



CHALLENGING MINDS ● DEVELOPING CHARACTER ● LIVING JESUS

Dear Families,

Happy New Year! 2022 has certainly gotten off to a frigid start, hasn't it? Please make sure that you bundle up your kiddos for the weather because we will send them outside to play whenever the temperature allows. Unfortunately, we have had indoor recess for the past two days so you can be sure that your kids are coming home with a lot of pent-up energy today. Hopefully, you can get them outside tomorrow as they will need to run wild!

COVID UPDATE: We are seeing an increase in COVID cases which is not too surprising given the upwards trend across the nation. This week, we had twelve reported cases of COVID and an additional fourteen students in quarantine as close contacts. Ten of the twelve positive cases became symptomatic or tested positive over Christmas break. And the other two cases were home contacts so none of the current positive cases indicate school spread of the virus.

We have been informed that the Wisconsin Department of Health adopted the updated CDC guidelines, which may shorten quarantine times so students do not have to miss as many days of school. I had hoped to receive the updated info from the Waukesha Health Department by now, haven't received anything "official" yet, so stay tuned.

FACE COVERINGS: Having face masks to wear on the bus and for music class continues to be an issue for many students. I would be most grateful if you would pack several in your child's backpack, in a zip lock bag, so they are prepared. We find ourselves scrambling at the end of every school day to mask up kids before they get on the bus and before they have music class. We have completely blown through our stockpile of small kid masks and have resorted to tying up adult-sized ones to fit them, which takes even more time. We really need you to help us out with this.

Do you know anyone who might be interested in enrolling their 3, 4, or 5 year-old for next year? If so, please let them know about our up-coming Open House on Sunday, January 30th. Tours will be given by appointment only, so please encourage them to call and reserve a spot. **We are also in need of parent tour guides for Open House.** All you need for this volunteer opportunity is a couple of hours, a desire to meet prospective families, and a willingness to share the good news about our school. We will provide the talking points. If you can help or want more information, please contact the school office.

Faithfully,

Linda Joyner



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

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New COVID Cases

12/13	12/24—1/7
0	12



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

“Then they opened their treasures and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” -MT2:10-11



Epiphany prayer service on Thursday, January 6, 2022.

Calendar Raffle Winners

Congratulations to these \$30 raffle winners drawn on January 5th: **Carol Schulteis, Emma Yokes, Jorge Aguilar Segura and Pattie Millot.** And to this \$150 winner drawn on January 7th: **Shane Daniels.** Thank you for your support.

Dress for the Weather

We believe that recess is critically important to the mental and physical well-being of children. Whenever possible, students will play outside for recess as a break from indoor classroom activities. Therefore, when the weather permits and the windchill is above zero, student will play outside. Please make sure to send your children to school with proper winter clothing.



Inclement Weather / School Closing

Emergency school closings may be necessary due to severe weather conditions. The school will [automatically close when](#)