October 28, 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 busy but wonderful week at St. Mary's! Between Brewers excitement, the final push for our Catholic Schools Walk fundraiser, and parent-teacher conferences, there is certainly no shortage of things happening around here!

We are in the home stretch of our Catholic Schools Walk fundraiser, and we are still working toward our $40,000 goal! There is still time to help us get there. Donations made through October 31 count toward your child's classroom rewards, so let's finish strong! Thank you to everyone who has already contributed and helped make this year's Walk such a wonderful celebration of our school community.

We are also looking forward to welcoming you for parent-teacher conferences! Conferences are a valuable opportunity to celebrate your child's successes, discuss areas for growth, and strengthen the partnership between home and school.

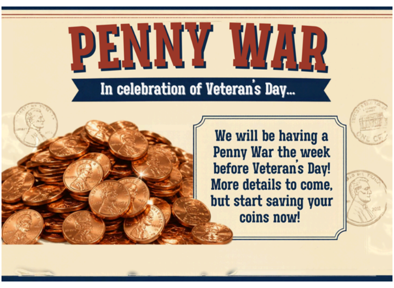
Learning is a journey, and every child grows at a different pace. At St. Mary's, we believe that academic excellence isn't simply about earning a grade or getting the right answer. It's about developing curiosity, perseverance, confidence, and the willingness to tackle something challenging. Mistakes are part of learning. Feedback helps us grow. Goals give us something meaningful to work toward.

As you meet with your child's teachers, I encourage you to think about the seeds we are planting together. How is your child growing not only in knowledge, but also in kindness, character, and respect for others? What can we nurture together to help those roots grow stronger? After all, our greatest hope is not simply that our children become excellent students, but that they become compassionate people who recognize Jesus in those around them.

Thank you for being such an important part of your child's educational journey. When families and teachers work together, we give our students the encouragement, support, and opportunities they need to flourish.

Live Jesus: Plant the Seeds!

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.)*

School Highlights:

All Saints Day Mass is Nov. 4th!

8:10a.m.

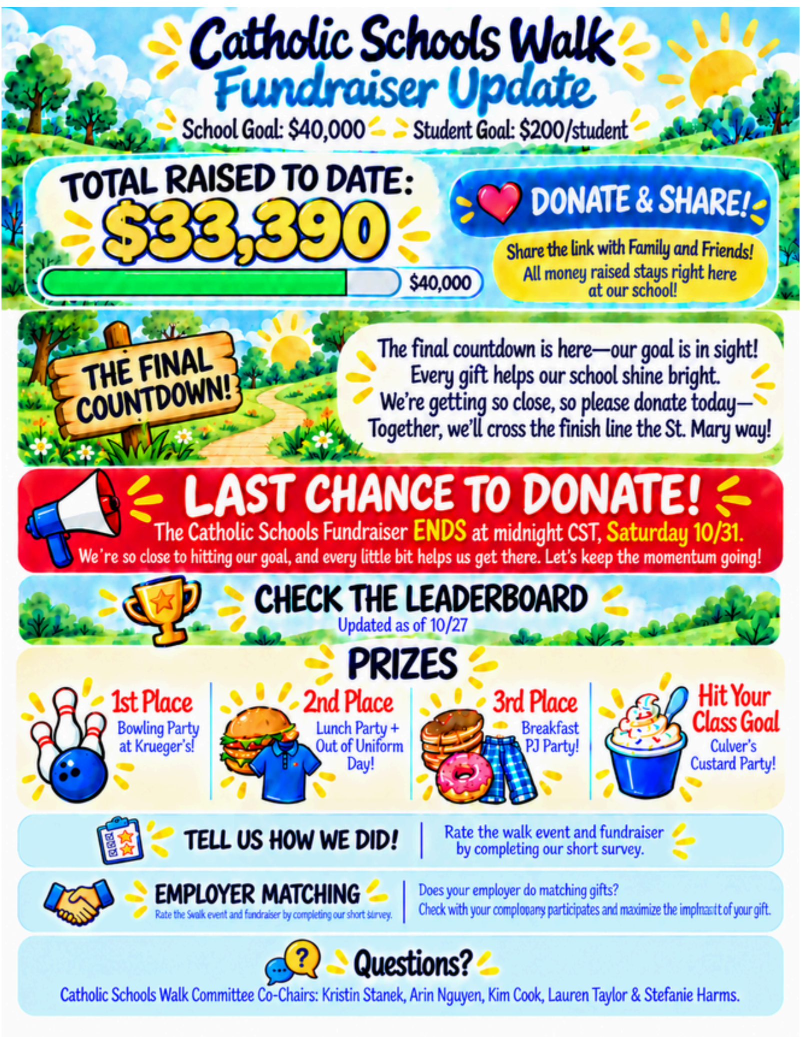
Please enter through back entrance as the front doors are locked.

All are welcome!

LIVE JESUS
PLANT THE SEEDS

Plant the Seeds:
Growing friendships and continuing traditions as our 1st/8th and K5/5th buddies explore fun pumpkin activities together!

Catholic Schools Walk:


Catholic Schools Walk
Fundraiser Update
School Goal: $40,000 Student Goal: $200/student

TOTAL RAISED TO DATE:
$33,390
$40,000

DONATE & SHARE!
Share the link with Family and Friends!
All money raised stays right here at our school!

THE FINAL COUNTDOWN!
The final countdown is here—our goal is in sight!
Every gift helps our school shine bright.
We're getting so close, so please donate today—
Together, we'll cross the finish line the St. Mary way!

LAST CHANCE TO DONATE!
The Catholic Schools Fundraiser ENDS at midnight CST, Saturday 10/31.
We're so close to hitting our goal, and every little bit helps us get there. Let's keep the momentum going!

CHECK THE LEADERBOARD
Updated as of 10/27

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.

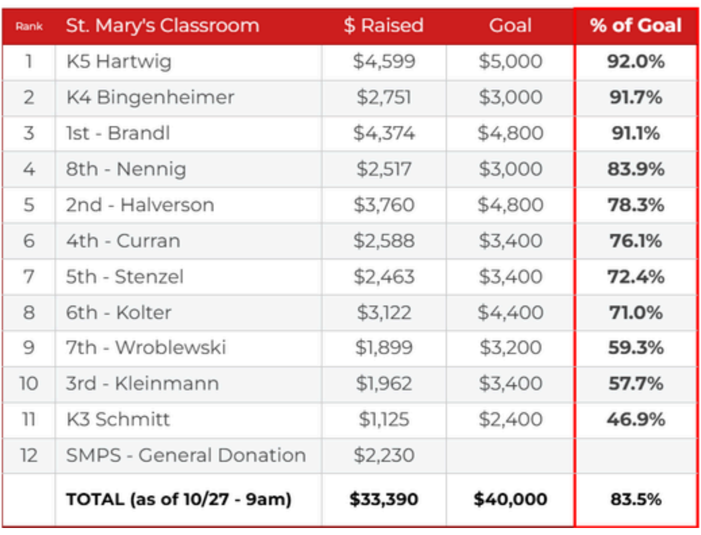
EMPLOYER MATCHING
Rate the Swalk event and fundraiser by completing our short survey.
Does your employer do matching gifts?
Check with your complopany participates and maximize the implnacit of your gift.

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

DONATE here!

Complete a short survey here!

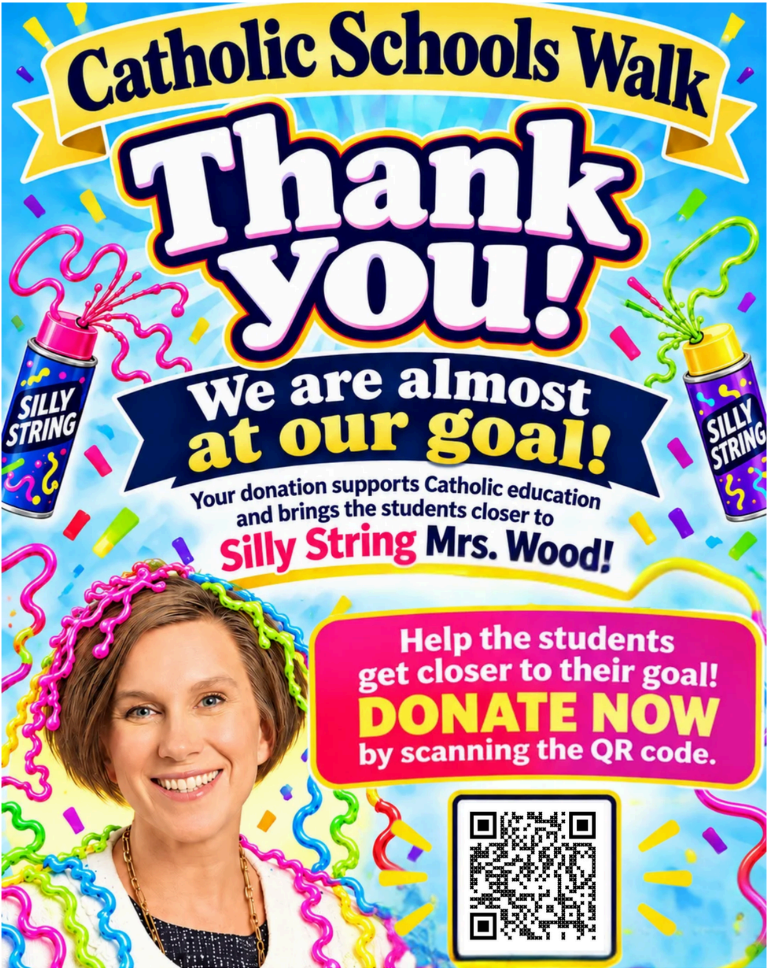
Check the Leaderboard here!
(Below is a snapshot of the leaderboard as of Tuesday morning, but keep checking the website for recent updates!)



Rank	St. Mary's Classroom	$ Raised	Goal	% of Goal
1	K5 Hartwig	$4,599	$5,000	**92.0%**
2	K4 Bingenheimer	$2,751	$3,000	**91.7%**
3	1st - Brandl	$4,374	$4,800	**91.1%**
4	8th - Nennig	$2,517	$3,000	**83.9%**
5	2nd - Halverson	$3,760	$4,800	**78.3%**
6	4th - Curran	$2,588	$3,400	**76.1%**
7	5th - Stenzel	$2,463	$3,400	**72.4%**
8	6th - Kolter	$3,122	$4,400	**71.0%**
9	7th - Wroblewski	$1,899	$3,200	**59.3%**
10	3rd - Kleinmann	$1,962	$3,400	**57.7%**
11	K3 Schmitt	$1,125	$2,400	**46.9%**
12	SMPS - General Donation	$2,230		
	TOTAL (as of 10/27 - 9am)	**$33,390**	**$40,000**	**83.5%**

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

ST. MARY
PARISH SCHOOL



Catholic Schools Walk

Thank you!

We are almost at our goal!

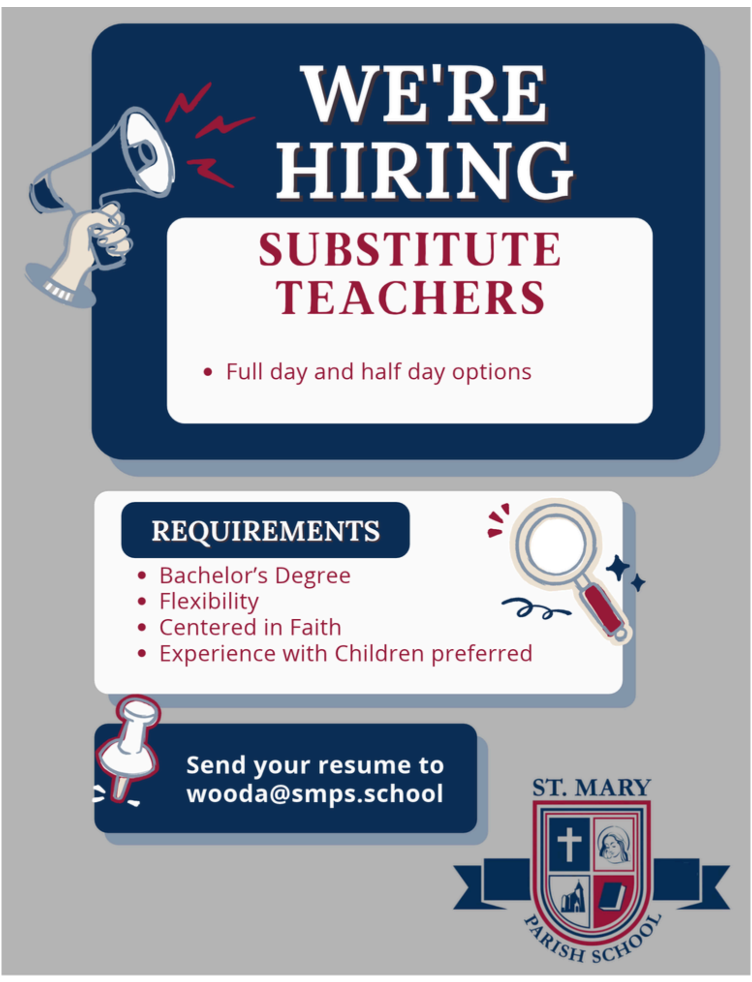
Your donation supports Catholic education and brings the students closer to

Silly String Mrs. Wood!

Help the students get closer to their goal!

DONATE NOW

by scanning the QR code.



WE'RE HIRING

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

- Full day and half day options

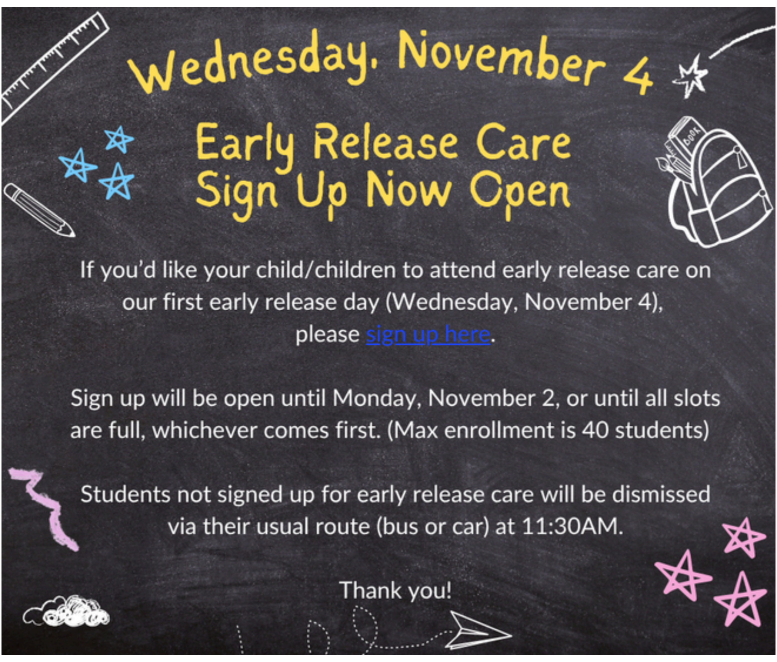
REQUIREMENTS

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

Send your resume to wooda@smps.school

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL

Reminders/Resources:



Wednesday, November 4

Early Release Care Sign Up Now Open

If you'd like your child/children to attend early release care on our first early release day (Wednesday, November 4), please sign up here.

Sign up will be open until Monday, November 2, or until all slots are full, whichever comes first. (Max enrollment is 40 students)

Students not signed up for early release care will be dismissed via their usual route (bus or car) at 11:30AM.

Thank you!

Scrip/Raiseright Update:

For those with Scrip orders, all orders are **due by 8am on Monday.** Anyone with questions? Please reach out to Marie Butler (marie.coraggio@gmail.com) or Sarah Geerts (sarahageerts@gmail.com).

Further information and updates to the program are coming soon

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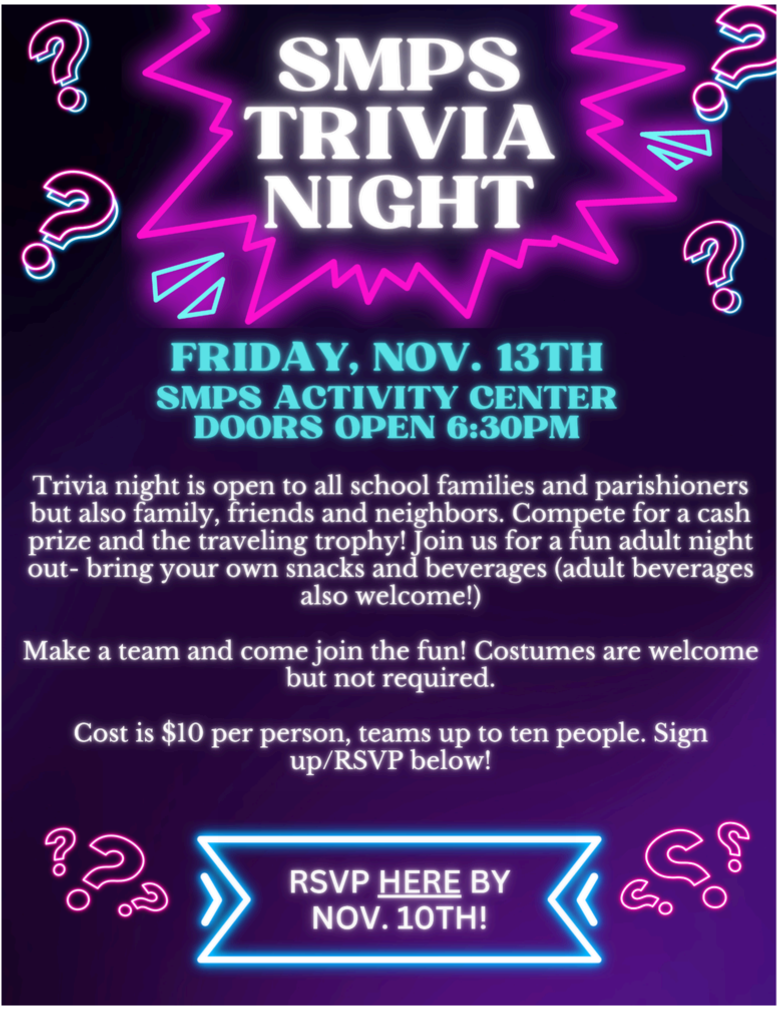
From the desk of Mrs. Mogilevsky - Tip of the Week:

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, October 28, and Thursday, October 29 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:



SMPS TRIVIA NIGHT

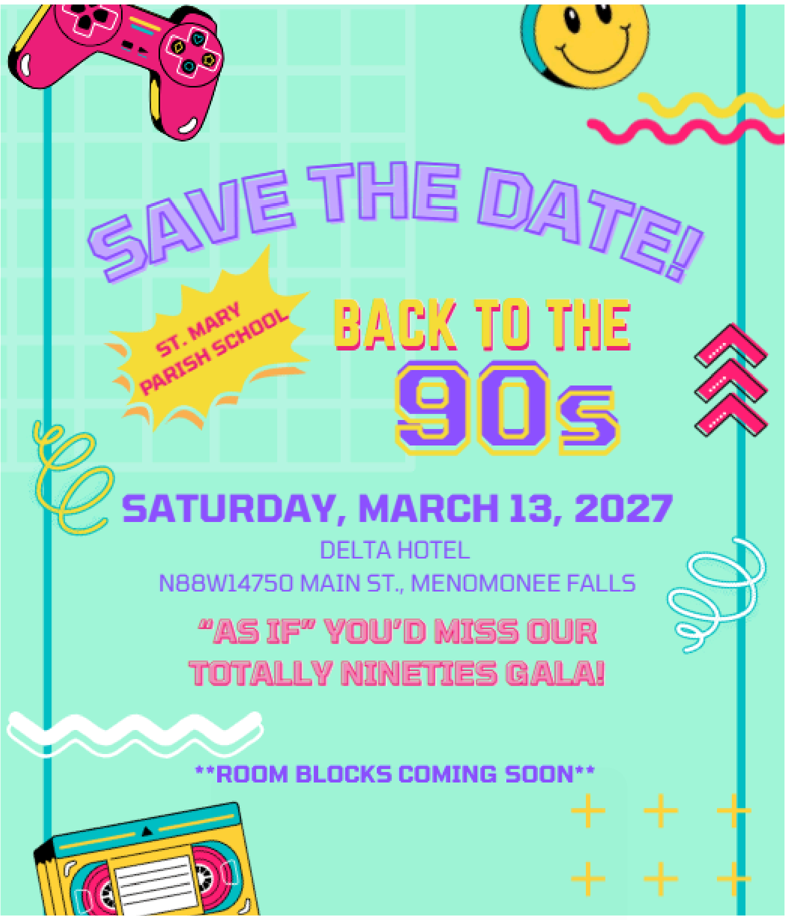
FRIDAY, NOV. 13TH
SMPS ACTIVITY CENTER
DOORS OPEN 6:30PM

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

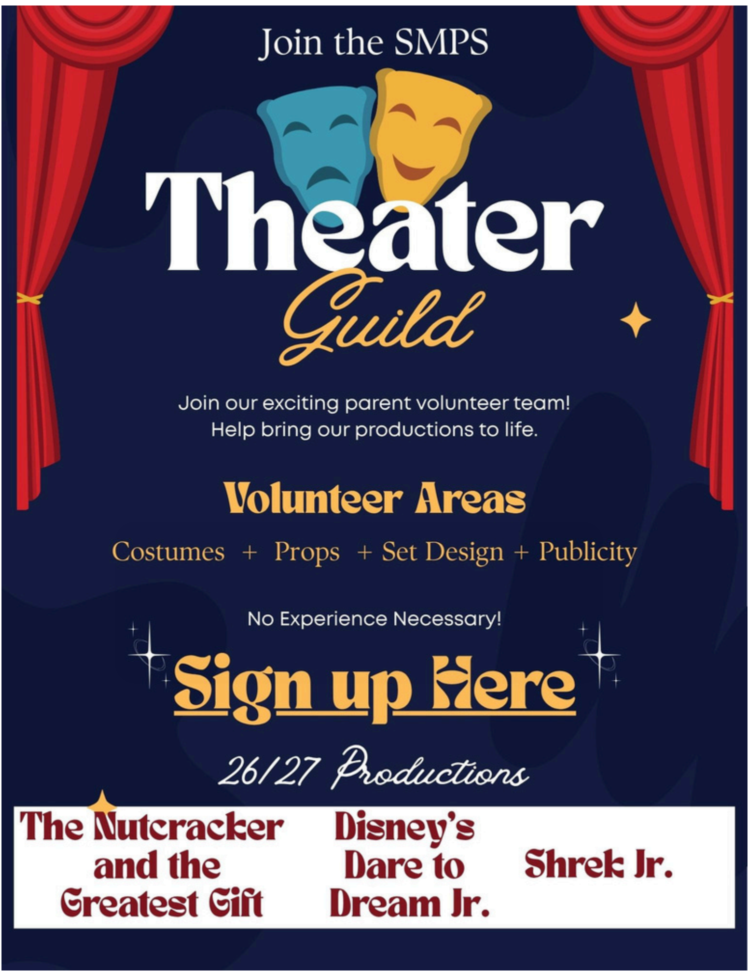
BACK TO THE 90s

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.

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.

A 6th grade girls assistant basketball coach is also needed!

Final Home Volleyball Games:

Friday, Oct. 30

5:30PM: 6th Boys vs. St. John Vianney
7:30PM: 6th Boys vs. St. Monica 2

Saturday, Oct. 31

8:30AM: 7th Girls vs. Milwaukee Montessori
10:30AM: 4th Girls vs. St. Joe's Wauwatosa

Congratulations to our 8th/7th Grade Boys Volleyball Team who are advancing to "Elite 8" in the SETON!

SAINT MARY
WARRIORS
ST. MARY
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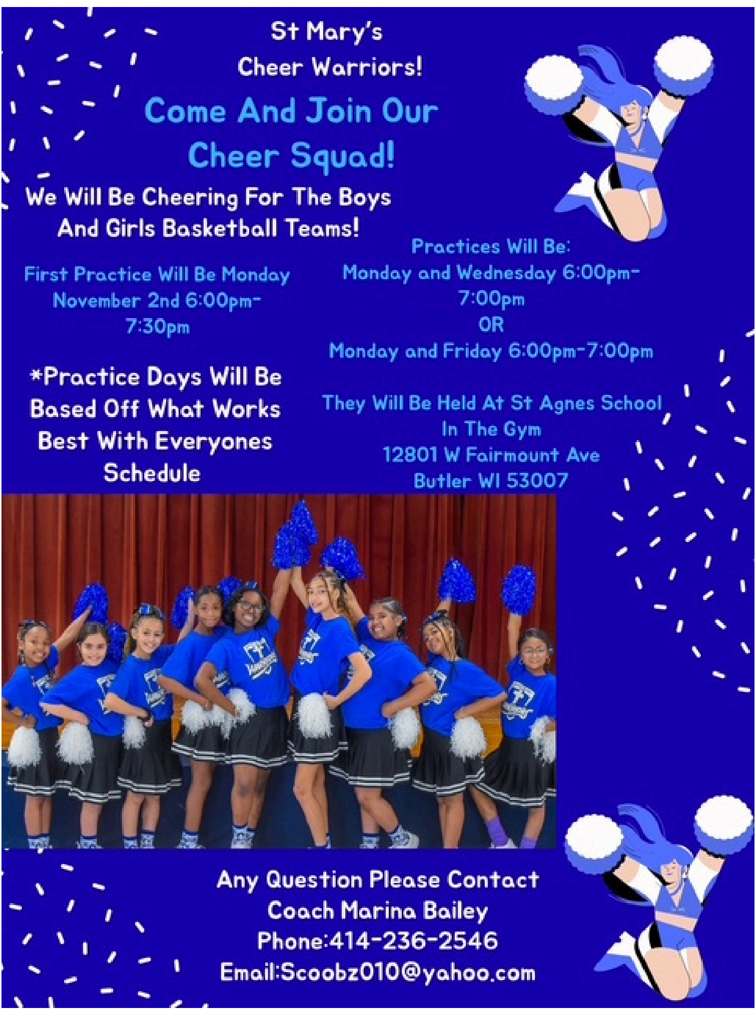
The team went **undefeated** in play Monday night (4-0 in matches and 8-0 in individual sets) to finish first in our pool, putting us in the "Elite 8".

Our next match will be 7:30 Friday night at the Sting Center. *We won't know our opponent until Thursday (it will be winner of St. Robert and Corpus Christi).*

Let's help pack the stands and
CHEER ON OUR WARRIORS!



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

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

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

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. 28:
Olivia Christen, Marisa Dondlinger, Rachel Hegarty, Laurie Szpara

And congrats to this $150 winner: *Carol Davis*

Thank you for your participation!

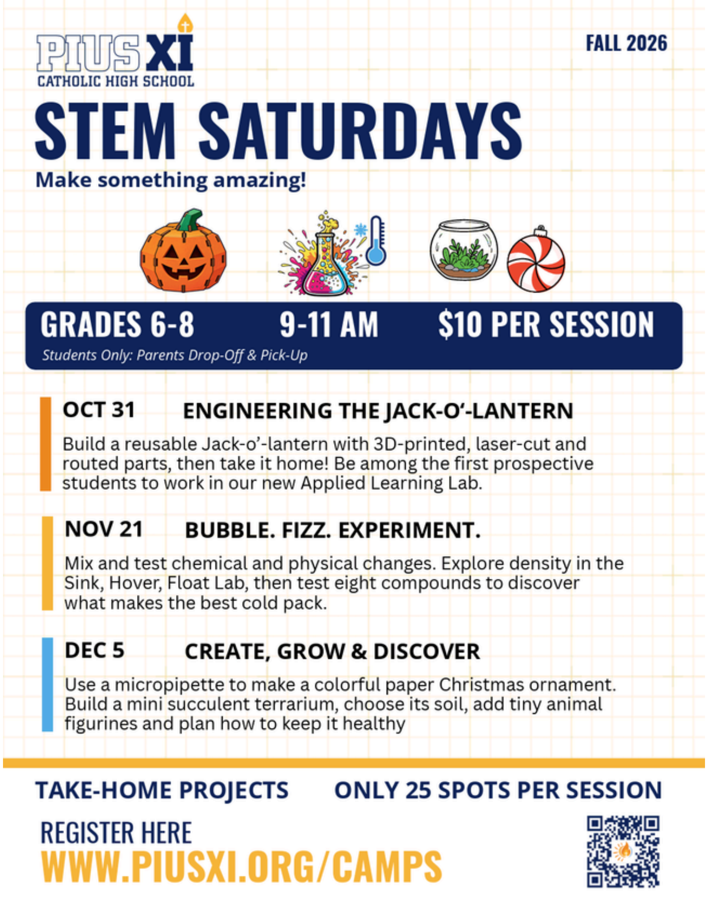
Get Involved...Student Volunteer Opportunities

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.

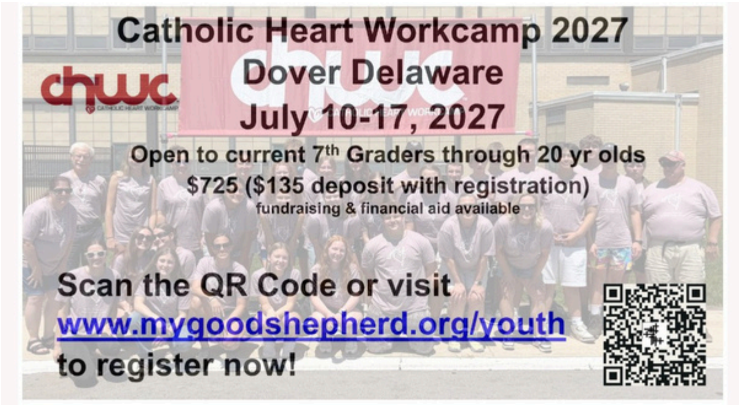
DEC 5 **CREATE, GROW & DISCOVER**

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

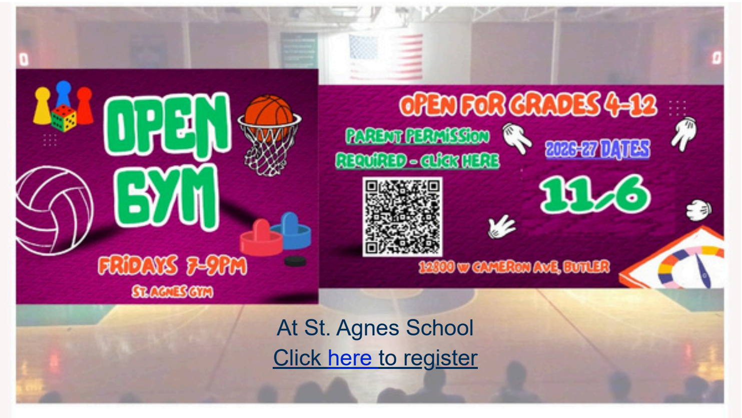
From our Friends at Good Shepherd:



Catholic Heart Workcamp 2027
Dover Delaware
July 10-17, 2027

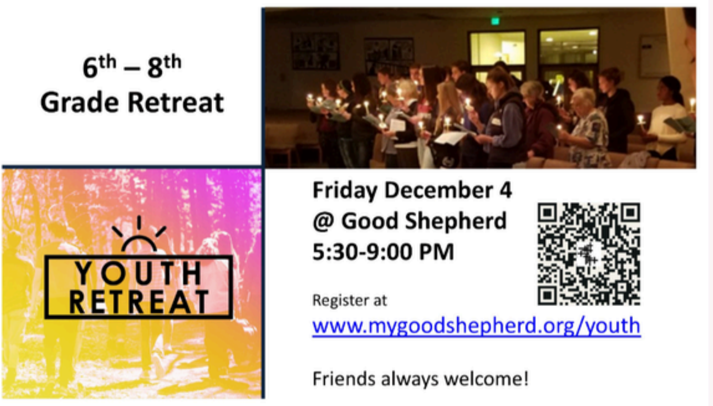
Open to current 7th Graders through 20 yr olds
$725 ($135 deposit with registration)
fundraising & financial aid available

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



OPEN GYM
FRIDAYS 7-9PM
ST. AGNES GYM
OPEN FOR GRADES 4-12
PARENT PERMISSION REQUIRED - CLICK HERE
2026-27 DATES
11/6
12800 W CAMERON AVE, BUTLER

At St. Agnes School
Click here to register



6th – 8th
Grade Retreat

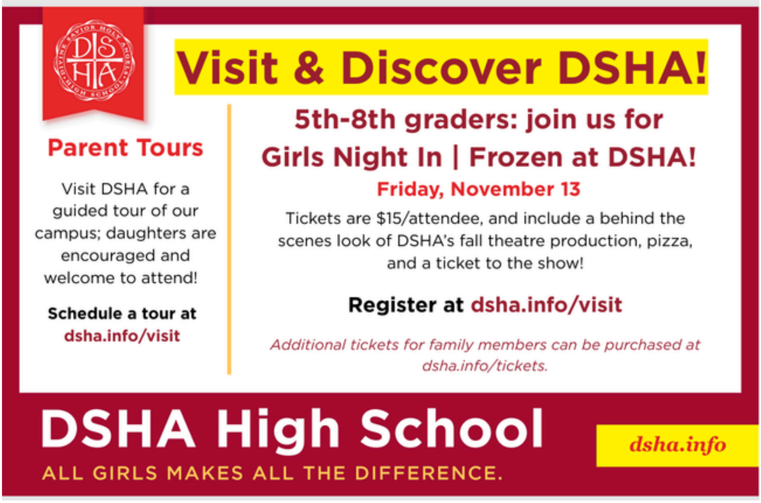
YOUTH RETREAT

Friday December 4
@ Good Shepherd
5:30-9:00 PM

Register at
www.mygoodshepherd.org/youth

Friends always welcome!

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

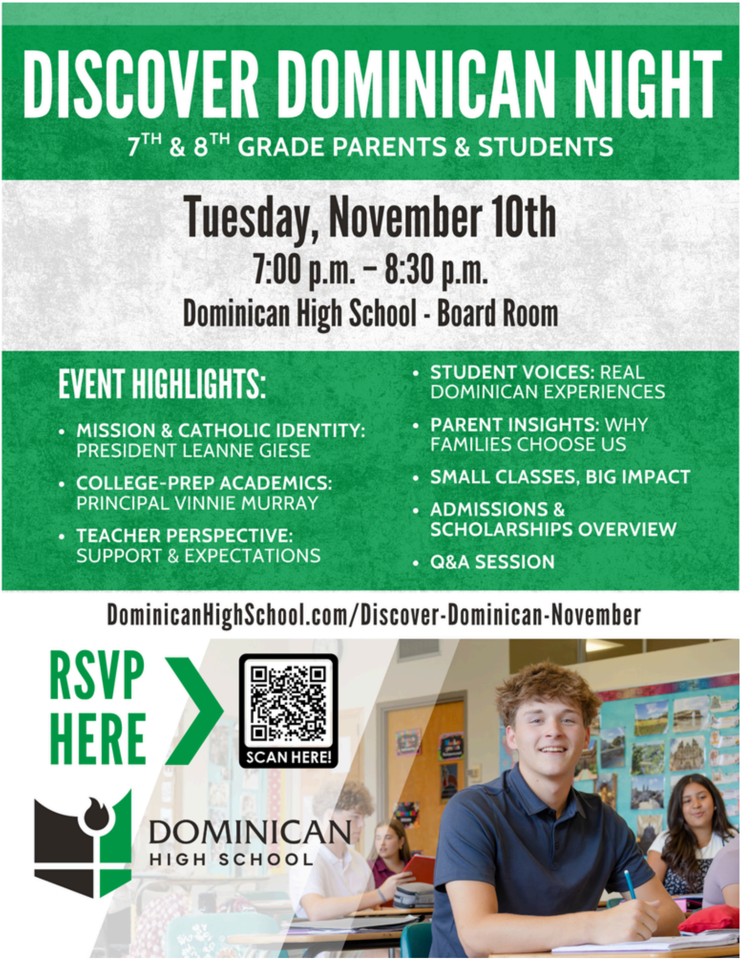
5th-8th graders: join us for
Girls Night In | Frozen at DSHA!
Friday, November 13

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
Catholic Charities: Therapy Referral Form
Lunchroom Volunteer Sign Up
Playground Volunteer Sign Up
November Hot Lunch Menu
2026-2027 Tuition Schedule
Safeguarding Training/CMGConnect
Directory Spot

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