



CHALLENGING MINDS ● DEVELOPING CHARACTER ● LIVING JESUS

Dear Families,

Yesterday, we sent out the lunch menu for the first two weeks of February. February 10 is the last day that the MFSD will be providing lunches to our school. As I mentioned yesterday, we have narrowed down potential vendors to two: [Fresh & Safe](#) and [HeartLove Place](#). Both vendors seem committed to providing nutritious meals and limiting processed foods. However, the initial quotes they provided are coming in between \$4.50-\$5. This is higher than the MFSD price of \$3.55. *Why the difference?* Food prices have gone up an average of 3.6% over this past year and are projected to continue rising. The cost of labor, paper good, condiments, etc. have also increased. Click here to view [Fresh & Safe](#) and [HeartLove](#) sample menus we were provided.

IF we get approved to participate in the National Hot Lunch Program, we would still be able to offer the meals at a lower cost for the remainder of this school year. However, as I mentioned, we have been told that we would not be able to continue using the profits from the Wednesday pizza lunches for the Tuition Angel program. As you can see there are many things to consider. We will keep you posted on our negotiations and progress!

[Catholic Schools Week](#) plans are nearly finalized! You will be receiving field trip forms and more specific details next week.

Volunteers are still needed to help during our Open House on Sunday, January 30 and during the School Day Fun Fair on Friday, February 4. Please click on [the link to sign up for Open House](#) and email [Kristin Stanek](#) to volunteer for Fun Fair. If you are looking for more ways to get involved in, please check the Volunteer Sign Up located on our website.

REMINDERS: There is no school for students on Friday January 28th. And don't forget to cheer on the Packer's this weekend! There was a lot of Packer Spirit at school today. [Check it out.](#) GO PACK GO!

Faithfully,

Linda Joyner

January

26	School Liturgy, 8:10 Young Rembrandts, 3:05
28	No School; teacher in-service
30	OPEN HOUSE, 11-2
31	Catholic Schools Week begins

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New COVID Cases by the week

1/3	1/10	1/17
12	8	3

Join us for our Open House
Sunday, January 30, 2022
11am-2pm | By Appointment only

Experience the exemplary academic journey that will prepare your child for a lifetime of success.

Please join us:

- Meet our faculty
- Tour our classrooms
- Discover what makes us different
- Experience our Living Jesus environment
- Ask your questions

Register today at [StMaryParishSchool.org](#), office@smps.school or 262-251-1050 | N89W16215 Cleveland Avenue, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

Optimist Club Students of the Month

January - Anna Miller

Anna was recognized our the January Student of the Month because she has consistently shown improvement in her effort and quality of work in the 6th grades. She asked questions when she doesn't understand a concept. She displays a strong work ethic in that she wants to own her work, be proud of her work and learn the materials. Anna understand the need to find any errors and make the appropriate corrections. If asked, she will work with any student and stay on task in her group work.

Anna is kind and respectful to her teachers and her classmates. Congratulations Anna!

St. Mary Parish School - Catholic Schools Week

SCHOOL DAY FUN FAIR 2022

Inflatables • Games • Cookie Walk

Friday • February 4 • 2022
For students to enjoy **DURING** school with their classmates.

Help us offset the costs to students by being a sponsor!
[Click to Sponsor Now](#)

Volunteers needed! Please reach out to Kristin Stanek at jkstanek@gmail.com to help make this a fun event!

February Hot Lunch Portal is open

Lunch orders [must be placed](#) on or before Wednesday, January 26th. Click on the menu graphic for options. [As mentioned in yesterdays update](#), students will need to bring a non-perishable bag lunch on Thursday February 3rd due to the Catholic Schools Week field trips. Students also have an opportunity to order a special Culver's Lunch meal on Friday, February 4th—thanks to our Fun Fair parent volunteers. *NOTE: the Culver's burgers will be served plain with condiments on the side.*



St. Mary Parish Auction

March 12, 2022

Mark Your Calendar.
[Click here](#) to register, sponsor or donate.

Calendar Raffle Winners

Congratulations to these \$30 raffle winners drawn on January 19th: **Ryan Miller, Carly Vondrak, Brian Rinke, Kari Pollard and Shane Daniels.** 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 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.

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