

# St. Mary Parish School



Challenging Minds

Developing Character

Living Jesus

## The Connection

February 21, 2020

Dear Families,

The end of the second trimester is Friday, March 6. PowerSchool is a great tool to utilize in making sure your child has all their work turned in and to track your child's progress. I have received a few questions with regards to locating standards grades in PowerSchool so I put together a brief guide to walk you through this process. If you still have questions or issues navigating PowerSchool, please let me know.

Thanks to those of you who attended mid-year conferences last week. We had increased the evening hours this year due to parental requests on our last parent survey however, due to the low turnout we will be returning to a one evening conference night for the 2020-21 school year.

Please join us for Mass on Wednesday as we enter the season of Lent. Our students have been busy preparing for Lent by reflecting on their Lenten promises and decorating colorful "Alleluias" which will be symbolically buried until Easter. For almsgiving this year, students in grades 1-8 will be participating in the \$50 Stewardship Challenge. This outreach project is funded by the parish Human Concerns Committee. Students are charged with researching needs in our community and beyond then work together to discern what group or organization they wish to help. Students are also challenged to find ways to grow their \$50, like doing extra chores.



Have you registered for the 2020 Gala yet? It takes place on Saturday, March 14. Funds raised from this year's auction will help us make several much-needed improvements to our campus. Click here for more detailed information. Click [here to register, volunteer or donate.](#)

Please note that movie night has been cancelled for this evening.

Faithfully,

*Linda Joyner*  
Linda Joyner

Catholic Schools Fulfill Niche in Society: Catholic Schools Week gives us an opportunity to reflect on the great gift of Catholic education to the Church. Many of us are products of Catholic School.

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### What Is Standards-Based Grading? – A Review

Standards-based grading (SBG) is an innovation in education that focuses on learning and helps increase achievement. It is often combined with updated instructional practices and culture to better engage students and foster a positive environment. This page is an introduction for parents and educators new to standards-based education.

[Read More](#)

March Hot Lunch Portal Now Open: Please place your child's hot lunch orders for the month of March on or before Monday, February 24th.

### Kids Heart Challenge™ Update:



I hope you are enjoying staying healthy and learning fun messages from our heart heroes for our Kids Heart Challenge program. Thank you for helping kids like Alexa. Our Kids Heart Challenge event is coming up next week – February 24-28<sup>th</sup>. All donations are due February 28<sup>th</sup>.

If you haven't yet, please take the online challenge tonight at <http://www2.heart.org/goto/stmarymf>.

Our school is halfway to our goal and needs 93 more students to register to take the online challenge in order for us to receive \$300 in BONUS equipment for the gym.

We currently have a TIE for the classroom competition: Hecht and McAshey with Davit close behind! The top class with online challenges will get a recess bundle and the top class with online donations will receive a popsicle party.

Our overall goal is \$5,500 for an out-of-uniform day.

Have you collected \$25 in lifesaving donations to bring Nico home yet?! Nico reminds us to be the "I" in K-I-N-D!

### TUITION TAX CREDIT CLARIFICATIONS



- Check out these tips some tips to assist you when calculating your tuition credit for your State Tax return.
- Private Tuition Tax Form

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### St. Mary Auction & Dinner Gala:



It's once again time for the St. Mary Parish Auction & Dinner Gala, which will be hosted on Saturday, March 14th, at Davian's Banquet Hall in Menomonee Falls.

[Sponsor/Donor opportunities](#)

2020 Calendar Raffle: Congratulations to these \$30 raffle winners drawn on February 19th: **Dan & Beth Hurrle, Sarah Mrozinski, Mark Nordness and Maria Broich.** And this winner of \$150 drawn on February 21st: **Mark Nordness.**

Thank you all for participating.

### 5 THINGS PARENTS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT TIKTOK



If I asked you to name which apps are on your child's phone right now, could you answer correctly? Do you even know? Even if you do know, sometimes seemingly harmless apps can slip through the cracks and cause problems for your child. TikTok, a music based social media app is one of those apps. This article explains five things you should definitely know about TikTok before giving your child access.

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### FEBRUARY 2020

- 21 Movie Night—CANCELLED
- 24 SCRIP orders due [Love & Logic](#), 9-10:30am
- 25 Futura Spanish, 3:05
- 26 ASH WEDNESDAY All-School Liturgy, 8:15 Young Rembrandts, 3:05
- 27 Forensics Practice, 3:05
- 28 Rosary Service, 10:30

### MARCH 2020

- 2 Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss
- 3-10 Iowa Basic Testing, grs 3, 5 & 7
- 3 Futura Spanish, 3:05
- 4 All-School Liturgy, 8:15 Young Rembrandts, 3:05
- 6 End of 2nd Trimester
- 14 Parish Auction
- 19 Grs. 3, 4 & 5 performing Aladdin

### COMING SOON . . .

- April 4 Trivia Night
- May 21 Middle School Musical

### Student Activities

- [St. Mary's Track signup](#)
- [Gtown Little League Registration](#)
- [Girl Scout End of Year Celebration](#)
- [YMCA Spring Camp Registration](#)
- [NorthShore Knights Club Basketball](#)
- [J.K. Lee opportunities](#)
- [DSHA presents — Get Smart](#)
- [Pius XI Jr. Pope's Football](#)
- [Rocket Aquatics Swim Club](#)

### Links

- [2019 Private Tuition Tax Form](#)
- [School Closing information](#)
- [Academic Calendar](#)
- [Scrip Calendar processing dates](#)
- [PowerSchool SIS](#)
- [PowerSchool Learning](#)
- [St. Mary Facebook](#)
- [Amazon Smile](#)
- [Shoparoo](#)
- [Seton Tuition Assistance Fund](#)
- [Parenting the Love & Logic Way](#)

