October 23, 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,

What a wonderful day we had at last week's **Catholic Schools Walk**! We celebrated our best turnout yet in support of St. Mary's. Even the weather seemed to be cheering us on as the sunshine warmed the grounds while we walked! Thank you to everyone who joined us and to all of our families who have worked so hard to secure donations. Your generosity, enthusiasm, and commitment to our school are what make events like this so special.

We're still a ways from our fundraising goal, but I have every confidence that this community can come together to reach **$40,000**! And let's not forget, there are some pretty exciting classroom prizes waiting on the other side of that goal. Keep those donations coming!

Next week, our 8th-grade boys begin pool play in the Seton Tournament! We are incredibly proud of these young men and wish them the very best as they represent St. Mary's. We ask for the intercession of **St. Sebastian, patron saint of athletes**, to watch over our boys. May he pray for their protection, perseverance, physical strength, and good sportsmanship throughout the tournament.

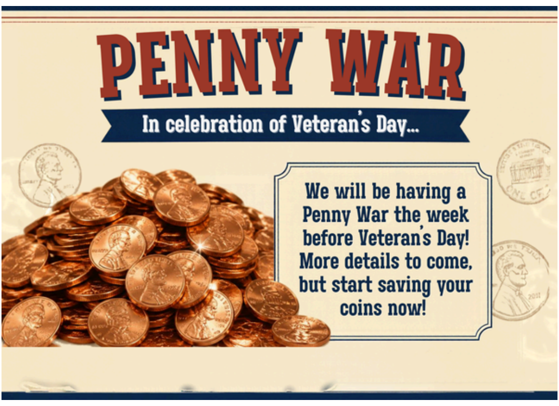
And finally...a little baseball confession.

World Series fever has certainly swept through Wisconsin, and I feel it's time to share a personal sacrifice I'm willing to make for the greater good. Traditionally, I don't pay much attention to the Brewers until they make the playoffs. Then I decide to watch a game...and they lose.

Every. Single. Time.

So, Brewers fans, you're welcome. My gift to all of you is that I will NOT be watching the World Series. I will happily do my part from a safe distance, where my apparent baseball curse cannot interfere. **Let's get 'em in four!** ⚾

In His service,
Mrs. Wood


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

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.)*

Dear St. Mary Families,

Unfortunately, we continue to see **safety concerns** in the neighborhood during morning drop-off, and our police department was present this morning to observe the situation.

We need everyone's cooperation to ensure that our morning drop-off is safe for our students, families, and neighbors. Please do not drop off students in front of driveways or stop so close to the crosswalk that you block traffic. These practices create safety concerns for pedestrians, other drivers, and the families who live in the homes surrounding our school.

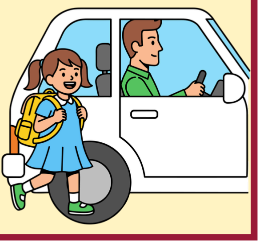
We also have a responsibility to be good neighbors. Please be mindful of the homes and driveways around St. Mary and help us maintain a safe, respectful environment for everyone.

If you are unable to park appropriately and safely to walk your child to the front entrance, please use the designated car line by the Activity Center. This allows students to exit vehicles safely without blocking driveways, crosswalks, or traffic.

Finally, please share this message with anyone who may be responsible for dropping off your child, including grandparents, babysitters, and other caregivers. We need everyone who participates in morning drop-off to understand and follow these expectations.

Thank you for your partnership and for helping us keep our children safe while showing consideration for our neighbors. Your cooperation makes a difference!

In His service,
Mrs. Wood

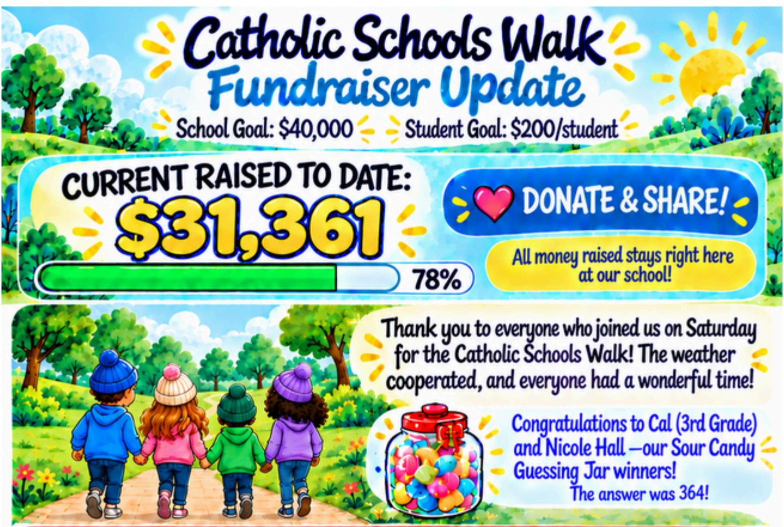


School Highlights:

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WALK
WALK
LIVE JESUS
PLANT THE SEEDS

Planting the Seeds of faith and community as we come together to support our students and St. Mary school!

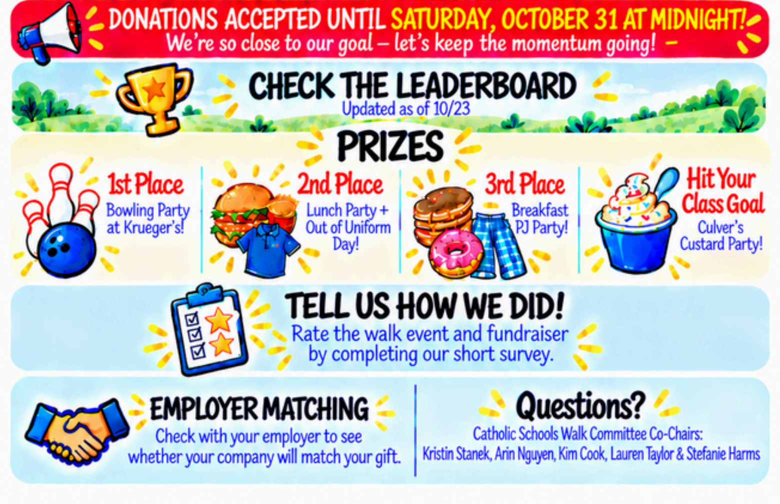
Catholic Schools Walk:



All money raised stays right here at our school!

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Saturday for the Catholic Schools Walk! The weather cooperated, and everyone had a wonderful time!

Congratulations to Cal (3rd Grade) and Nicole Hall —our Sour Candy Guessing Jar winners!
The answer was 364!



DONATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 AT MIDNIGHT!

We're so close to our goal – let's keep the momentum going! –

CHECK THE LEADERBOARD

Updated as of 10/23

PRIZES

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!

TELL US HOW WE DID!

Rate the walk event and fundraiser by completing our short survey.

EMPLOYER MATCHING

Check with your employer to see whether your company 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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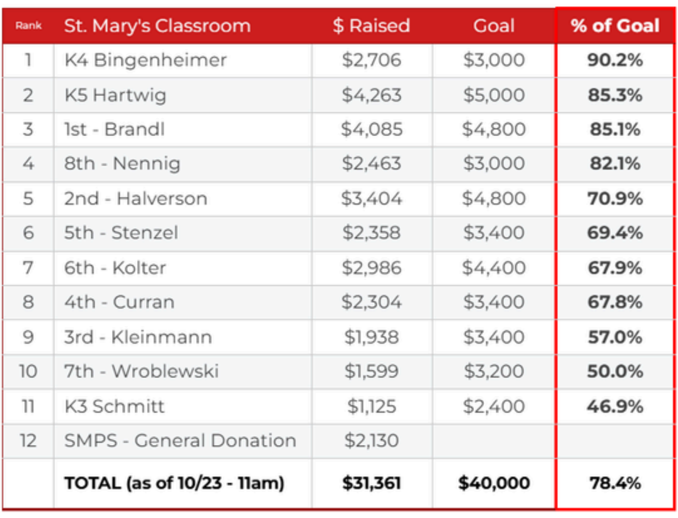
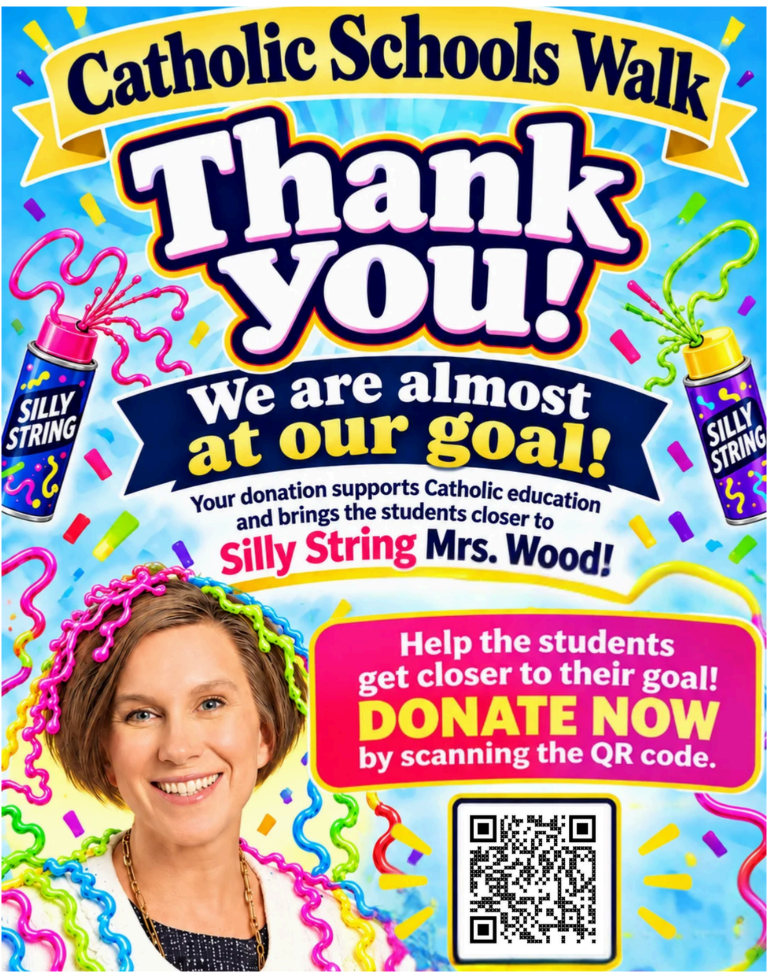
DONATE here!

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	$2,706	$3,000	**90.2%**
2	K5 Hartwig	$4,263	$5,000	**85.3%**
3	1st - Brandl	$4,085	$4,800	**85.1%**
4	8th - Nennig	$2,463	$3,000	**82.1%**
5	2nd - Halverson	$3,404	$4,800	**70.9%**
6	5th - Stenzel	$2,358	$3,400	**69.4%**
7	6th - Kolter	$2,986	$4,400	**67.9%**
8	4th - Curran	$2,304	$3,400	**67.8%**
9	3rd - Kleinmann	$1,938	$3,400	**57.0%**
10	7th - Wroblewski	$1,599	$3,200	**50.0%**
11	K3 Schmitt	$1,125	$2,400	**46.9%**
12	SMPS - General Donation	$2,130		
	TOTAL (as of 10/23 - 11am)	**$31,361**	**$40,000**	**78.4%**

Check out a video highlight of our Catholic Schools Walk below! (Special thanks to Jeff Poad for his help in creating this video!)



Catholic Schools Walk

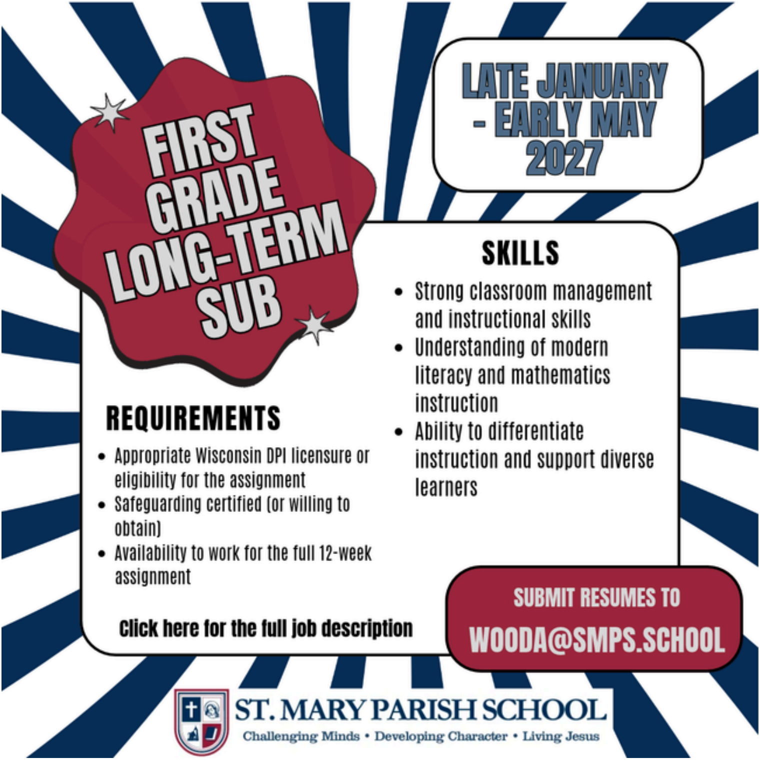
Thank you!

We are almost at our goal!

Your donation supports Catholic education and brings the students closer to **Silly String Mrs. Wood!**

Help the students get closer to their goal!

DONATE NOW by scanning the QR code.



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

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL
Challenging Minds • Developing Character • Living Jesus

Reminders/Resources:

Changes of Dismissal/Absence Form:

A Friendly Reminder: Whenever there is a change in dismissal or attendance, please be sure to complete the Change of Dismissal/Absence Form, even if you have already emailed your child's teacher.

We've noticed that sometimes the teacher is notified, but the form isn't submitted, leaving the office unaware of the change. Completing the form helps ensure everyone is informed and your child's dismissal or attendance is handled correctly.

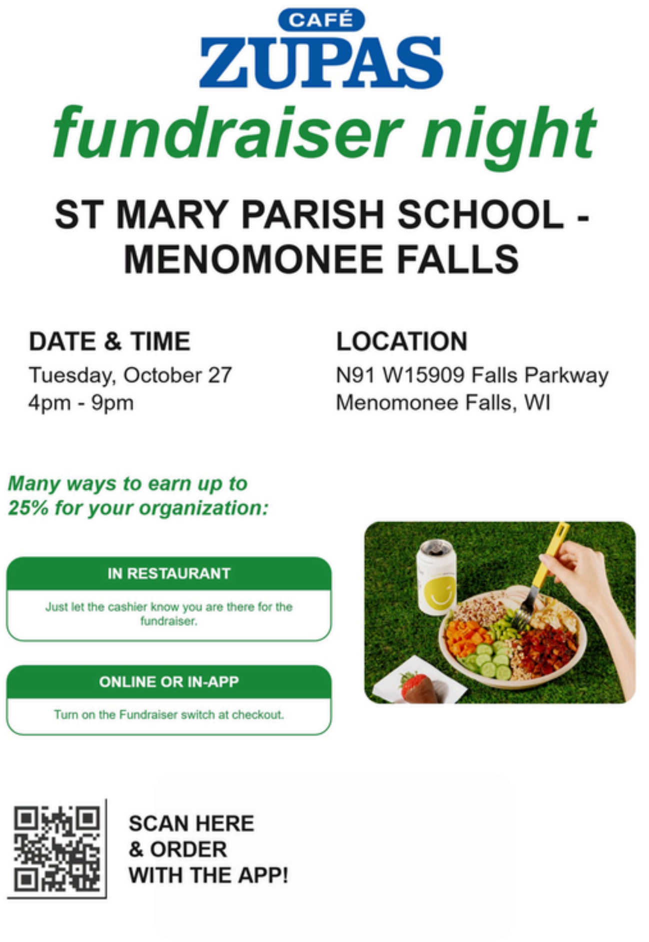
Thank you for helping us keep everyone on the same page!

From the desk of Mrs. Mogilevsky - Tip of the Week:

We're cleaning out some storage areas in the STEAM Lab and have items looking for a new home! STEAM grab bags will be available on a table outside the STEAM Lab (Room 205) on the second floor Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning during Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Items are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Most items are older, and we can't guarantee they work! Stop by during conferences and see if there's something you can give a new home.

Home & School:



CAFÉ ZUPAS
fundraiser night

ST MARY PARISH SCHOOL - MENOMONEE FALLS

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

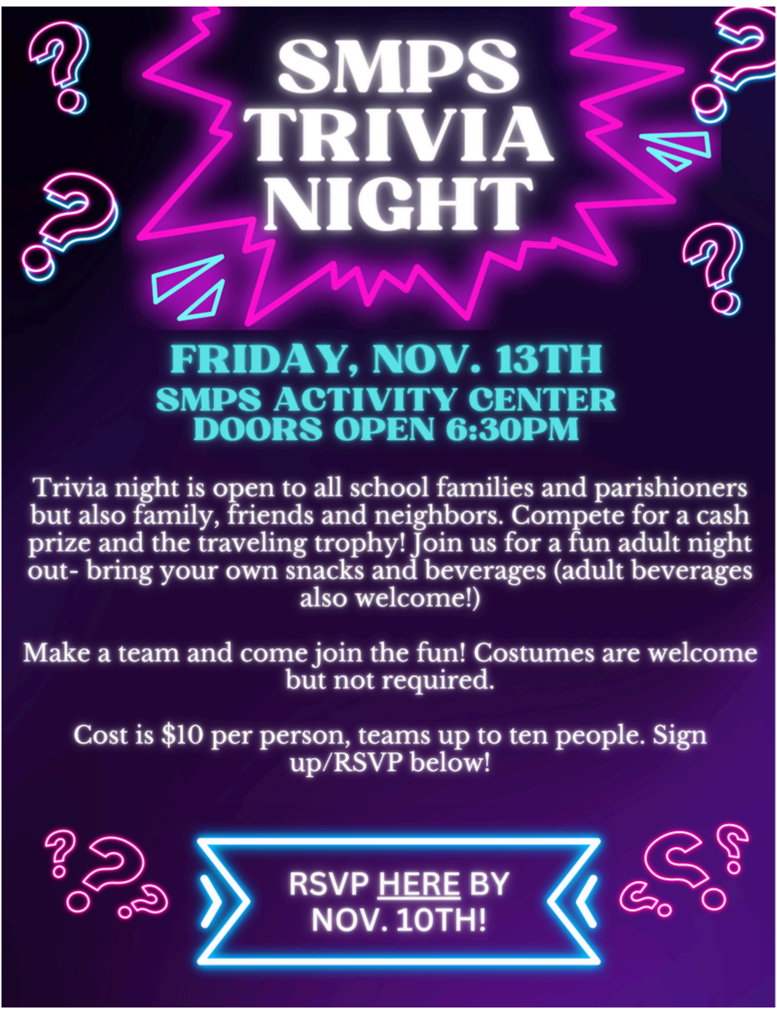
LOCATION
N91 W15909 Falls Parkway
Menomonee Falls, WI

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!



SMPS TRIVIA NIGHT

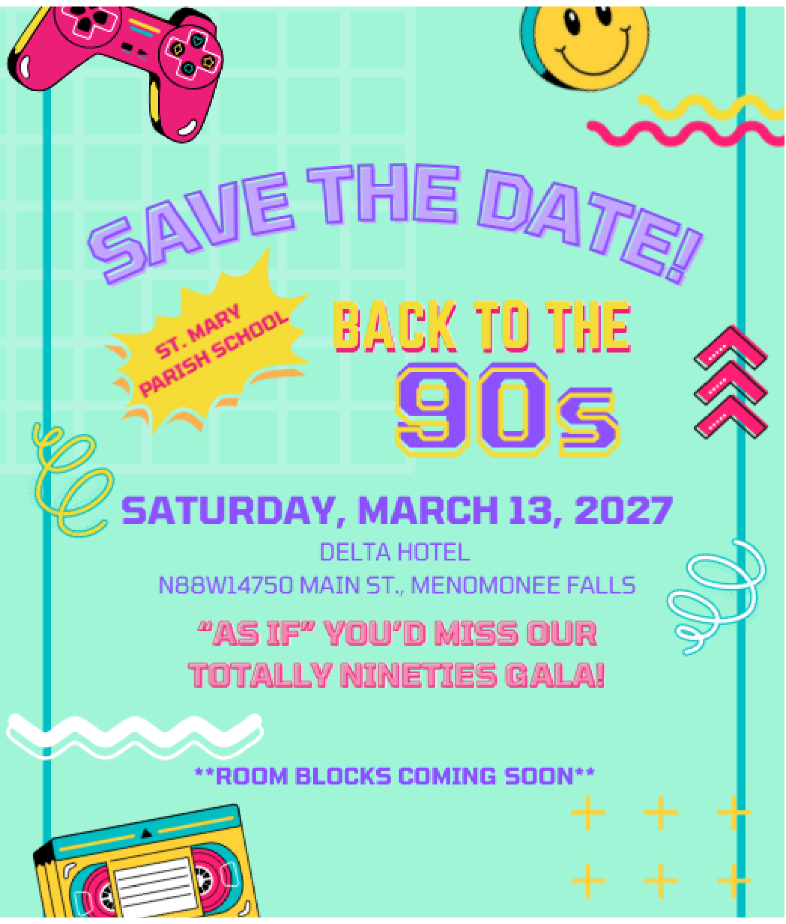
FRIDAY, NOV. 13TH
SMPS ACTIVITY CENTER
DOORS OPEN 6:30PM

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

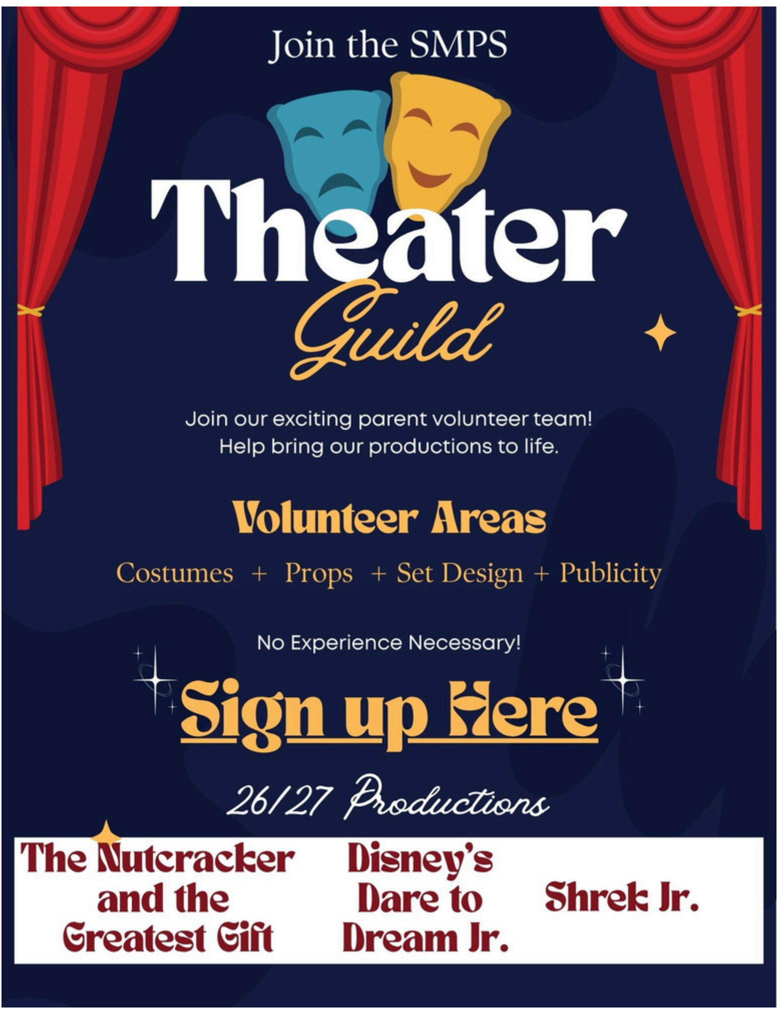
BACK TO THE 90s

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2027

DELTA HOTEL
N88W14750 MAIN ST., MENOMONEE FALLS

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

****ROOM BLOCKS COMING SOON****



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.

Spaghetti Dinner: Thank you!

The spaghetti dinner committee sends a huge THANK YOU to all the students who helped set up, volunteered, or shared their beautiful voices and talents at our spaghetti dinner! We also extend our sincere thank you to the parents who volunteered their time and generously contributed to the baskets for our silent auction. We are grateful for the time, talents, and generosity you shared. Thank you for supporting our school community! We hope you enjoyed the event and the delicious food, and we are looking forward to another event next year!

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. 23
8:30PM: 6th boys vs. St. Dominic

GO WARRIORS!!!

8th/7th Grade Boys SETON UPDATE:

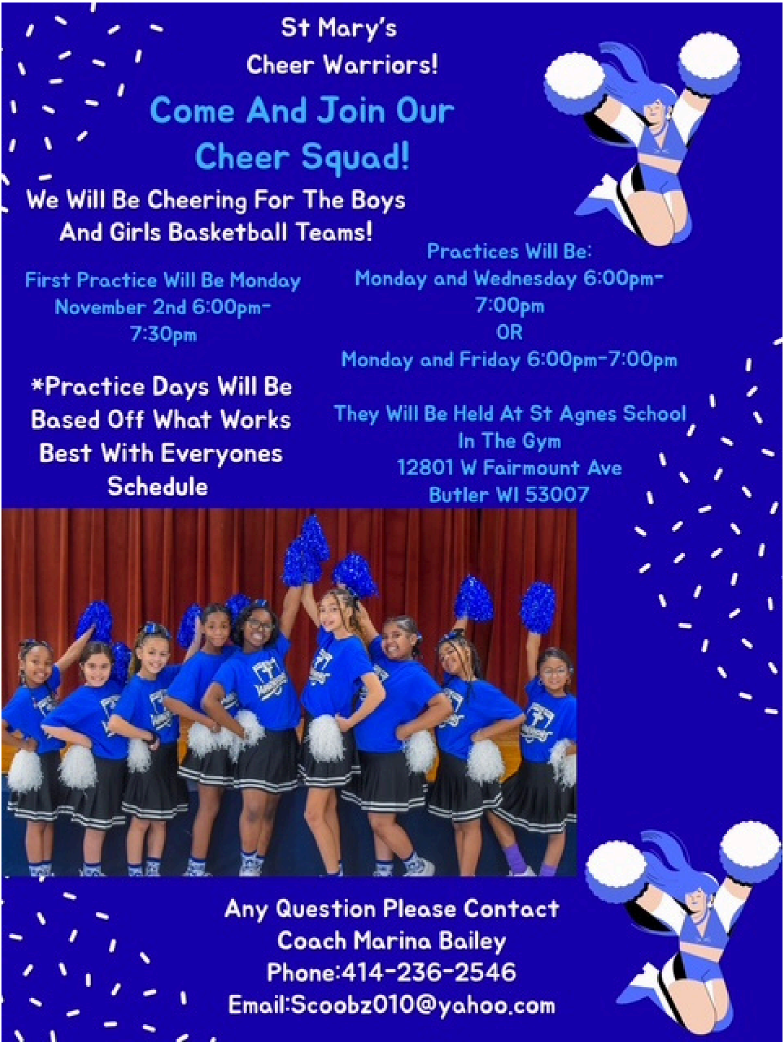
Congratulations to our 8th/7th grade boys (combined) team who have been invited to the SETON tournament!

The 8th/7th Boys team will be playing in the first round of Seton pool at the Sting Center in Menomonee Falls on Monday night (10/26) at 5:30 on Court 7. Doors open at 5:00.

Our first opponent will be Holy Apostles, followed by St. Leonard, then St Anthony on the Lake, and finally St. Eugene.

Depending how Monday goes, if we advance we will be back at the Sting Center either on Thursday or Friday.

Admission for the night will be $6 for adults, $4 for students and seniors. Note that admissions will be cashless transactions and there will be no livestreaming of the matches this year. Concessions will be cash or credit card.



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

Parish Updates:

A friendly reminder for parents attending student Masses during the week: the church's front doors are locked during Mass. Please enter through the side doors, which will also be locked once Mass begins. Thank you!

Calendar Raffle Winners:

Congratulations to these $30 Winners drawn on Oct. 21: *Waga Family, William Stiyer, Sean Kennedy, Crivello Family, and Olivia Schrauth*

Thank you for your participation!

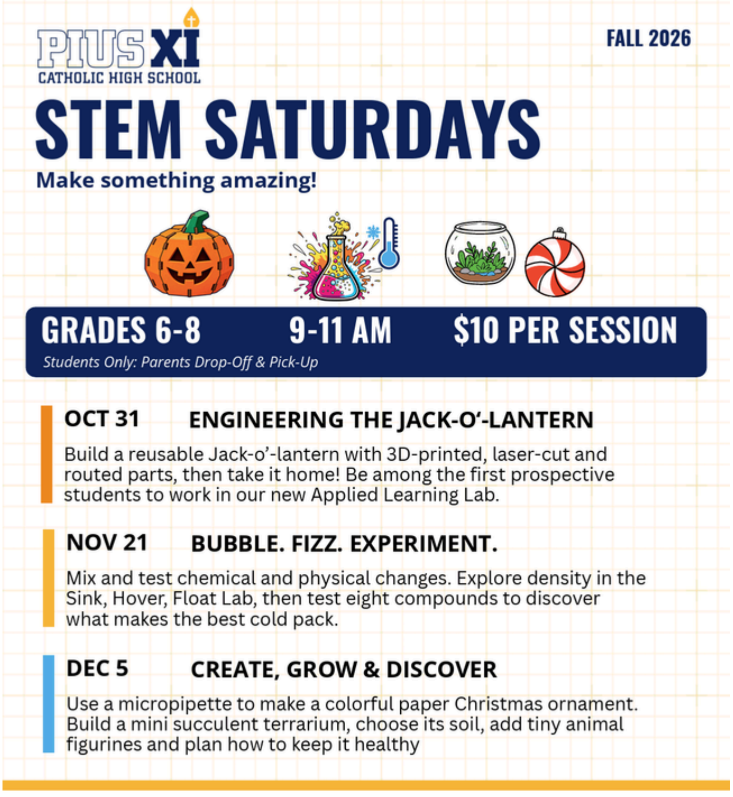
Get Involved...Student Volunteer Opportunities

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.

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.



PIUS XI
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

FALL 2026

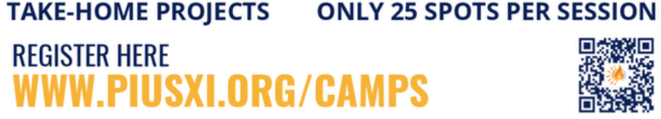
STEM SATURDAYS
Make something amazing!

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.

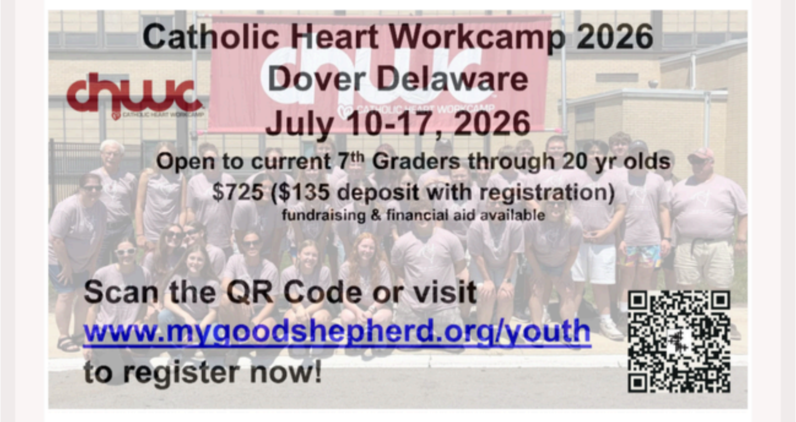
NOV 21 **BUBBLE. FIZZ. EXPERIMENT.**
Mix and test chemical and physical changes. Explore density in the Sink, Hover, Float Lab, then test eight compounds to discover what makes the best cold pack.

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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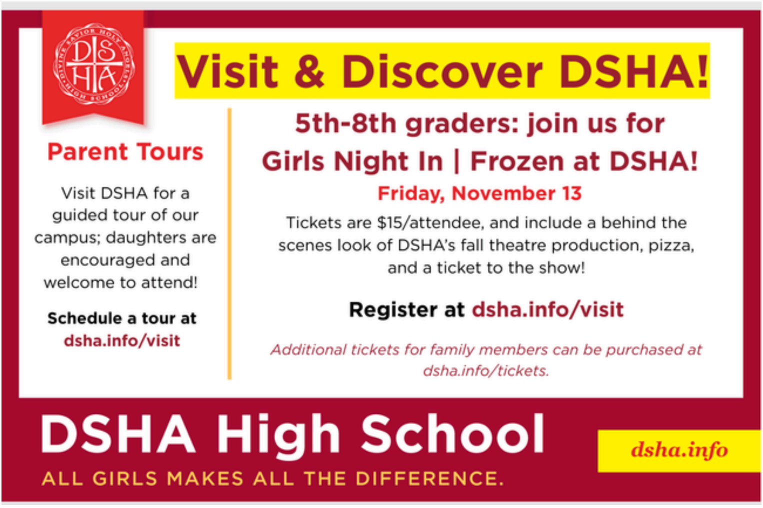
CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP

High School Open Houses/Tours:



Visit & Discover DSHA!

Parent Tours

Visit DSHA for a guided tour of our campus; daughters are encouraged and welcome to attend!

Schedule a tour at dsha.info/visit

5th-8th graders: join us for Girls Night In | Frozen at DSHA!

Friday, November 13

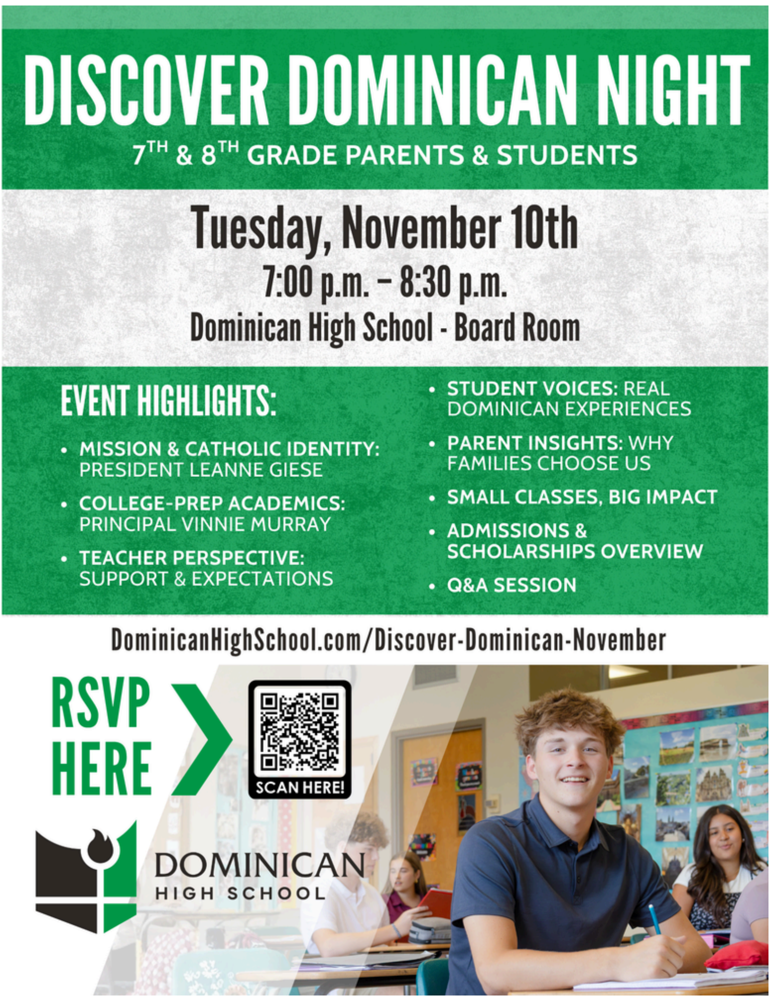
Tickets are $15/attendee, and include a behind the scenes look of DSHA's fall theatre production, pizza, and a ticket to the show!

Register at dsha.info/visit

Additional tickets for family members can be purchased at dsha.info/tickets.

DSHA High School
ALL GIRLS MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE.

dsha.info



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!

DOMINICAN HIGH SCHOOL

SMPS Quick Links:

[2026-27 Change of Dismissal/Absence Form]
[2026-2027 Academic Calendar]
[2026-27 Family Calendar]
[Scrip Raise Right App]
[Scrip Raise Right Schedule]
[SMPS Family Guide]
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