Committee President** to help build and lead the committee. This individual will work closely with the principal to organize meetings, set agendas, and ensure that ideas move into action.

This is an opportunity to play a meaningful role in shaping the future of St. Mary's while strengthening connection and transparency within our community. If you are interested—or would like to recommend someone—please reach out to Mrs. Wood. We are excited to begin this work together.

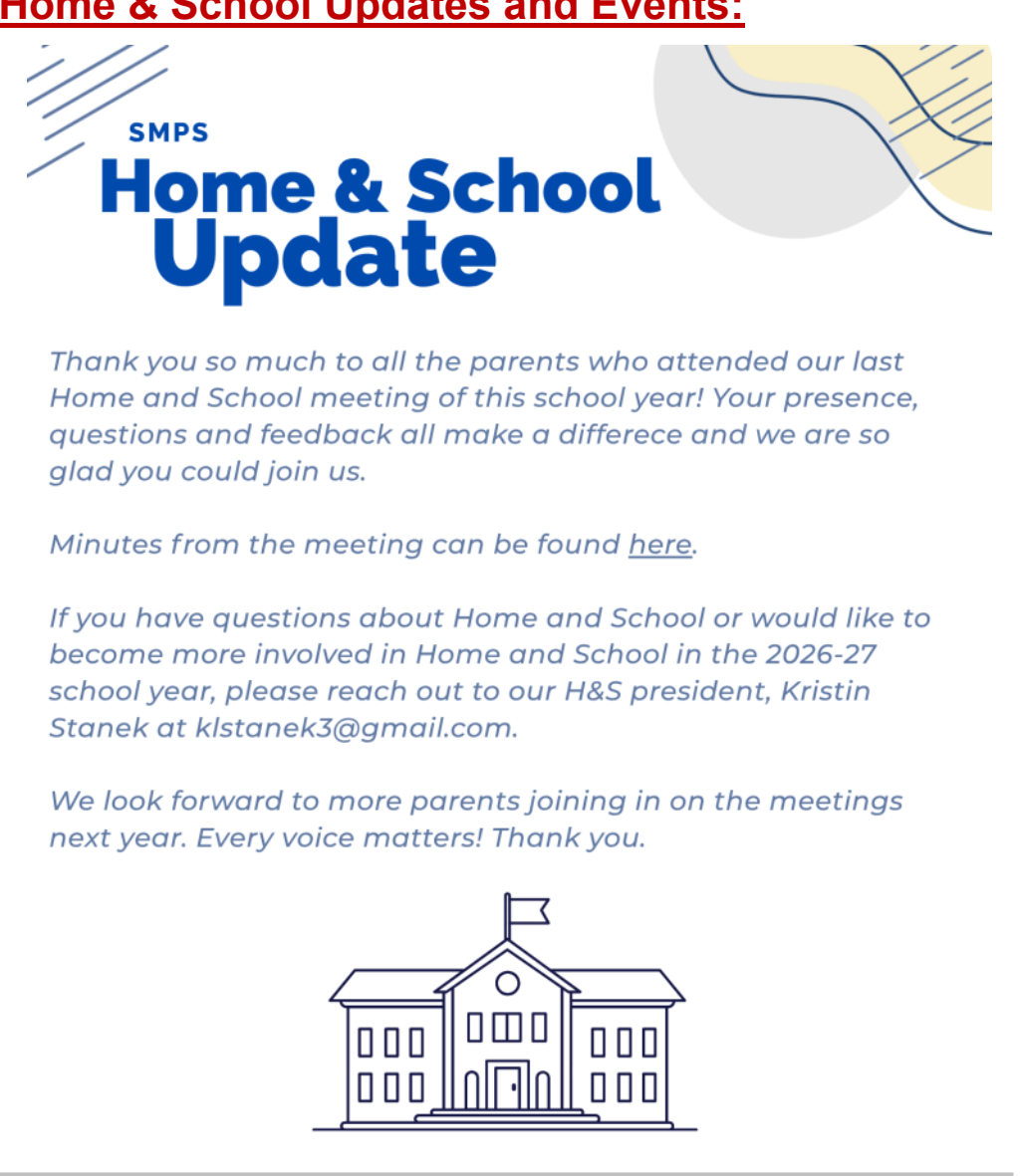
School Highlights:



Reminders/Resources:



Home & School Updates and Events:







Calendar Raffle Winners:

Congratulations to these $30 winners drawn May 27th:
Gannon family, Crivello family, Micallef family, and Becky Leupi

And special congrats to this $150 winner drawn June 5:
Lauren Taylor

Thank you for your participation!

Student Volunteer Corner:

Cleaning Out Multiple Rooms in the School
Flexible Date. Email Mrs. Wood if interested.

Good Shepherd Catholic Heart Workcamp
Waterloo, IA, July 12 - 17; Group will help Waterloo/Cedar Falls with many different service projects like food pantries, Habitat for Humanity projects, veterans associations, residences and more. Click the link above for more info, and here to register.

Good Shepherd: Matthew 25 Local Workcamp
Local workcamp where kids can serve all day but sleep in their own beds each night. Youth from grades 5 - 12 are able to register. This camp opens children's eyes to places right here in the Greater Milwaukee areas that need help. Click here for more info and here to register.

In the Community:



Discover Field Hockey: 90-minute introductory experience for boys are girls new to the sport. Saturday, June 13, 9AM-10:30AM at Uhlein Soccer Park. Click here to learn more.

Camp Chesterton 2026: Join us for one-day summer camp June 26, open to kids ages 8-12. $50 per child. Click here to learn more and to register.

PIUS XI Summer Camps: Choose from several hands-on camps including athletics, visual arts, STEM, Performance, Fitness and more. View flyer here and Info Booklet here.

Community Care in Action: Foster with Children's Wisconsin: Children's Wisconsin is seeking additional treatment and respite foster homes to support kids who are facing challenges. Learn more about the program here.

PIUS XI Run Camp 2026: Have fun and meet new friends! Open to grades 4 - 9. Dates in June and July. Location: Greenfield Park and PIUS XI Catholic High School. Click here for the flyer with more info.

2025-2026 Academic Calendar	Lunchroom Volunteer Sign Up
Scrip Raise Right App	Playground Volunteer Sign Up
Change of Dismissal	May/June Hot Lunch Menu
Safeguarding Training/CMG Connect	2025-2026 Tuition Schedule

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