



CHALLENGING MINDS • DEVELOPING CHARACTER • LIVING JESUS

Dear Families,

As we wrap up our first week of the school year, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude and excitement for all that we've experienced together already. It has been an incredible start, and I am filled with joy seeing our school community come alive with the energy and enthusiasm of our students, teachers, and families.

Our students have impressed us all with their kindness, intelligence, and eagerness to learn. Each day, they bring a spirit of curiosity and respect that is truly heartwarming. Their smiles, questions, and interactions with one another have made this first week not only successful but also inspiring.

I also want to acknowledge our amazing teachers who have worked tirelessly to create a welcoming and engaging environment for our students. Their dedication to providing a quality Catholic education is evident in every lesson, every moment of encouragement, and every effort to ensure that each child feels valued and supported.

And to you, our wonderful families, thank you for your unwavering support. Your involvement, encouragement, and prayers have made a world of difference as we begin this journey together. Whether you've helped with drop-off, volunteered your time, or simply cheered us on from home, your partnership is invaluable, and we are blessed to have you as part of our school community.

As we look ahead, Please look for these opportunities to join the community:

- **Golf Outing:** We invite you to sign up for our annual Golf Outing. It's a fantastic opportunity to meet other families, enjoy a day of fun, and support our school. Please visit our website or contact the office to register.
- **Safe Environment Training:** This training is essential for ensuring that we maintain a safe and nurturing environment for all our students. Please see the attached square for information.
- **Volunteer Squad:** We are always looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join our Volunteer Squad. Whether you can help with events, classroom activities, or lunch/recess, there's a place for everyone. Volunteering is a wonderful way to stay connected and make a positive impact on our school.

Thank you again for a remarkable first week. I am excited about all the good things to come and look forward to continuing this journey with each of you.

God bless,

Annemarie Wood

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Aug. 30**  
No School

**Sept. 2**  
No School  
*Labor Day*

**Sept. 10**  
[Smart Cow Night](#)  
4 - 8PM

**Sept. 14**  
Annual Golf Outing  
[Flyer Here](#)

**Sept. 20**  
Movie Night  
*More info coming soon*

**Sept. 27**  
Early Release  
*11:30am dismissal*

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

ST MARY PARISH SCHOOL ANNUAL

## GOLF OUTING

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 14, 2024**

Blackstone Creek Golf Course  
Germantown, WI

REGISTER ONLINE OR USE THE QR CODE  
[tinyurl.com/stmarygolf2024](https://tinyurl.com/stmarygolf2024)

**FOR SPONSORSHIP INFO**  
Missy Martinez  
262-251-1050  
[office@smps.school](mailto:office@smps.school)

We have exciting news to share!

If you cannot join us for our Annual Golf Outing, there are several ways to support St. Mary Parish School. You can choose one of the following options:

- **Sponsor a teacher for \$125**
- **Sponsor a tee or hole for \$125**
- **Sponsorship package, which includes options like trophies, drink carts, and dinner sponsorships for \$500.**

For more information on how to contribute, please reach out to Missy Martinez at [office@smps.school](mailto:office@smps.school).

### 2025 Calendar Raffle

2025 SMPS CALENDAR RAFFLE

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL  
Serving the Catholic Community of Milwaukee

185 Chances to Win!!! \$30 \$150 \$250 PRIZES

Tickets \$25 each or \$5 for \$100

\*Prizes subject to change without notice. All prizes subject to availability.

Calendar Raffle License # R0003143-A-R0002

Please refer to the purple folder from back-to-school night for all the information! Remember, the Calendar Raffle is an opportunity for you to have fun, raise money, and win money. **Each family needs to sell or buy at least 5 Calendar Raffles.** If each family sells 5 Raffles - then our school makes \$7,400. If each family sells 10 Raffles - then our school makes \$18,300!

What a big difference your effort can make!

## Please Help!

Please contribute to our First Floor Hallway

Our hallways have been painted a clean and crisp eggshell. Now we would like to add a new corkboard alternative, in our school colors, to display student work. Please consider donating a set to help us create a beautiful entrance to our school!

Click here for the Amazon Wishlist for Bulletin Board tiles

## The Good News is "Bridges Math"

Bridges Math, our new Math curriculum in grades K5-5th, is inquiry-based and student-centered, and it blends direct instruction, structured investigation, and open exploration. It includes age-appropriate problems and investigations in the following areas:  
Number, Operations, Algebraic thinking, Measurement, Data, and Geometry.

**4th Grade's Paper Chain Stem Challenge**

**K5 using blocks for number recognition**

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

Explore What Your Child Will Learn This Year: We're excited for you to join us on your child's math journey this year! Visit the [Family Support website](#) to explore grade-level overview and learn about the key concepts your child will be mastering this year. It's a great way to stay connected and find ways to support their learning at home!

### Home & School Updates:

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Our St. Mary Volunteers are the best, and we couldn't do it without you. 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](mailto:office@smps.school)

[Playground](#) Volunteer Sign Up

[Lunchroom](#) Volunteer Sign Up

\*\*Additional Volunteer Opportunities for the 2024-25 School Year

\*\*We apologize to those of you who had difficulties opening this link in last week's Connection. The link to the Additional Volunteer Opportunities Google form/survey has been updated and should work for everyone now. Thank you for your patience and of course, for your interest in volunteering!

## SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Please Note: You must be Safeguard Certified to help/volunteer! While meeting for an in-person course can feel daunting, it truly gives wonderful tips to keep everyone safe and you only need to attend the course once. This training will be offered on our St. Mary campus on October 9, but you can attend training at any Archdiocesan location.

Smart Cow Night: Sept. 10th

4 - 8 PM

Stop by Smart Cow on Sept. 10th between 4 and 8pm for a sweet treat! 15% of sales will go back to St. Mary Parish School! Thanks for your support! *Click image for flyer.*

### Reminders & Resources:

#### St. Mary School Yearbook: Orders Now Open!

We are asking orders to be placed by **Thursday, Sept. 19th**. Price of the yearbook is \$20. The price will go up to \$25 for orders placed after Sept. 19th. (And any order placed after April 1, 2025 will go up to \$30 per yearbook). [Order here.](#)

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY!

Don't Forget: NO SCHOOL

August 30 - September 2!

Enjoy your Labor Day weekend!

## WARRIOR ATHLETICS

Boys Volleyball

Friday, September 6th

- 6 pm - 8th B at Holy Apostles
- 7 pm - 8th A Home
- 9 pm - 8th A Home
- 9 pm - 6th at St. monica

Girls Volleyball

Saturday, September 7th

- 8:30 am - 7th at Christ King
- 2 pm - 5th at Christ King
- 3 pm - 5th at Christ King
- 3 pm - 8th Home

Concessions and Admissions Volunteers Needed:

[Sign Up Here](#)

### Parish Updates:

**Parish Schedule Changes**  
St. Mary Parish Office will be closed on Labor Day, then will resume standard hours starting Sept. 3. The office is open Monday through Friday, 8 am until 4 pm. **No noon confession on Labor Day!**

**Happy Retirement!**  
Congratulations to Marge Schaefer on her retirement! [Continue reading here...](#)

**Save the Date: Sept. 22 St. Mary Parish Potluck Picnic**  
Join us after the 9:30 AM Mass for food, fun, and fellowship. Bring a dish to pass. More information is coming soon.

**Men's & Women's Groups Start this Month**  
The St. Anthony and St. Mary Men's and Women's Groups will resume meeting starting this month! [Read more here...](#)

**Faith Formation:** For students entering 6th through 11th grade, please join us for **deeper formation in the Catholic Faith!** [Read more here...](#)

## RAISING Saints

IN THE MODERN WORLD

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Lumen Christi Catholic Church  
2750 W. Mequon Road, Mequon

PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS!

Join us for an inspiring evening with the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia as they share their personal experiences of family and parish life to teach us ways to pray as a family. Whether you're new to family prayer or already have a deep spiritual life, this event will guide you in bringing your children and grandchildren closer to God.

FREE, and no registration is required - bring a friend!

FREE CHILDCARE AVAILABLE for kids 6 months to 12 years old. RSVP appreciated. drop-ins welcome!

[2024-25 Academic Calendar](#)

[Playground Volunteer Sign Up \(Updated!\)](#)

[Scrip Raise Right App](#)

[Lunchroom Volunteer Sign Up \(Updated!\)](#)

[Change of Dismissal](#)

[Safeguarding Training/CMG.Connect](#)