

# St. Mary Parish School



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## The Connection

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### Don't forget your [2021/22 Registration](#).

Dear Families,

This Sunday we will be hosting prospective families at our annual Open House. We currently have eleven families scheduled for tours. I am praying that the weather will not be as bad as predicted on Sunday, so we do not have to cancel. Please continue to spread the word about our wonderful school and encourage friends, neighbors, and coworkers to come check us out! Also, make sure to let people know that we plan to bring back our 3K program next fall.

*Next week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week!* Our teachers have been busy planning a lot of COVID-friendly fun activities for the students. Many thanks to all of you who volunteered to send in treats and items for our service project. [Click here for an overview of the week and please note the "dress themes" for each day.](#)

There are two very special Liturgical celebrations next week that our students will be participating in: the Candlemas on Tuesday (K-2), and the blessing of the throats on Wednesday (3-8). All Masses will be live streamed if you would like to join us! Mass times are included on the [CSW activity overview](#).

You may have heard some news in the past week or two regarding the mask ordinance. Regardless of what is determined, we plan to continue with our current mitigation strategies, which includes wearing masks to school each day. We remain committed to keeping our kids in school, learning in-person, every day, so we will continue to be vigilant as long as necessary. Hopefully, our teachers and the rest of our school staff will be able to register for the COVID-19 vaccination in the next few weeks.

I just received an important letter from the Waukesha County Health Department regarding some changes in the way they will be communicating COVID-19 alerts. [Please take a few minutes to read over this important information.](#)

Thank you for trusting us with your children's education and their safety this year! And thank you for all that you do to support our school community and make it such a great place to be a part of!

Faithfully,

Linda Joyner

### ***Kids Heart Challenge™ is coming!***

*Our school is getting ready to kick-off the **KIDS HEART CHALLENGE!** We are so excited to participate in this service-learning program from the American Heart Association. Kids Heart Challenge will teach your student(s) how to care for their hearts physically and emotionally while raising lifesaving donations. Get a jump start today by registering and choosing a heart healthy challenge.*

[Read more](#)



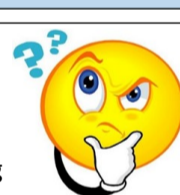
Do you have a New Year's resolution to save money this year? Since June 1, St Mary's families have earned over \$19,000 in rebates using Scrip. If you haven't used Scrip yet, give it a try—it's easy! If you already use Scrip, make sure you are maximizing your earnings. Here are a few simple steps to earn more rebates with Scrip. Remember, you have until May 31 to reach your \$250 fundraising requirement, and anything beyond that is a credit towards next year's tuition.

- 1-You can't save if you don't have an account.** Register at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). The enrollment code is: DDEC-C7621L46
- 2-Link your bank account.** This way you can purchase Scrip electronically, when you need it. E-giftcards account for over 60% of purchases at St Mary School.
- 3-Use the RaiseRight app.** Scrip's mobile app lets you easily organize your e-giftcards, and use your phone to redeem your Scrip at retailers or online.
- 4-Use reloads.** You can use the [RaiseRight app](#) to reload funds onto many of the gift cards you have purchased. Get a gas or grocery card and then use it over and over. St Mary families have already reloaded over \$130,000 so far this year.
- 5-Watch for the special deals.** Scrip often offers bonus rebates; stock up for extra savings. Check your account settings, and make sure you are signed up to receive notices about special offers.

Contact Jerry Esser with issues or questions.

**Keep it up St Mary's!**

### 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.

### Time is ticking . . . Don't miss out on enrolling in Futura's LIVE Virtual Spanish Classes!

E-learning is more than Electronic here at Future. It is also Effective and Engaging! Virtual in real-time LIVE Spanish instruction starts this February with ALL NEW MATERIAL. Our virtual platform includes two course options - 'Vamos a explorer' is a theme-based class where students will "explore" all in Spanish. 'Essential Spanish' will include all the basics to create an amazing language foundation for years to come. Various times and days to choose from to fit your family's needs for language learning. Please check our website for course details and offerings: <https://futuraadventures.com/virtual-learning-registration/> Enroll today, space is limited. We look forward to seeing your student in class...virtually!

### 2021 Calendar Raffle

Congratulations to these \$30 raffle winners drawn on January 26th: Richard Minue, Lily Rocole, Burke Family, The Koslo Family and Christianne Griffin.

Thank you all for participating.

JANUARY 2021

31 [OPEN HOUSE](#)

[CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK](#)

February 1—February 5, 2021

### High School Information

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

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### Links

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