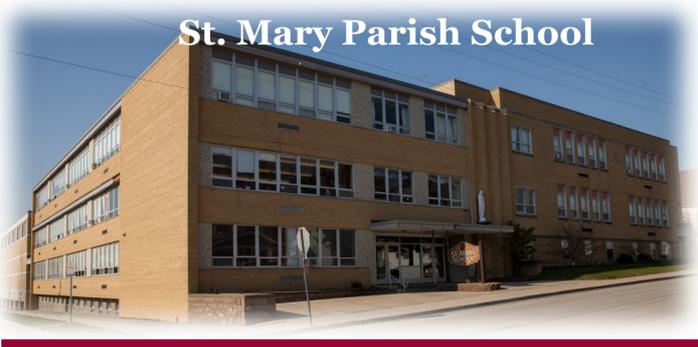


# St. Mary Parish School



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## The Connection

July 24, 2020  
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Dear Families,

We have been notified that after a great deal of thought, discussion, and prayer the Archdiocesan Athletic Advisory Board and other concerned parties have decided to cancel the 2020-21 fall sport season for elementary schools in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. This decision impacts our volleyball program. All parties recognize and value the importance that athletic and extracurricular opportunities bring to the educational experience and development of youth, but understand the highest priority is to have students in the classroom for in-person instruction and learning.

The Archdiocesan Athletic Advisory Board will make a decision on winter sports by October 1, 2020. Spring sports would be assessed at a later time. The Archdiocesan Athletic Advisory Board maintains the flexibility to reconfigure sport seasons and student participation guidelines based on current events at the time a decision is necessary.

We recognize this recommendation will disappoint most, if not all, of our students who are looking forward to returning to school and beginning their sports. We recognize this recommendation will also disappoint, and in some cases anger, adults in our community. We ask everyone to remember that the priority of the Archdiocesan Athletic Advisory Board and all other concerned parties is to do its part to help keep our schools open for in-person student instruction and learning.

Peace,

Monsignor Ross Shechterle  
Linda Joyner

### UPDATE BY THE CDC: The Importance of Reopening America's Schools this Fall

As families and policymakers make decisions about their children returning to school, it is important to consider the full spectrum of benefits and risks of both in-person and virtual learning options. Parents are understandably concerned about the safety of their children at school in the wake of COVID-19. The best available evidence indicates if children become infected, they are far less likely to suffer severe symptoms.

[Read the full article. . . .](#)

**FAQ COMING SOON!** We are developing an FAQ section for our website to address the frequently asked questions you may have regarding the reopening of school in August.

**School Student Supply Lists:** The supply lists have been modified to eliminate community supplies in the classroom. [Please visit our website for the updated lists.](#)

For those families who may have ordered the WriteSTUFF school supply kits, you may have to supplement a few supplies. We apologize for the inconvenience.

**School Office Summer Hours:** Please call before stopping in as staff may be on vacation or working in other areas of the school where they may not be able to hear the doorbell. The school office number is 262-251-1050. Or if you have a general question, you can also reach us by e-mail at: [office@smps.school](mailto:office@smps.school)

**Summer Scrip Schedule:** Summer Scrip order should be dropped off at the parish office or placed on line. Summer pick up will be at the parish office, available starting at noon on the Wednesdays of the processing week:

**July 27, Aug 10, Aug 24**

Questions? Please contact our Scrip Coordinator: Jerry Esser ([jerryesser@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jerryesser@sbcglobal.net)).

### AUGUST 2020

- 4 Class of 2020 Baccalaureate Mass, 6pm
- 26 Parent Night (most likely virtual)
- 28 Picture day/Open House, 8-1pm; (families will be scheduled)
- 31 First day of school

### Links

- [2020-21 Academic Calendar](#)
- [School Supply List](#)
- [Summer Scrip Schedule](#)

### THANK YOU

to the Tran family and the Harenke family for making and donating hundreds of cloth masks for our students and staff.



You are our heroes!

