September 3, 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 St. Mary's Families,

The nervousness of the first days has faded and our classrooms feel like communities. With each day, we get to know your children a little better and see more of what makes each of them special.

Next week, we'd like the opportunity to spend a little time getting to know **you**, too.

I hope you'll join us Wednesday, Sept. 9, for **Parents' Night at 6:00 p.m.** It's just about an hour, but it is an important hour for our school community.

We will begin together in the Activity Center. You'll hear from me about the year ahead, learn more about Home & School, and hear from Catholic Charities about an exciting new resource available to our families this year—the opportunity for students to receive therapy right here at St. Mary's during the school day.

You'll also have the chance to meet our teachers and staff so you can finally put faces to all those names your children bring home!

From there, parents will head into classrooms to meet your children's teachers, learn about the year ahead, and connect with other parents. There's nothing fancy about the evening—and that's part of what I love about it. For one hour, we are all in the same place, hearing the same information and beginning the year together.

There will be plenty of opportunities this year when we gather *with* our children. This evening is for you. It gives us a chance to build the partnership between home and school that matters so much to your child's success.

So please make every effort to join us. Find a sitter, grab another St. Mary's parent on your way, and come spend an hour with us. I promise we'll make good use of your time.

But first—enjoy the long Labor Day weekend! I hope your family gets some time to slow down, sleep in, enjoy these last beautiful days of summer, and simply be together.

Our teachers and staff will be doing the same. The St. Mary's staff has the weekend off, too, and I hope they take every minute of it! They've poured an incredible amount of energy and love into getting this school year started, and they deserve a few days to rest and recharge.

We'll see everyone back next week, rested and ready for all that is ahead.

Mrs. Wood



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 4
No School

Sept. 7
Labor Day

Sept. 9
Parents' Night
6-7PM

Sept. 14
Piano Lessons w/Mr. Hefter begin
Info/Registration here

Sept. 16
Young Rembrandts Art/ Drawing Classes begin
Register Here

Sept. 18
Early Release at
11:30AM

Sept. 22
Chipotle Restaurant Night
4 - 8PM

Sept. 25
Movie Night Hoppers
(More info to come soon)

October 2
No School
(In-Service)

October 7
Early Release at
11:30AM

October 9
Spaghetti Dinner
See flyer here

October 17
Catholic Schools Walk

October 20
VIP re-take day
(Students having a re-take done may be out of uniform)

October 28
Early Release at 11:30am
(Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences)

October 29
No School
Parent-Teacher Conferences

2026-2027 Academic Calendar

VOLUNTEER CORNER:

Check out our current parent volunteer opportunities!

RaiseRight Volunteers Needed (2 hours/month) *Contact the school office for info.*

Playground Supervisor *(Grades K5 - 8th - daily needs)*

Lunchroom Supervisor *(2nd - 8th grade—daily needs)*

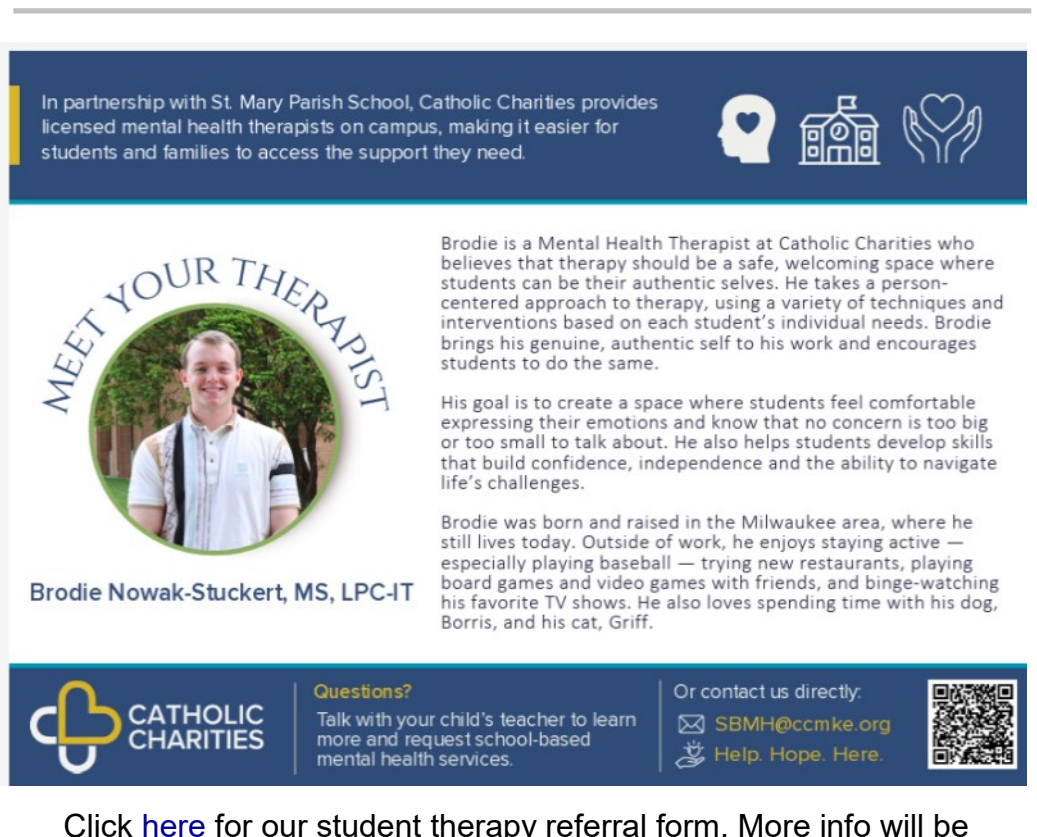
Lunchroom Helper for K3—1st Grade only *(daily needs—this isn't as much of a priority as our regular lunchroom supervisor, but we still appreciate the help)*

Athletics Dept. *(reach out to Brandon Kirchoff if you'd like to help.)*

New Check-In Procedures:







Click here for our student therapy referral form. More info will be shared at our Parent night, so please come ready with your questions!

School Highlights:



Annual Golf Outing Highlights and Thank You's:





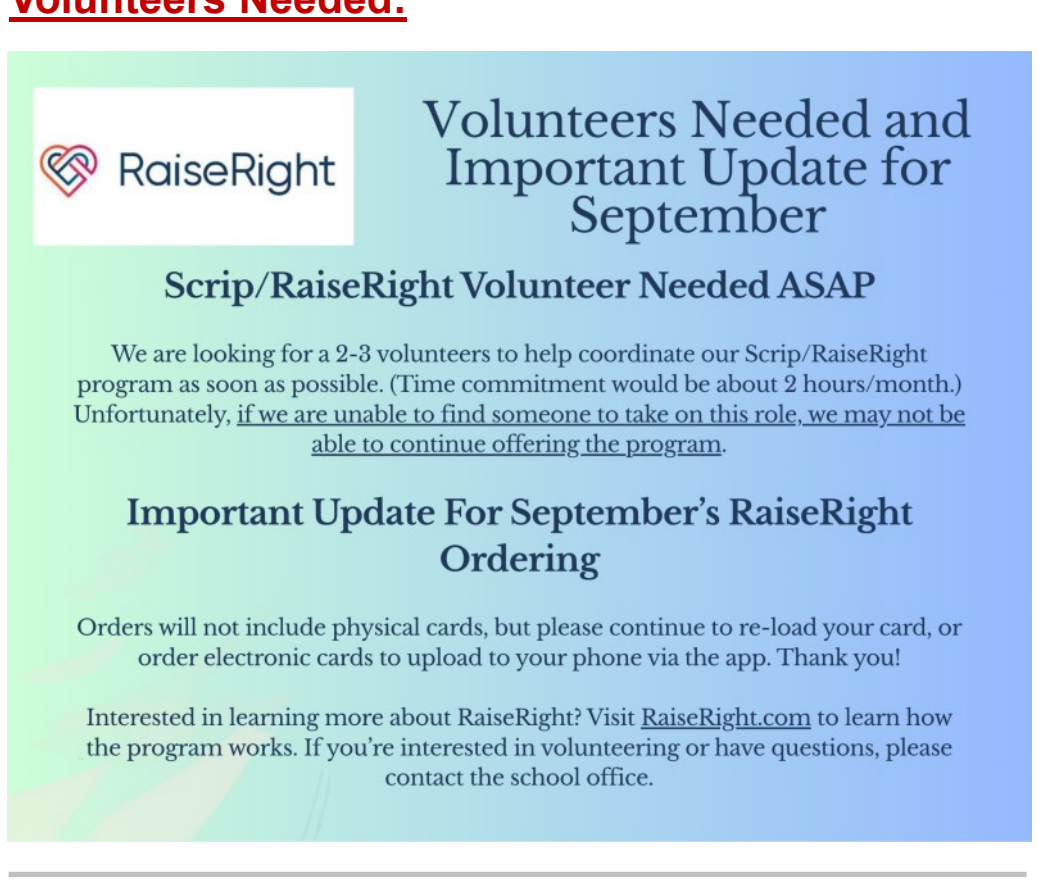


From the Desk of Mrs. Mogilevsky: Tip of the Week

i-Ready Inform testing begins next week for students in K5–8th grade! Formerly called the i-Ready Diagnostic, i-Ready Inform provides the same helpful information in a shorter testing experience.
Teachers use the results, along with classroom work, observations, and other assessments, to understand student strengths and areas for growth. This information helps teachers plan instruction, provide additional support or enrichment, and monitor student growth throughout the year.

Want to learn more about i-Ready Inform? Learn more about i-Ready for Families

Volunteers Needed:

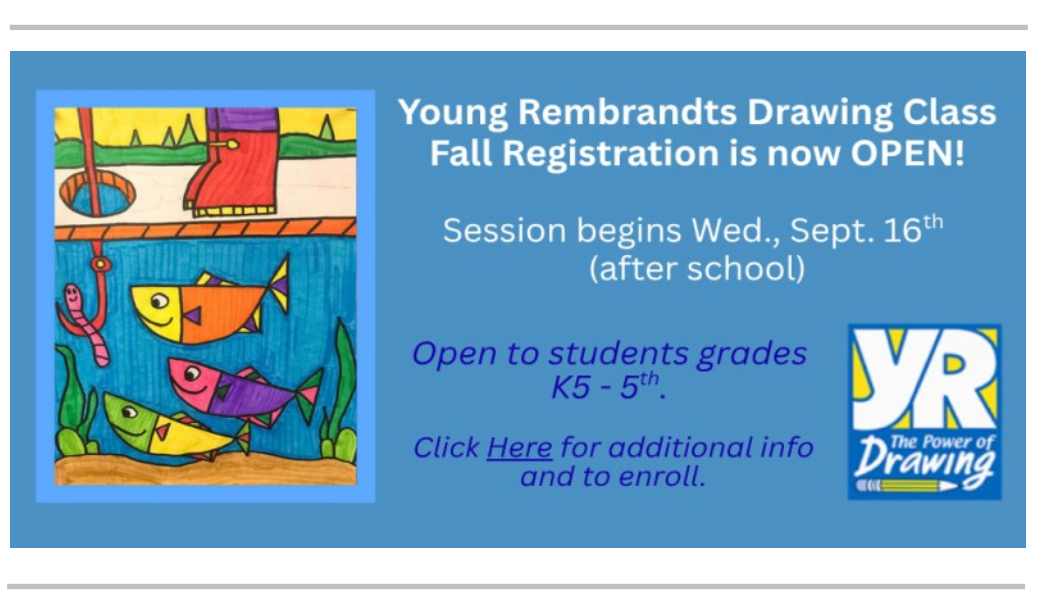


Reminders/Resources:









Save The Dates:





If you would like to **help sponsor** the St. Mary Parish and School Spaghetti Dinner, please **click here**.



Warriors Athletics Updates:



Calendar Raffle Winners:

Congratulations to these $30 Winners drawn on September 2: *Patricia Struke, Kathy Farvour, Annie Volk, Matt Kuhn, & Olivia Christen*

Thank you for your participation!

Parish Updates:



Marian and Eucharistic Procession:



St. Mary Parish School families are invited to take part in a beautiful tradition that brings our Catholic faith beyond the church walls!

Following the 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary on Sunday, Sept. 13, parishioners of all ages will walk together to St. Anthony in a Marian and Eucharistic Procession. We will accompany Jesus in the Eucharist and a statue of the Blessed Mother along Main Street and Appleton Avenue, publicly sharing the faith that unites our parishes and school.

Families may walk the entire route or gather along the way to pray as the procession passes. A bus will return walkers to St. Mary afterward.

The celebration will continue at St. Anthony with a Pig Roast and Potluck featuring barbecue, fellowship and fun. Families from both parishes are invited to bring a dish to share.

Volunteers are needed to carry the canopy, carry the statue of Mary and assist in other roles. Sign up at bit.ly/marianpro2026.

In the Community:

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.

2026-27 Change of Dismissal Form	Lunchroom Volunteer Sign Up
2026-2027 Academic Calendar	Playground Volunteer Sign Up
2026-27 Family Calendar	August/September Hot Lunch Menu
Scrip Raise Right App	October Hot Lunch Menu
Scrip Raise Right Schedule	2026-2027 Tuition Schedule
Safeguarding Training/CMG Connect	SMPS Family Guide

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