October 16, 2026

# THE CONNECTION

Weekly Newsletter

ST. MARY SCHOOL

***"St. Mary Parish School creates Catholic leaders through academic excellence, supporting diverse learners, and seeing Jesus in every person."***

Dear Families,

There's something pretty exciting happening in Wisconsin right now! The Brewers are gearing up for the World Series, and you can feel the excitement everywhere. After all, it's been a long time since we've had this much October baseball to celebrate!

But the Brewers aren't the only team chasing a big goal right now!

**This Saturday is our Catholic Schools Walk, and Team St. Mary's is swinging for the fences with a $40,000 fundraising goal!**

Every single dollar raised comes directly back to St. Mary Parish School to support our students and the learning experiences we provide each day. From the classrooms where curiosity grows to the programs that help each child discover their God-given gifts, your generosity makes an incredible difference.

And just like the Brewers, we're going to need our entire team to get us across home plate!

**If we reach $40,000, our students will get to celebrate by covering their principal in SILLY STRING!** Yes, I have agreed to become a human art project.

The forecast is looking a little chilly for Saturday, but don't let that keep you on the bench! Bundle up, grab your St. Mary's spirit, and join us for a morning of faith, friendship, and fun. A little Wisconsin October weather has never stopped a good team!

Whether you're walking, donating, or cheering us on, you are helping us plant the seeds of something wonderful for our students.

**Let's knock this one out of the park, St. Mary's!**

Go Brewers! Go St. Mary's!

In His service,
Annemarie

PENNY WAR
In celebration of Veteran's Day...

We will be having a Penny War the week before Veteran's Day! More details to come, but start saving your coins now!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**TOMORROW**
Catholic Schools Walk

**October 20**
VIP re-take day (Students having a re-take done may be out of uniform)

**October 28**
Early Release at 11:30am (Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences)

**October 29**
No School
Parent-Teacher Conferences

**October 30**
No School
Teacher PD

**Nov. 4**
All Saints Day Mass and Third Grade Saints Presentations

**Nov. 4**
Early-release at 11:30AM

**Nov. 25 - 27**
Thanksgiving Break

**Nov. 30**
No School
(In-service)

2026-2027 Academic Calendar

## PARENT VOLUNTEER CORNER:

Check out our current parent volunteer opportunities!

Playground Supervisor *(Grades K5 - 8th - daily needs)*

Lunchroom Supervisor *(2nd - 8th grade—daily needs)*

Lunchroom Helper for K3—1st Grade only *(daily needs—this isn't as much of a priority as our regular lunchroom supervisor, but we still appreciate the help)*

Athletics Dept. *Track Coach/Coordinator Needed. Reach out to* Brandon Kirchoff *if you can help.*

SMPS Theatre Guild *(various needs throughout the year). See interest form survey* here.*)*

## School Highlights:

LIVE JESUS
PLANT THE SEEDS

Planting the seeds of curiosity and discovery in our K3, K4 and K5 students with a fun-filled morning at the pumpkin patch!

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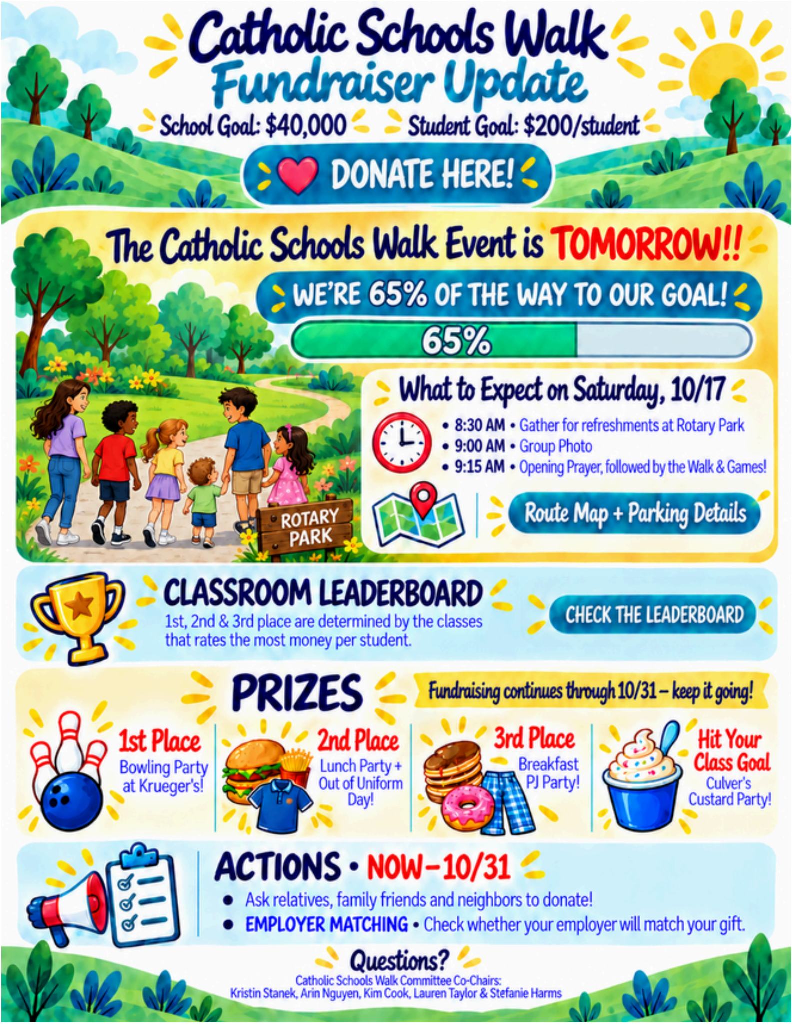
## Catholic Schools Walk:



# Catholic Schools Walk Fundraiser Update

School Goal: $40,000 · Student Goal: $200/student

DONATE HERE!

## The Catholic Schools Walk Event is TOMORROW!!

WE'RE 65% OF THE WAY TO OUR GOAL!

65%

### What to Expect on Saturday, 10/17

- 8:30 AM • Gather for refreshments at Rotary Park
- 9:00 AM • Group Photo
- 9:15 AM • Opening Prayer, followed by the Walk & Games!

Route Map + Parking Details

### CLASSROOM LEADERBOARD

1st, 2nd & 3rd place are determined by the classes that rates the most money per student.

CHECK THE LEADERBOARD

### PRIZES

Fundraising continues through 10/31 – keep it going!

**1st Place** Bowling Party at Krueger's!

**2nd Place** Lunch Party + Out of Uniform Day!

**3rd Place** Breakfast PJ Party!

**Hit Your Class Goal** Culver's Custard Party!

### ACTIONS • NOW–10/31

- Ask relatives, family friends and neighbors to donate!
- **EMPLOYER MATCHING** • Check whether your employer will match your gift.

**Questions?**

Catholic Schools Walk Committee Co-Chairs:
Kristin Stanek, Arin Nguyen, Kim Cook, Lauren Taylor & Stefanie Harms

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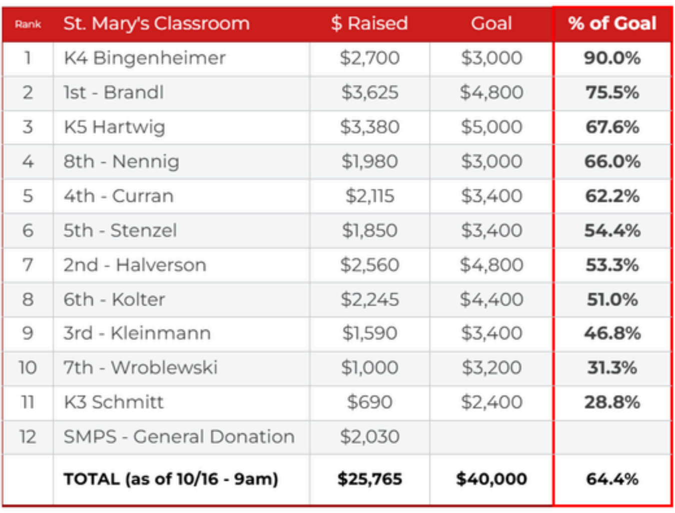
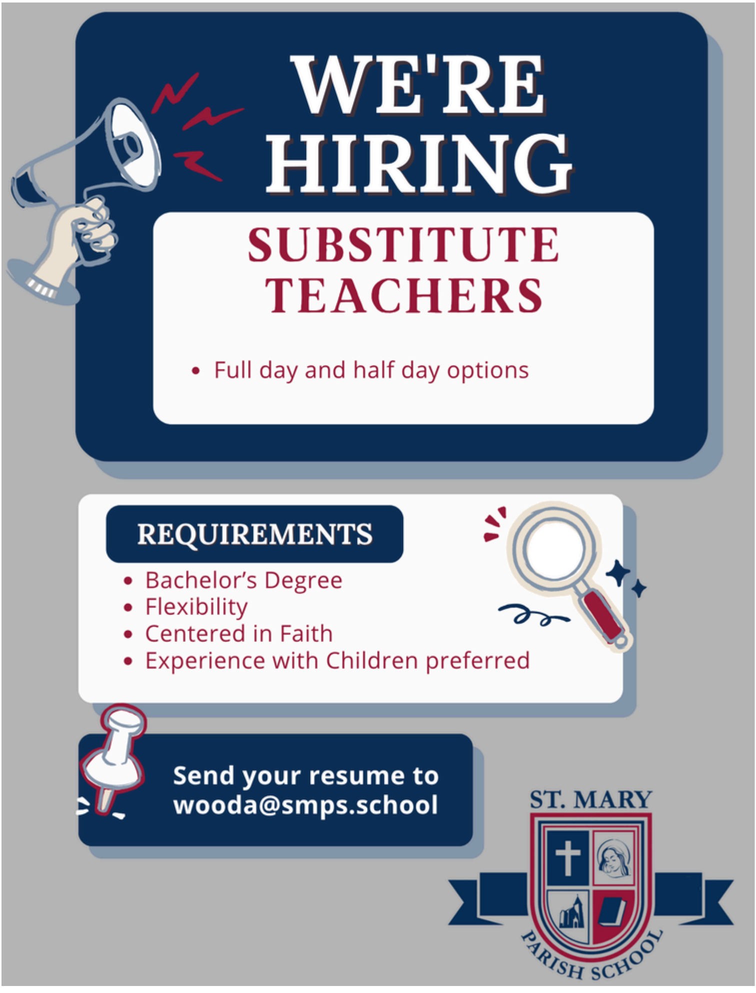
**DONATE here!**

**Route Map and Parking Details here!**

**Check the Leaderboard here!**
(*Below is a snapshot of the leaderboard as of Friday morning, but keep checking the website for recent updates!)*



| Rank | St. Mary's Classroom | $ Raised | Goal | % of Goal |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | K4 Bingenheimer | $2,700 | $3,000 | **90.0%** |
| 2 | 1st - Brandl | $3,625 | $4,800 | **75.5%** |
| 3 | K5 Hartwig | $3,380 | $5,000 | **67.6%** |
| 4 | 8th - Nennig | $1,980 | $3,000 | **66.0%** |
| 5 | 4th - Curran | $2,115 | $3,400 | **62.2%** |
| 6 | 5th - Stenzel | $1,850 | $3,400 | **54.4%** |
| 7 | 2nd - Halverson | $2,560 | $4,800 | **53.3%** |
| 8 | 6th - Kolter | $2,245 | $4,400 | **51.0%** |
| 9 | 3rd - Kleinmann | $1,590 | $3,400 | **46.8%** |
| 10 | 7th - Wroblewski | $1,000 | $3,200 | **31.3%** |
| 11 | K3 Schmitt | $690 | $2,400 | **28.8%** |
| 12 | SMPS - General Donation | $2,030 | | |
| | **TOTAL (as of 10/16 - 9am)** | **$25,765** | **$40,000** | **64.4%** |



# WE'RE HIRING

## SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

- Full day and half day options

**REQUIREMENTS**

- Bachelor's Degree
- Flexibility
- Centered in Faith
- Experience with Children preferred

**Send your resume to wooda@smps.school**

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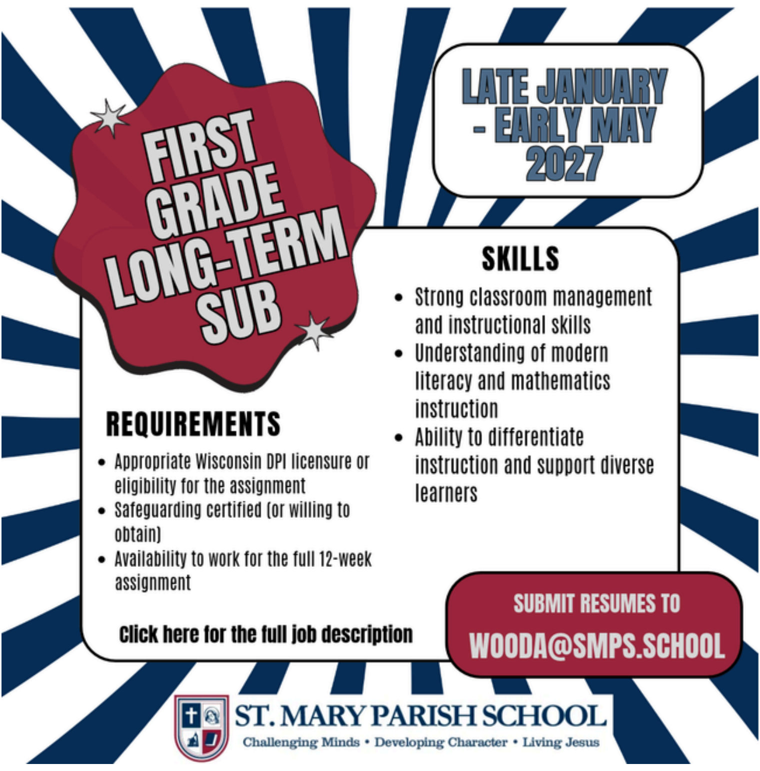

## FIRST GRADE LONG-TERM SUB

**LATE JANUARY - EARLY MAY 2027**

**SKILLS**

- Strong classroom management and instructional skills
- Understanding of modern literacy and mathematics instruction
- Ability to differentiate instruction and support diverse learners

**REQUIREMENTS**

- Appropriate Wisconsin DPI licensure or eligibility for the assignment
- Safeguarding certified (or willing to obtain)
- Availability to work for the full 12-week assignment

**Click here for the full job description**

**SUBMIT RESUMES TO**
**WOODA@SMPS.SCHOOL**

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Challenging Minds • Developing Character • Living Jesus

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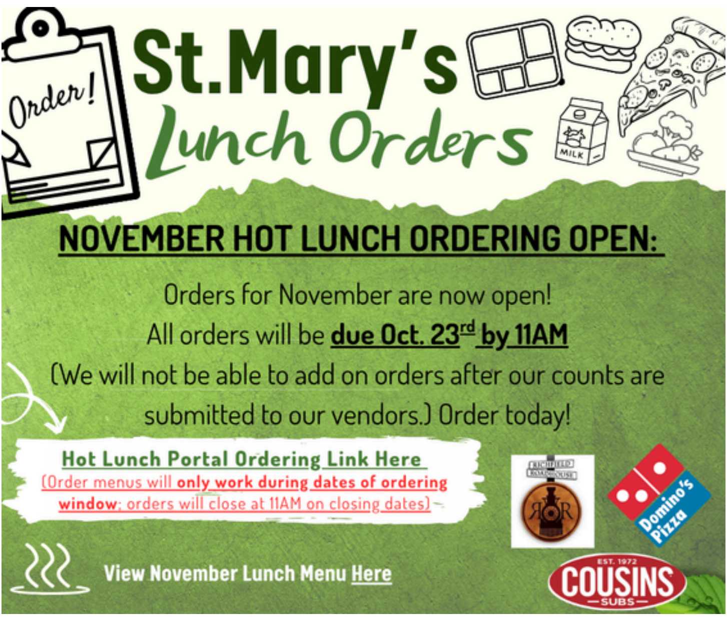
## Reminders/Resources:



# St.Mary's Lunch Orders

**NOVEMBER HOT LUNCH ORDERING OPEN:**

Orders for November are now open!
All orders will be **due Oct. 23rd by 11AM**
(We will not be able to add on orders after our counts are submitted to our vendors.) Order today!

**Hot Lunch Portal Ordering Link Here**
(Order menus will **only work during dates of ordering window**; orders will close at 11AM on closing dates)

View November Lunch Menu Here

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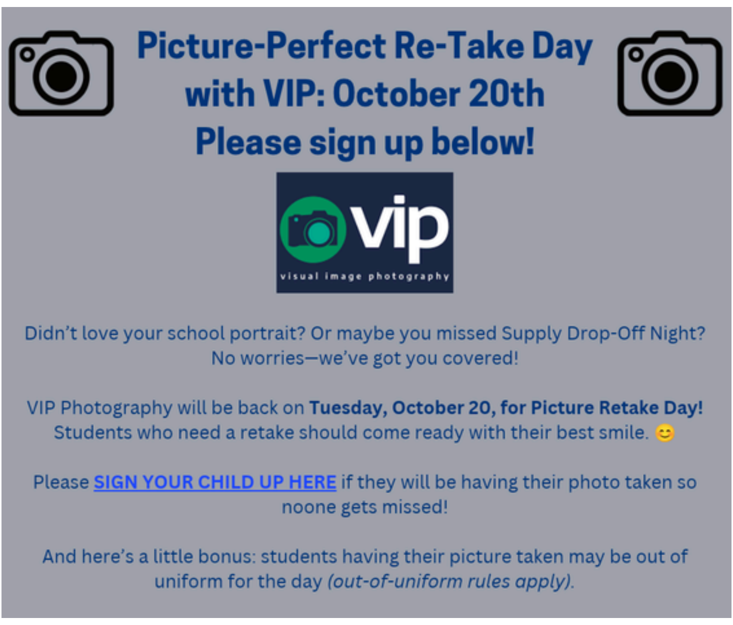

## Picture-Perfect Re-Take Day with VIP: October 20th Please sign up below!

vip
visual image photography

Didn't love your school portrait? Or maybe you missed Supply Drop-Off Night? No worries—we've got you covered!

VIP Photography will be back on **Tuesday, October 20, for Picture Retake Day!** Students who need a retake should come ready with their best smile. 😊

Please SIGN YOUR CHILD UP HERE if they will be having their photo taken so noone gets missed!

And here's a little bonus: students having their picture taken may be out of uniform for the day *(out-of-uniform rules apply)*.

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## Home & School:

CAFÉ ZUPAS

# *fundraiser night*

## ST MARY PARISH SCHOOL - MENOMONEE FALLS

**DATE & TIME**
Tuesday, October 27
4pm - 9pm

**LOCATION**
N91 W15909 Falls Parkway
Menomonee Falls, WI

***Many ways to earn up to 25% for your organization:***

**IN RESTAURANT**
Just let the cashier know you are there for the fundraiser.

**ONLINE OR IN-APP**
Turn on the Fundraiser switch at checkout.

SCAN HERE
& ORDER
WITH THE APP!

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Join the SMPS

# Theater *Guild*

Join our exciting parent volunteer team!
Help bring our productions to life.

## Volunteer Areas

Costumes + Props + Set Design + Publicity

No Experience Necessary!

**Sign up Here**

*26/27 Productions*

| The Nutcracker and the Greatest Gift | Disney's Dare to Dream Jr. | Shrek Jr. |
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# SMPS TRIVIA NIGHT

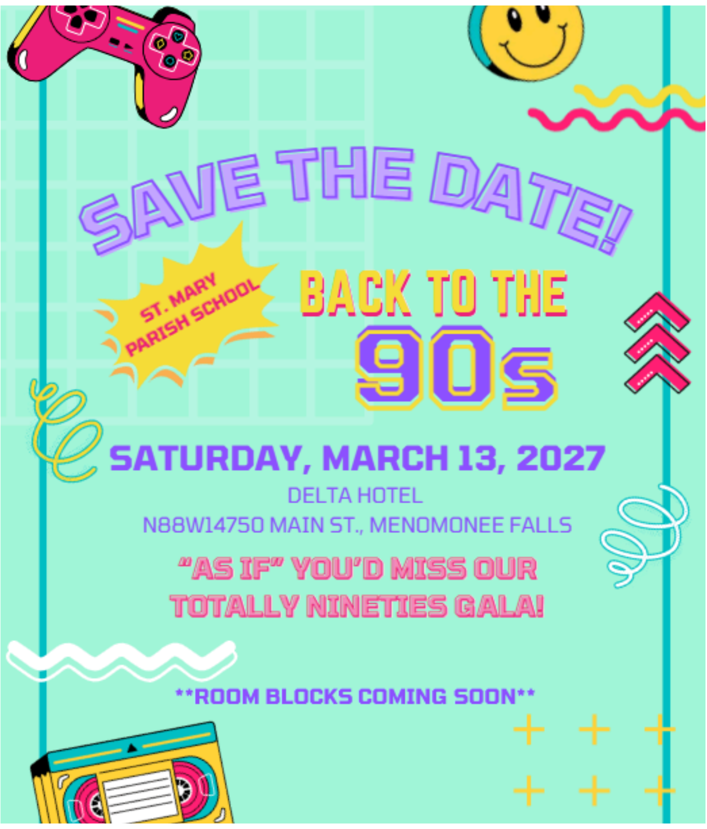
## FRIDAY, NOV. 13TH
## SMPS ACTIVITY CENTER
## DOORS OPEN 6:30PM

Trivia night is open to all school families and parishioners but also family, friends and neighbors. Compete for a cash prize and the traveling trophy! Join us for a fun adult night out- bring your own snacks and beverages (adult beverages also welcome!)

Make a team and come join the fun! Costumes are welcome but not required.

Cost is $10 per person, teams up to ten people. Sign up/RSVP below!

**RSVP HERE BY NOV. 10TH!**



SAVE THE DATE!

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL

BACK TO THE 90s

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2027

DELTA HOTEL
N88W14750 MAIN ST., MENOMONEE FALLS

"AS IF" YOU'D MISS OUR TOTALLY NINETIES GALA!

**ROOM BLOCKS COMING SOON**

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## Warriors Athletics Updates:

### Last Call!

Basketball Registration due Nov. 1st

Register here ASAP to help us better plan

Basketball season kicks off in November, with games starting in December. If you haven't already, plesae register today to help us in our planning! Registration ASAP if you haven't already done so is much appreciated! Thank you.

### Track Coach / Coordinator Still Needed

Contact Brandon Kirchoff if you can help.

### Athletics Volunteers

Please see the volunteer schedule/sign up here.

### Upcoming Home Volleyball Games:

| *Friday, Oct. 16* | *Sat., Oct. 17* |
|---|---|
| *5:30PM: 8th boys vs. St. Mary visitation*<br>*7:30PM: 8th boys vs. St. Jerome* | *11AM: 7th girls vs. St. Frances Cabrini*<br>*12PM: 7th girls vs. St. Sebastian*<br>*1PM: 5th girls vs. St. Gabe/St. Boniface/St. Killian*<br>*3PM: 5th girls vs. Brookfield Academy* |

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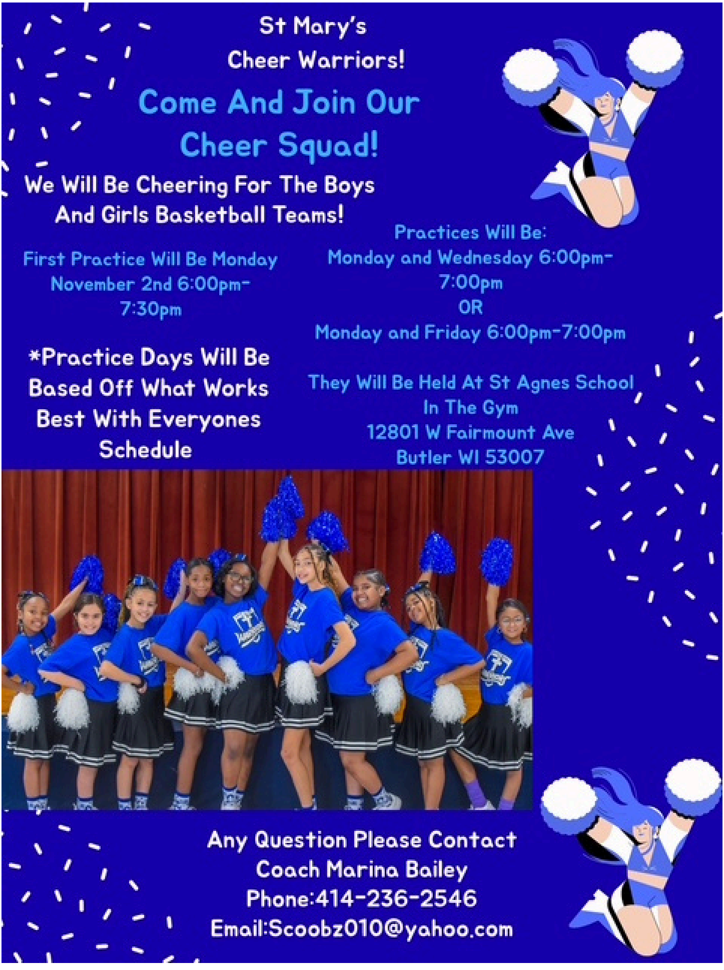
### 8th/7th Grade Boys SETON Invitation:

Congratulations to our 8th/7th grade boys (combined) team who have been invited to the SETON tournament.

Potential match dates will be:

Monday, October 26: 5:30 - Sting Center *(Pool play)*
Thursday, October 29: 7:30 - Sting Center
Friday, October 30: 7:30 - Sting Center
Saturday, November 1: 2:00 Catholic Memorial HS *(Semi-Finals)*
Sunday, November 2: 2:00 Catholic Memorial HS *(Finals)*

***More Info to come soon!***



St Mary's
Cheer Warriors!

Come And Join Our
Cheer Squad!

We Will Be Cheering For The Boys
And Girls Basketball Teams!

First Practice Will Be Monday
November 2nd 6:00pm-
7:30pm

Practices Will Be:
Monday and Wednesday 6:00pm-
7:00pm
OR
Monday and Friday 6:00pm-7:00pm

*Practice Days Will Be
Based Off What Works
Best With Everyones
Schedule

They Will Be Held At St Agnes School
In The Gym
12801 W Fairmount Ave
Butler WI 53007

Any Question Please Contact
Coach Marina Bailey
Phone:414-236-2546
Email:Scoobz010@yahoo.com

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## Calendar Raffle Winners:

**Congratulations to these $30 Winners drawn on Oct. 14:**
*Lisa Garvey, Al Baudhvin & Stacy Love, Kristi Mormann, Carol Davis, and the Hietpas family*

Thank you for your participation!

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## Get Involved...Student Volunteer Opportunities

If your student is in need of service hours, please reach out to Mrs. Mansfield at mansfieldh@smps.school. Additionally, if you have volunteer opportunities to share with our school community, please share those with both Mrs. Mansfield and Mrs. McCabe so we can share those opportunities with others! Thank you.

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## In the Community:

### Jr. Chargers LaCrosse Try-It Events:

Hamilton Chargers are kicking off registration for their 2027 season with an upcoming Try-It Lacrosse Event in October. They will be hosting additional events and opportunities in the coming months. Registration for the 2027 season will be opening October 18th. Click here for a flyer with more info.

### A Community Affair: Arts & Crafts Fair:

Saturday, Oct. 17th from 9:00AM to 3:00PM at Menomonee Falls High School. View the flyer here for more info.

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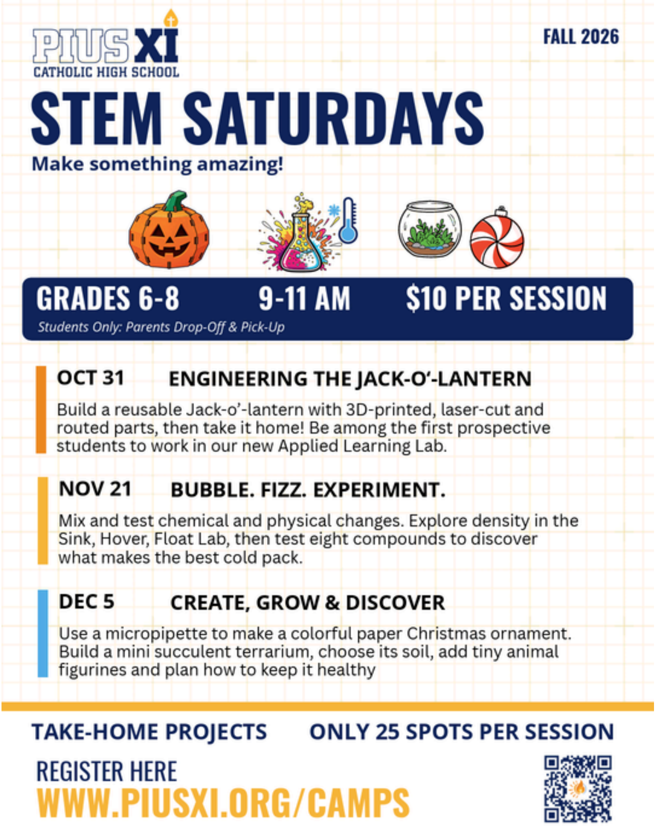

PIUS XI
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

FALL 2026

STEM SATURDAYS
Make something amazing!

GRADES 6-8 9-11 AM $10 PER SESSION
*Students Only: Parents Drop-Off & Pick-Up*

**OCT 31** **ENGINEERING THE JACK-O'-LANTERN**
Build a reusable Jack-o'-lantern with 3D-printed, laser-cut and routed parts, then take it home! Be among the first prospective students to work in our new Applied Learning Lab.

**NOV 21** **BUBBLE. FIZZ. EXPERIMENT.**
Mix and test chemical and physical changes. Explore density in the Sink, Hover, Float Lab, then test eight compounds to discover what makes the best cold pack.

**DEC 5** **CREATE, GROW & DISCOVER**
Use a micropipette to make a colorful paper Christmas ornament. Build a mini succulent terrarium, choose its soil, add tiny animal figurines and plan how to keep it healthy

TAKE-HOME PROJECTS ONLY 25 SPOTS PER SESSION

REGISTER HERE
WWW.PIUSXI.ORG/CAMPS

Catholic Heart Workcamp 2026
Dover Delaware
July 10-17, 2026
Open to current 7th Graders through 20 yr olds
$725 ($135 deposit with registration)
fundraising & financial aid available

Scan the QR Code or visit
www.mygoodshepherd.org/youth
to register now!

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## High School Open Houses:

**Chesterton Academy High School Open House:**
Sunday, October 18, 1 - 2:30PM, Register at
https://chestertonacademymke.org/

- Meet our vibrant community & learn more about the admissions process
- Bring your questions for the student Q&A panel
- Explore campus with a guided tour & uncover our classrooms, labs, chapel, and more.

sign up now! piusxi.org/visit

PIUS XI
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Open Campus
Fridays, Oct 9, 16, 23
9:00 – 11:00 am

DISCOVER DOMINICAN NIGHT
7TH & 8TH GRADE PARENTS & STUDENTS

Tuesday, November 10th
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Dominican High School - Board Room

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- MISSION & CATHOLIC IDENTITY: PRESIDENT LEANNE GIESE
- COLLEGE-PREP ACADEMICS: PRINCIPAL VINNIE MURRAY
- TEACHER PERSPECTIVE: SUPPORT & EXPECTATIONS
- STUDENT VOICES: REAL DOMINICAN EXPERIENCES
- PARENT INSIGHTS: WHY FAMILIES CHOOSE US
- SMALL CLASSES, BIG IMPACT
- ADMISSIONS & SCHOLARSHIPS OVERVIEW
- Q&A SESSION

DominicanHighSchool.com/Discover-Dominican-November

RSVP HERE
SCAN HERE!

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## SMPS Quick Links:

2026-27 Change of Dismissal Form
2026-2027 Academic Calendar
2026-27 Family Calendar
Scrip Raise Right App
Scrip Raise Right Schedule
SMPS Family Guide
Catholic Charities: Therapy Referral Form
Lunchroom Volunteer Sign Up
Playground Volunteer Sign Up
October Hot Lunch Menu
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