

St. Mary Parish School



Challenging Minds

Developing Character

Living Jesus

The Connection

No School: March 16–27, 2020

March 13, 2020

Dear Families,

Wouldn't you know the second I clicked "send" on my last message to you, I received the notification from Germantown Schools of their plans. Anyway, given that all three school districts are suspending face-to-face instruction next week, we will do the same. Please note that we will be following the same plan as the Menomonee Falls and Sussex Hamilton districts, which is to conduct online learning next week and reassess the situation on a week by week basis. As of now, there will be no face-to-face instruction starting Monday, March 16-March 20. We will be off for spring break the following week, wherein we will reassess and make a determination for the following week (March 30-April 3).

Teachers began putting together online lessons and materials last week and will be at school on Monday to organize and distribute materials. Students and parents may stop by the school after 12:00 p.m. on Monday to pick up textbooks, materials and learning packets from their child's teachers. To help us in our planning please complete [this form](#) so we know for certain what access your children will have to technology at home.

Our sixth-eighth grade students will access most of their curriculum online through their Chromebooks. Fifth grade students may stop by after 12:00 p.m. on Monday to check out a Chromebook and charger for the week. All other students will need access to technology at home and will most likely have a blended learning experience (online and paper).

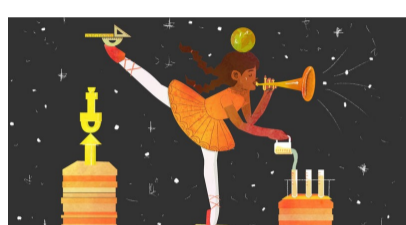
I'm sure there will be many questions as this situation continues to unfold that we do not yet have answers for, like will we have to make up school days. As we receive direction from DPI and the Archdiocese, I will continue to send updates. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns or need some assistance with technology. I'm no expert, but I know a few.

These are unprecedented times, and ever changing, so please be patient with us as we work to maintain continuity and the high-quality learning experiences our students are used to receiving.

Faithfully,

Linda Joyner

The Key to Raising Brilliant Kids

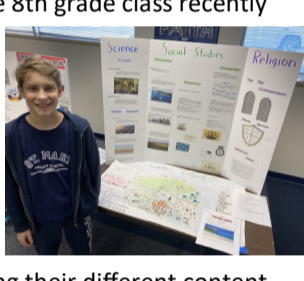


We all want to raise smart, successful kids, so it's tempting to play Mozart for our babies and run math drills for kindergartners. After all, we need to give them a head start while they're still little sponges, right?


"It doesn't quite work that way,"

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Looking Back:

- [Is a Utopian Society possible](#) The 8th grade class recently completed a cross-curricular unit in which they attempted to answer the question, is a utopian society possible? The students explored that question as they created their own island nation, and were in charge of creating many elements of their island using their different content area classes. For example, they had to determine their island's currency, economy, government, climate, energy source, religion, and even a new sport for their island! On Tuesday, the 8th graders presented their island projects to the younger students and parents. They did a fantastic job explaining and presenting all they had created on their islands!
 

- [St. Mary's Girl Scouts celebrate 108 years with service](#) To kick off the celebration of Girl Scout Week, St. Mary's Girl Scouts organized a service day on Monday, March 9 during which they swept the stairwells, sanitized the handrails, wiped and sanitized the furniture, shelves, sills and counters in the library, dusted and sanitized the computer lab, chairs, light switches and all other hard surfaces. They then went on to sanitize locker handles, classroom door knobs, bathroom stall handles and bubbler buttons.
 

- [Kids Heart Challenge](#) The students participated in Kids Heart Challenge the last week of February, which they raised money for the American Heart Association and participated in healthy activities and learned ways to make healthy choices.
 

Thank you to all who participated in the event!

Way to Go St. Mary's DI Teams!: Our two competition teams had excellent results at the Regional tournament last Saturday.

The Minions on the Shelf team including: Kenden Dilkhush, Tilly Micallef, Ava Norberg, Drew Schmelzer, Gianna Thiesen and Mathias Wiese took 1st place in the Technical category.



The Super St Mary Scientists team including: Natalie Nolan, Ben Nielsen, Nicholas Woelfel, MacKenzie Dunn, Addison Maloney, Emily Mancuso, and Easton Peterman placed 2nd in the Scientific category.



Both teams qualified for the State Tournament in Green Bay on April 18th.

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Pack'er Up—Donation Challenge: Clean our your closets and go to any participating goodwill Store between April 1-30. Simply indicate St. Mary's as your school and the number of items donated on the slip provided. The school with the greatest number of items donated will receive a visit from Donald Driver. [Read more about it here.](#)

2020 Calendar Raffle: Congratulations to these \$30 raffle winners drawn on March 11, 2020: **Joey Karczewski, Bonner Family, Sarah Mrozinski, Stephanie Parise and Marilyn Hartl.** Thank you all for participating.

- MARCH 2020**
- 13 Report cards e-mailed home
 - 14 Parish Auction
 - 15 Pinewood Derby POSTPONED
 - 16 Scrip Orders Due, 8am
 - 19 Grs. 3, 4 & 5 Musical-Aladdin, POSTPONED
 - 20 Stations of the Cross, POSTPONED
- SPRING BREAK March 23– 27**

COMING SOON . . .

- April 4 Trivia Night
- May 21 Middle School Musical

Student Activities

- [Girl Scout End of Year Celebration](#)
- [YMCA Spring Camp Registration](#)
- [Plus XI Jr. Pope's Football](#)
- [Rocket Aquatics Swim Club](#)

Links

- [Health Policy](#)
- [Lenten Liturgical Events](#)
- [2019 Private Tuition Tax Form](#)
- [School Closing information](#)
- [Academic Calendar](#)
- [Important dates for 2020/21](#)
- [Scrip Calendar processing dates](#)
- [PowerSchool SIS](#)
- [PowerSchool Learning](#)
- [St. Mary Facebook](#)
- [Amazon Smile](#)
- [Shoptaroo](#)
- [Seton Tuition Assistance Fund](#)
- [Playground/hot lunch volunteers](#)

2020 Gala is still on!

Hope to see you there!



Keeping the home safe Encourage your family members to...

- All households**
 - Clean hands at the door and at regular intervals
 - Create habits and reminders to avoid touching their face and cover coughs and sneezes
 - Disinfect surfaces like doorknobs, tables, and handrails regularly
 - Increase ventilation by opening windows or adjusting air conditioning
- Households with vulnerable seniors or those with significant underlying conditions**

Significant underlying conditions include heart, lung, kidney disease; diabetes; and conditions that suppress the immune system

 - Have the healthy people in the household conduct themselves as if they were a significant risk to the person with underlying conditions. For example, wash hands frequently before interacting with the person, such as by feeding or caring for the person
 - If possible, provide a protected space for vulnerable household members
 - Ensure all utensils and surfaces are cleaned regularly
- Households with sick family members**
 - Give sick members their own room if possible, and keep the door closed
 - Have only one family member care for them
 - Consider providing additional protections or more intensive care for household members over 65 years old or with underlying conditions

What every American and community can do now to decrease the spread of the coronavirus

Talking with Children about Coronavirus Disease 2019: Messages for parents, school staff, and others working with children

As public conversations around coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) increase, children may worry about themselves, their family, and friends getting ill with COVID-19. Parents, family members, school staff, and other trusted adults can play an important role in helping children make sense of what they hear in a way that is honest, accurate, and minimizes anxiety or fear. CDC has created guidance to help adults have conversations with children about COVID-19 and ways they can avoid getting and spreading the disease.

[Learn More](#)

For more information click on these links:
[Get your Home Ready. FAQs for Individuals and Families](#)
[What to do if you are sick?](#)