

St. Mary Parish School



Challenging Minds

Developing Character

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The Connection

February 12, 2021
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Dear Families,

Congratulations to Mrs. Mrozinski's seventh-grade homeroom on receiving the school Spirit Award yesterday! The Spirit Award is new this year and aims to encourage participation, creativity, teamwork, and fun! How does it work? On designated school days, classrooms are challenged to demonstrate their school spirit with a picture, video or by participation. The classroom selected as the winner, receives a treat, and gets to keep the oversized trophy in their classroom until the next Spirit Day. *The Spirit Award is a fun way to fight off the winter blues!*



All students will be attending Mass this Week on Ash Wednesday, however they will not all be attending the same Mass. Due to the pandemic, ashes will be distributed a bit different this year. [Click here for a closer look.](#)

Our theme this year is *Live Jesus, Adore the Eucharist*, so during Lent we will turn our focus to prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

PRAYER- We will work on finding some quiet time in our day so we can hear God's voice. Each week, students will have an opportunity to spend a few minutes in Eucharistic Adoration. Students will also be creating prayer journals listing all the special people they wish to pray for. These prayers can also be shared on the all-school prayer wall.

FASTING- As a school, we will fast from talking and noise by trying to find five minutes of quiet reflection time in our daily routines.

ALMSGIVING- Students in grades 1-8 will be participating in the \$50 Stewardship Challenge. Students in pre-K and Kindergarten will participate in an alternate service project.

Have you returned your 2020-21 registration form yet? We are beginning our budget preparations for next year and would need to have a good enrollment projection, [so please return your forms as soon as possible.](#) Thanks!

Wishing you a Happy Valentine's Day!

Linda Joyner

FEBRUARY 2021

- 15 NO SCHOOL; Teacher in-service
- 16 8:15 Liturgy: K4, K5, 1 & 2
- 17 ASH WEDNESDAY
8:15 Liturgy: Middle School
9:30 Liturgy: K4, K5 1 & 2
1:30 Liturgy: 3, 4 & 5

Attention 8th Grade Families

[Hamilton High School Virtual Parent Orientation and Open House](#)

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Don't forget your 2021/22 Registration form.



Graduation Pictures

Eighth graders will have their graduation pictures taken by VIP on Thursday, March 11 beginning at 8:10 am.

Social Studies Simulation

This week the 8th grade students participated in a class simulation on how the three branches of government work together to pass bills into law. Each student assumed a different role, including President, Vice-President, Speaker of the House, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, House Members, Senate Members and the press. [See the great job they did](#)

Calling all Heart Heroes!

Our **Kids Heart Challenge™** is in full swing! Thank you to those who have already registered and taken the heart healthy challenge! If you would still like to participate, there is plenty of time.

[Find out what you can do.](#)



ST. MARY'S TRACK AND FIELD TEAM



Boys & Girls Grades 5 through 8

Sign-up Deadline is March 5

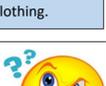
Click on the logo above for more information.

Please dress for the Weather!

We believe that recess is critically important to the mental and physical well-being of children. Whenever possible, students will play outside for recess as a break from indoor classroom activities. Therefore, when the weather permits and the windchill is above zero, students will play outside. Please make sure to send your children to school with proper winter clothing.



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 2020. 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 2020' on the statement from Smart Tuition is a total of **EVERYTHING** (field trips, lunches, t-shirts, etc.) you purchased in 2020.
- ✓ 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: **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 Angie at the Parish Office at 262-251-0220.

2021 Calendar Raffle

Congratulations to these \$30 raffle winners drawn on February 10th: **Logan Rocole, Henry Jones, Rafael Diaz, Joanne Basting and Katherine Ell.**

Thank you all for participating.



Grow Creatively with Us

Young Rembrandts offers online, on-demand drawing classes for St. Mary families, grades K5—5th.

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