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Dear Families,

VALENTINES DAY: Students may be out of uniform and are encouraged to wear red or pink on Monday in celebration of Valentine's Day. Please follow the out-of-uniform guidelines found in the [Family Handbook](#).

SOLES WALK UPDATE: Great news! We just learned that we qualified for matching funds in the amount of \$4,201.61. We raised \$16,429.76, so this brings our total to: \$20,631.37. The best news with this fundraiser is that we get to keep 100% of the money we raised!

Goal	\$25,000.00
Budgeted Amount	\$20,000.00
Funds Raised	\$16,429.76
Matching Funds	\$4,201.61
TOTAL	\$20,631.37

HOT LUNCH: Our new hot lunch vendor, [Fresh & Safe](#), will begin serving hot lunches on Monday. Thanks for getting your February lunch orders placed during the short window. The March lunch calendar will be sent out next week.

2021-22 REGISTRATION: Have you [registered](#) your child for the next school year? Enrollment numbers are an important part of our budgeting process, so we would appreciate having your registration turned in as soon as possible.

SAVE THE DATE: Students in grades 3, 4 & 5 will be performing [Aladdin, Jr.](#) on Thursday, March 31st.

BRAINSTORM MEETING: Now that we are pretty much 1-to-1 with technology, our computer lab, as it is, does not get much use. We would like to re-imagine the lab and transform it into an updated STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) makerspace for our students. To do this, we need some technology experts to help us with the planning and technical details. If you are interested in being a part of this planning group, please join us on **Wednesday, February 16th at 5:30.** We will meet in the computer lab. If you would like to help but cannot attend on Wednesday, please call the school office so we can add you to the group. We need your expertise and creativity!

TESTING: Students in grades 3, 5 & 7 will begin taking the Iowa Tests on Tuesday, March 1.

Faithfully,
Linda Joyner

14 SCRIP Day
Out-Of-Uniform Day

15 8th Grade Graduation pictures
[Pizza Crafters Restaurant fundraiser](#)

18 Liturgy, grs. 1-8; 8:15am
STEM Challenge, 8:30am

28 SCRIP Day

[View Full Calendar](#)

New COVID Cases by the week

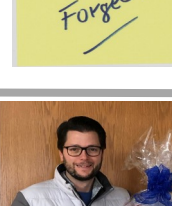
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Raising Money for Recess

Cadette Troop 6315 is working to get our school a portable gaga ball pit! Plus they want to replenish classroom recess supplies for indoor and outdoor recess. [Read more . . .](#)

2022-23 Registration

Please return the [2022-23 registration form](#) and fee to the school office.



Congratulations to the Harms Family

Congratulations to the Harms family who won this year's Open House Raffle Basket. The Harms and son, Oliver (K5), will be joining our school family in the fall.



Kids Heart Challenge™ is coming to St. Mary's!

Get ready to take a road trip across America with the Kids Heart Challenge Explorers and the American Heart Association!

We invite you to jump on board!!

The program runs through March 4th!

Click [here](#) to register.

\$500 = Each Class Goal = Stay tuned for BONUS FUN! We'd love to raise \$6,000 to save lives!

Thank you for supporting our school and the American Heart Association.

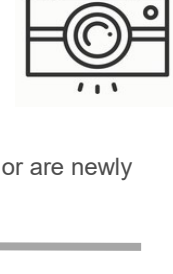
Pizza With a Purpose

St. Mary's is partnering with a new vendor for Restaurant Night. [Check it out on Tuesday, February 15th.](#) We will receive 10% of sales made between 4 - 8 pm.



8th Grade Graduation Pictures

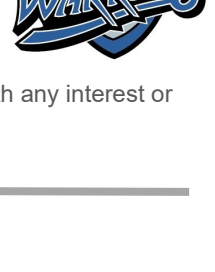
February 15th is 8th grade picture day. Group and individual pictures will be taken. This is a dress up day for those students. [Please follow the out-of-uniform dress code.](#)



Students who did not have their picture taken at the beginning of the school, or are newly enrolled, may have their picture taken this day also.

St. Mary Track Coaches Needed

St. Mary Middle School Track Team is looking for 4 new Coaches to help out for this 2022 season. No previous experience required; however, we are in need of a one Coach who is knowledgeable in the Shot Put and Discus so we can offer those events. Practices are Mondays and Wednesdays in April and May. Meets are on Fridays and Saturdays during May. Contact Erin Holloway, ekholloway04@gmail.com, with any interest or questions. More information to follow about the upcoming season.



St. Mary Parish Auction
March 12, 2022

Mark Your Calendar.
[Click here](#) to register, sponsor or donate.

SAVE THE DATE

Trivia Night
April 1, 2022
Doors open at 6:15
Start time at 7:00

Calendar Raffle Winners

Congratulations to these \$30 raffle winners drawn on February 9th: **Rocole Family, Nathan Brock, Mary Pionke, David & Donna Roesch and Eric & Jennifer Nielsen.** Thank you for your support.

TUITION TAX CREDIT CLARIFICATIONS

Here are some tips to assist you when calculating your tuition credit for your State Tax return:

- ✓ You must log into Smart Tuition at <https://parent.smarttuition.com> to obtain the amount you paid in tuition in 2021. Upon logging in, click on 'Family Year End Statement' found on the upper right hand side of the screen. A PDF copy will download and you can print and save a copy to your PC.
- ✓ The 'Total Paid in 2021' on the statement from Smart Tuition is a total of **EVERYTHING** (field trips, lunches, t-shirts, etc.) you purchased in 2021.
- ✓ The deduction can *only* be used for the **tuition amount paid** out by the parent or guardian. This amount is listed out separately on the summary from Smart Tuition. Please make sure you are using the correct amount.
- ✓ New This Year: **Before/After Care Program billing.** The amount is also listed out on the statement and is the necessary documentation needed for tax purposes.

Need more assistance, please contact Steve at the Parish Office at 262-251-0220.

In the Community

- NFL Alumni Heroes from Your Favorite NFL Team is hosting Summer Camps for Boys and Girls ages 6-14. [Check it out.](#)
- [DSHA Summer Cool Camps for girls grades 1-9.](#)

