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Dear Families,

**Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!** to all our parent organizers, volunteers, and donors for helping to make this such a special week! Students were so excited to have **FUN FAIR** back this year and teachers appreciated all the special treats. We have had an amazing time celebrating Catholic education! Check out our [Facebook page](#) to see some of the highlights. Look for Fun Fair pictures later tonight.

**FOOD DRIVE:** As part of our Catholic Schools Week celebration, we engage in some type of service project to give back to our community. This year, we collected food for the Menomonee Falls Food Pantry. With a little friendly competition, we collected 1,450 food items. The top three classrooms are: Mrs. Barez for primary, Mrs. Kleinman for intermediate, and Mrs. Schroeder for middle school. These classrooms will receive an out-of-uniform day for their service efforts.

**HOT LUNCH NEWS!** We have selected a hot lunch vendor and are in the process of finalizing the contract. We are hopeful that the new vendor, [Fresh & Safe](#), will be able to start offering hot lunches the week of February 14, but we are still waiting on confirmation of that. We are also in the process of applying to become part of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) so you can continue to receive the current “free lunch” benefits. This is a process that requires some time and training. We were told it takes 4-6 weeks to get approved, so in the interim you will need to pay the actual cost of the lunch. The new vendor’s price per lunch (including milk) is \$4.45. This is \$.65 more than the \$3.80 price Menomonee Falls was charging us two years ago.

We hope to continue with Domino’s pizza lunches on Wednesday’s, however NSLP requirements will not allow us to use the profits from those lunches for tuition scholarships. We may also have to tweak the Wednesday menu slightly, so we are meeting the NSLP nutritional requirements.

As soon as we have a couple more details ironed out, we will send out a menu for the remainder of February. Please keep an eye out for this as there will be a short window for placing orders.

There is **NO SCHOOL** for students next Friday, February 11. Teachers will be engaged in religious studies in the morning and will hold **virtual parent conferences** in the afternoon. These conferences will be scheduled by request. Please contact your child’s teacher directly if you wish to set up a virtual conference appt.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Students in grades 3, 4 & 5 will be performing Aladdin, Jr. on Thursday, March 31.

*Thanks again for all you do to support our students, our staff, and our school!*

Faithfully,  
Linda Joyner

**FEBRUARY**

- 7 [Blood Drive](#), 1:30-6:30pm
- 9 Liturgy, grs. 1-8; 8:15am  
Young Rembrandts, 3:10  
DC Parent Mtg, 6pm
- 11 **NO SCHOOL**– teacher in-service/mid-term conf.
- 15 8th Grade Graduation pictures  
[Pizza Crafters Restaurant fundraiser](#)
- 18 Liturgy, grs. 1-8; 8:15am  
STEM Challenge, 8:30am

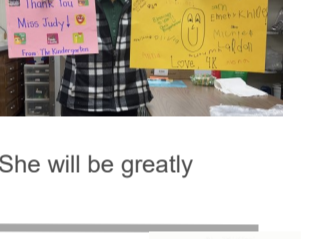
**New COVID Cases by the week**

1/17	1/24	1/31
3	0	1

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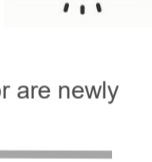
## We Will Miss Judy the Lunch Lady

The last day for our partnership with the Menomonee Falls School District for hot lunch is Feb. 10th. Some of you may or may not know, but Judy, our lunch lady, will therefore no longer be with us after that date. If you know Judy, you know how much she loves and cares for our students here at St. Mary, and we know many of the students and volunteers have gotten to know her and have enjoyed her time here, also. She will be greatly missed by many, and we wish her all the best!



## 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.

**2022-23 Registration**

Please return the [2022-23 registration form](#) and fee to the school office. Sorry, early bird discount ended on Feb. 4th.

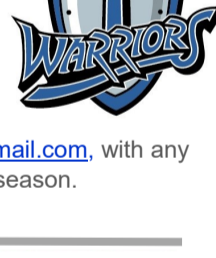
## Pizza With a Purpose

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.



## 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](mailto:ekholloway04@gmail.com), with any interest or questions. More information to follow about the upcoming season.



**Monday February 7**  
1:30 PM – 6:30 PM

*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 January 26th: *Elena Nevins, Anna Miller, Shane Daniels, The Spears Family and Ruger Mass.* And these \$30 winners drawn on February 2nd: *Diane Witek, Heather Jurgensn, The Woelfel Family, Leslie Beistle and Sharon Memory.* 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.