

# St. Mary Parish School



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## The Connection

January 17, 2020

Dear Families,

I am happy to announce that our new website is up and running! We still have a few sub-pages to develop, but most content has been updated and is functional. We have added a top menu for current parents and students to allow easy access to important information and resources. [Click on this link to take a look!](#) Many thanks to our website developer, Jenny at [Bublitz Creative](#) for this amazing transformation!

Please continue to share the good news about our school with family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. Now you can even direct them to our website for information and to [RSVP for Open House](#).

[Early Bird Registration for the 2020-21 school year](#) ends on Thursday, January 23. Save yourself \$25 by sending in your registration form today!

Catholic Schools Week will be held January 27-31. Catholic Schools Week is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. Our faculty and volunteers have planned many exciting events for students during the week. [Here is a calendar for your reference](#).

We are continuing to see an increase in illness affecting both students and staff. To help keep germs from spreading, we ask that you:

- Do not send children to school when they are ill
- Keep them home until they have been fever free/symptom free for 24 hours
- Review proper handwashing with your children (20 second rule)
- Remind them to cough/sneeze into an elbow
- Remind them not to share water bottles or cups

We will be:

- Sanitizing...a lot!
- Reminding the kids to wash their hands
- Making sure hand sanitizer is readily available

Faithfully,

### Looking back at the week:

- [Grade 4 - 8 Geography Bee](#)

### Help Us Showcase Our School

Tour guides are needed for the school open house on Sunday, January 26th from 10:45- 2pm. This is a great opportunity to showcase our school to new and prospective school families. Parents and their students are the best "salespeople" we have. Come and share your experiences with families who are considering St. Mary for their children. This event is very important to the ongoing success of our school. You can make the difference by giving a few hours of your time to help us demonstrate the distinct advantages of a St. Mary education. As a tour guide family, you will work together as a unit to give tours, answer questions and share your experiences with new and prospective families. To help put you at ease, we'll provide you with responses to frequently asked questions and basic facts to share with guests. We're counting on YOU! We are in need of 20 family volunteers to help us with touring of our school.

[Click here to bring you directly to the sign up.](#)

**Family Fun Fair is just around the corner!** It's an exciting time of year for everyone! The Family Fun Fair is also excited to announce that ordering is now open for the 2020 Family Fun Fair. Follow the link: <http://bit.ly/FunFair2020> to order your tickets, VIP wristbands, and consider being a family sponsor. Please your orders on or before January 29th.

Family Fun Fair is a huge fundraising event for our school and is open to anyone, so share with your family, friends and neighbors.

We hope you will also consider being one of our 2020 sponsors, your help either small or large is always appreciated.

Thank you, 2020 Family Fun Fair Committee

**Sponsor a Classroom Pizza Party!** We are seeking family sponsorships to donate to the pizza party for each classroom. [Click here for more details.](#)

**Family Fun Fair needs YOUR help!** The entire event is planned and staffed by volunteers. While the planning is wrapping up, the staffing needs are just beginning! Just a couple hours of your time is needed to help us during the event. [Click on this link to volunteer.](#) Encourage students to sign up too. This is a great opportunity for service hours! We honestly cannot do this without you!

**February Hot Lunch Ordering Portal is Now Open!** Place your students' hot lunch orders for the month of February by Thursday, January 23rd. [Follow this link to the ordering portal.](#)

### STANDARDS-BASED GRADING

"There are no re-takes in REAL life"

TRUE  
 FALSE

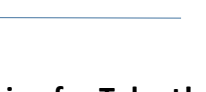
Definitely, False. Our goal is for each individual student to have the opportunity to demonstrate mastery of the standards. If a student does not show mastery on the first try on a summative assessment, does that make his or her effort a failing one?

Think about when . . . . .

[Read More](#)

### Home & School Committee is Searching for Talent!

**Career Day Chair:** Organize and run Career Day for 4th-8th graders. There is extensive material to pass on from previous chair and several people who can provide support.



**Vision Screening:** Organize and run our free vision screening for K3-K5. Work with existing volunteers for this half day of helping our students!

If interested in either of these opportunities, please contact Home & School Chair [Sarah Harenke](#).

**Playground Volunteers Needed:** We are looking for playground volunteers to supervise the recess period. Good news, since we have condensed the lunch/recess period, we only need help for 1 hour from 11:30-12:30 daily. If interested, please contact [Mrs. Salentine](#).

**Parenting the Love & Logic Way:** Parents will learn how to avoid unwinable power struggles, stay calm when kids do up setting things and much more. Sessions are held on consecutive Mondays beginning Feb. 10th through March 9th. [Learn how to register here.](#)

**2020 Calendar Raffle:** Congratulations to these \$30 raffle winners drawn on January 15th: **Michael A. Peterson, Frankowski Family, Charlotte Schaab, Mrs. Joanne Basting, The Crivello Family.** Thank you all for participating.

### JANUARY 2020

18 1st Reconciliation Retreat, 9am

22 All-School Liturgy, 8:15  
Young Rembrandts Drawing Classes, 3:05

23 Forensics Practice, 3:05—Library  
[Early Bird Registration Deadline](#)

24 NO CLASSES; teacher in-service

26 OPEN HOUSE, 11-2 PM  
Gr 2 Sacrament Parent Meeting, 6:45 pm—Marian Hall

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**  
January 26-February 1

30 Forensics Practice, 3:05—Library

### COMING SOON . . .

March 14 Parish Auction

March 19 Grades 3, 4 & 5 Musical

May 21 Middle School Musical

### Student Activities

[Young Rembrandts Drawing Classes](#)

[Spanish Session II sign up](#)

[M.F. Little League Registration](#)

### High School Information

[Menomonee Falls High School](#)

[Hamilton High School](#)

### Links

[School Closing information](#)

[Academic Calendar](#)

[Scrip Calendar processing dates](#)

[PowerSchool SIS](#)

[PowerSchool Learning](#)

[St. Mary Facebook](#)

[Amazon Smile](#)

[Shoparoo](#)



### EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING / INCLEMENT WEATHER (6114.5)

Emergency school closings may be necessary due to severe weather conditions during a school day. The decision to close is made by the public school districts and the bus companies serving the district. **St. Mary Parish School will automatically close when either Menomonee Falls OR Germantown Public Schools announce that they are closing due to inclement weather.** Please instruct your child as to where s(he) is to go if you are not home in the event of early dismissal.

School closings will be communicated to families and staff using PowerSchool tools (automated phone calls, texts and emails), website, school Facebook page, and announcements to local television and radio stations (WTMJ-AM 620, WTMJ-TV Channel 4, WITI-TV Channel 6, and WISN-TV Channel 12). When the start of school is **delayed** for a period of time, the same procedure used to close school, as listed above, shall be followed. For example:

- If Germantown ONLY is delayed, school will begin at 8:05 a.m. Germantown bus riders will not be counted as tardy.
- If Menomonee Falls ONLY is delayed, school will begin at 8:05 a.m. Menomonee Falls bus riders will not be counted as tardy.
- If BOTH Germantown and Menomonee Falls are delayed, St. Mary will open at the same time as the public schools. In this case, there will be no morning preschool or kindergarten.
- In the case of early dismissal by one or both schools, we will NOT close early if bus transportation is still available to us at our regular dismissal time. However, parents may elect to pick children up from school early on these occasions, if they wish.