November 6, 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 St. Mary Families,

What a wonderful week at St. Mary!

Our All Saints' Day celebration was beautiful! Our third graders did an amazing job bringing the lives of the saints to life!

We also celebrated the conclusion of our Catholic Schools Walk fundraiser, and I am still amazed that we reached our **$40,000 goal!** What an incredible accomplishment for our school community! I'm also still finding random bits of silly string lying on the carpet or on my chair, which tells you just how much fun we had celebrating! Thank you to everyone who walked, donated, encouraged, or supported our efforts through prayer. This accomplishment belongs to our entire community, and I can't wait to do it all again next year!

Next week brings two very special events to St. Mary.

On Wednesday, we will celebrate Veterans Day with one of my favorite traditions: our annual Veterans Day Parade. Once again, we will join Grace Lutheran and Bethlehem Lutheran Schools to honor the men and women who have served our country. Some of our students will help sing the National Anthem, while all of our students will have the opportunity to line the parade route, wave their flags, and show their appreciation. It is a wonderful reminder of the importance of gratitude, service, and community.

Wednesday also marks the beginning of something we have been preparing for over a year. **Our accreditation visiting team will be at St. Mary on November 11 and 12!** Much like our students work toward academic standards and demonstrate their growth throughout the year, our school is held to a rigorous set of national standards. Over these two days, the visiting team will spend time learning about the many ways we live our mission. They will see our commitment to academic excellence, our dedication to supporting diverse learners, and the faith formation that is woven into everything we do. Most importantly, they will see a community committed to helping children discover who God created them to be. The accreditation process is an opportunity to thoughtfully plan for the future of St. Mary. We have nothing to fear and so much to celebrate!

I am incredibly proud of the work our teachers and staff have put into this process! A special thank you to Mrs. Mogilevsky who was the steady rock and planner through the hardest parts of the work. I cannot wait for our visitors to experience what makes St. Mary such a special place.

Have a wonderful weekend!

In His Service,
Mrs. Wood

Winter Gear Donations?

We're looking for extra winter gear (hats, coats, snow pants, mittens, etc.) to keep in the office for times when a student needs/forgets their own. If you have gently used items in good condition, please keep us in mind. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 11
Veteran's Day
Procession

Nov. 13
Trivia Night
Doors Open 6:30PM
Sign up here today!

Nov. 18
Home & School
Meeting
5:30pm

Nov. 18
Topper's Restaurant Night
4 - 9 PM

Nov. 20
Middle School Social
6:30 - 8:30 PM
(7th Grade parent Planning Committee Survey here)

Nov. 25 - 27
Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 30
No School
(In-service)

Dec. 2
Early-Release Day at 11:30AM
(and first day of Trimester 2)

Dec. 3 - 4
Holiday Treasures
Gift Shop
More into to come

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)*

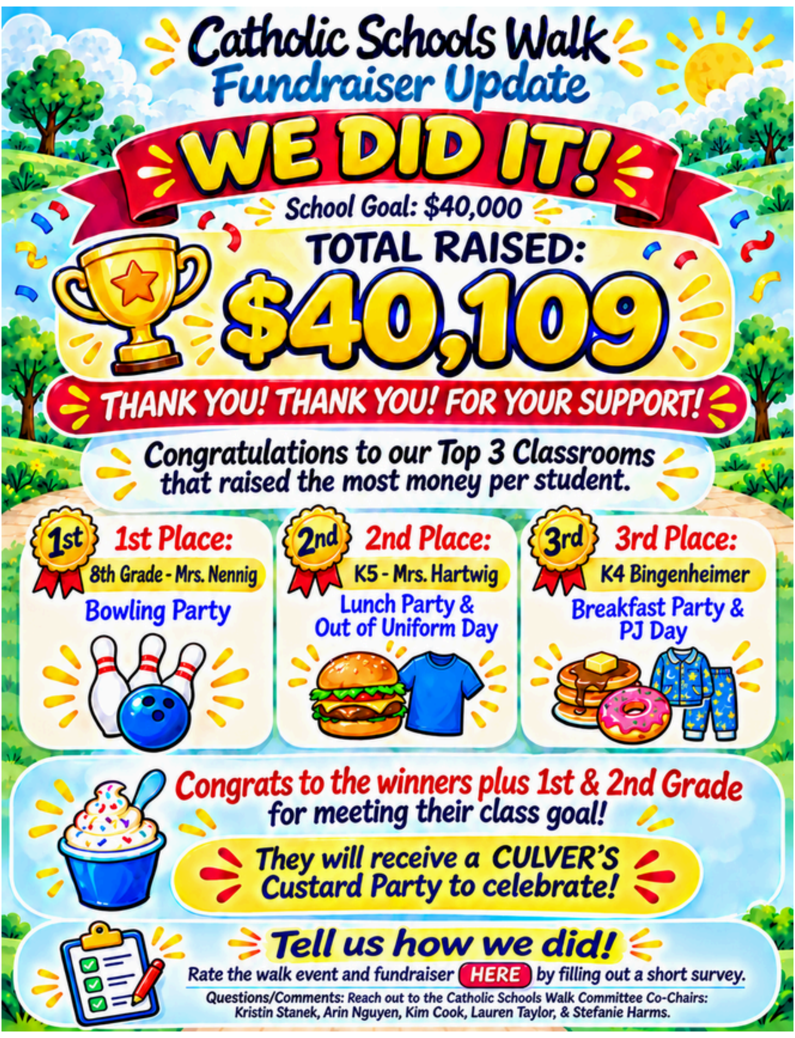
Athletics Dept. *Track Coach/Coordinator Needed. Reach out to Brandon Kirchoff if you can help.*

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

School Highlights:

LIVE JESUS
PLANT THE SEEDS
Plant the Seeds: Small acts of generosity grow into BIG things worth celebrating (and even getting a little messy for!)

Catholic Schools Walk:



Catholic Schools Walk Fundraiser Update

WE DID IT!

School Goal: $40,000

TOTAL RAISED:

$40,109

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Congratulations to our Top 3 Classrooms that raised the most money per student.

1st Place:	2nd Place:	3rd Place:
8th Grade - Mrs. Nennig	K5 - Mrs. Hartwig	K4 Bingenheimer
Bowling Party	Lunch Party & Out of Uniform Day	Breakfast Party & PJ Day

Congrats to the winners plus 1st & 2nd Grade for meeting their class goal!

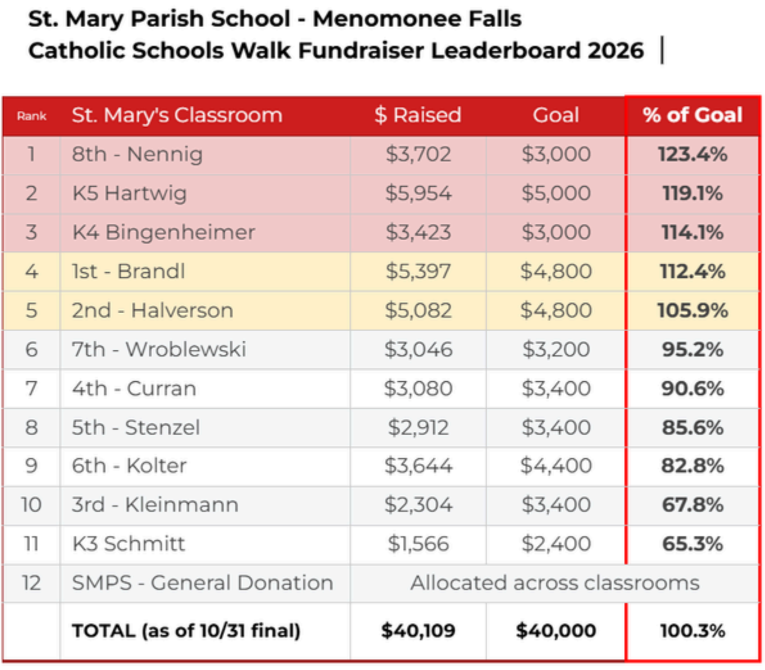
They will receive a CULVER'S Custard Party to celebrate!

Tell us how we did!

Rate the walk event and fundraiser HERE by filling out a short survey.

Questions/Comments: Reach out to the Catholic Schools Walk Committee Co-Chairs: Kristin Stanek, Arin Nguyen, Kim Cook, Lauren Taylor, & Stefanie Harms.

Final CSW Leaderboard!

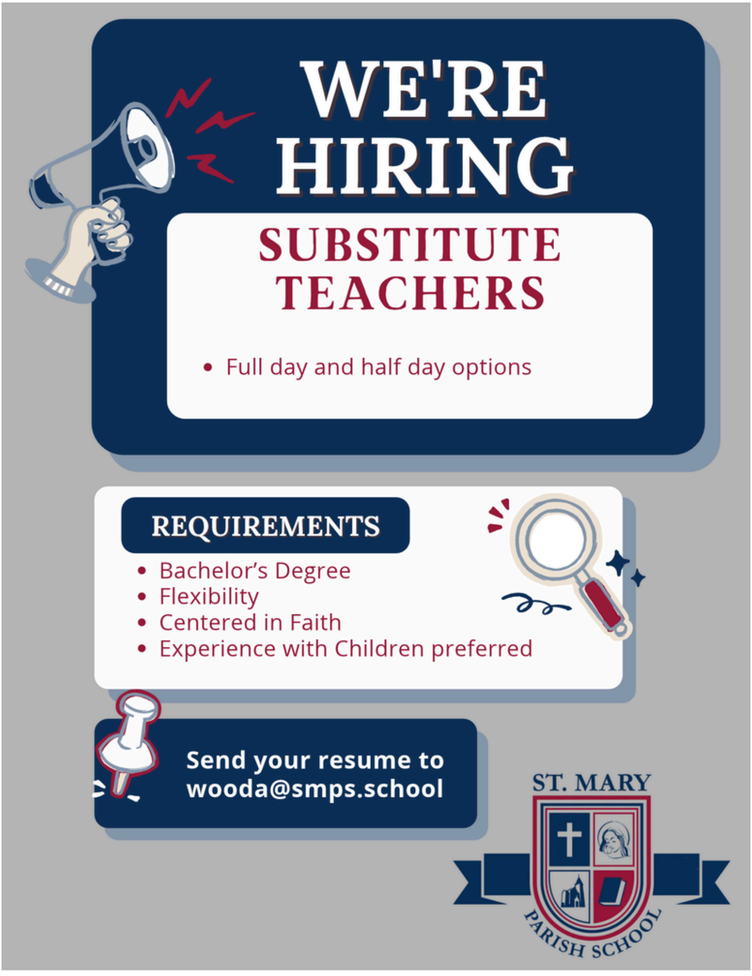


St. Mary Parish School - Menomonee Falls
Catholic Schools Walk Fundraiser Leaderboard 2026

Rank	St. Mary's Classroom	$ Raised	Goal	% of Goal
1	8th - Nennig	$3,702	$3,000	123.4%
2	K5 Hartwig	$5,954	$5,000	119.1%
3	K4 Bingenheimer	$3,423	$3,000	114.1%
4	1st - Brandl	$5,397	$4,800	112.4%
5	2nd - Halverson	$5,082	$4,800	105.9%
6	7th - Wroblewski	$3,046	$3,200	95.2%
7	4th - Curran	$3,080	$3,400	90.6%
8	5th - Stenzel	$2,912	$3,400	85.6%
9	6th - Kolter	$3,644	$4,400	82.8%
10	3rd - Kleinmann	$2,304	$3,400	67.8%
11	K3 Schmitt	$1,566	$2,400	65.3%
12	SMPS - General Donation	Allocated across classrooms		
	TOTAL (as of 10/31 final)	**$40,109**	**$40,000**	**100.3%**

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



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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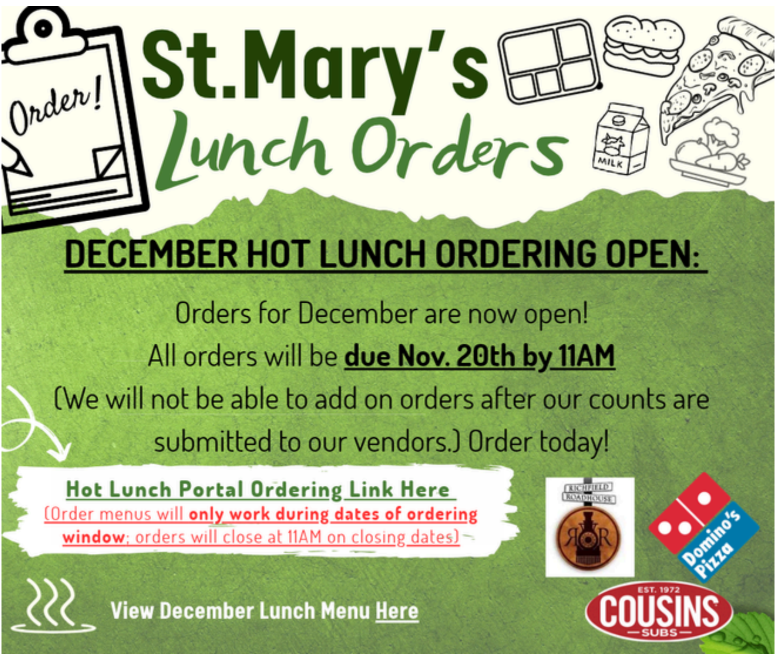
PARISH SCHOOL

Reminders/Resources:



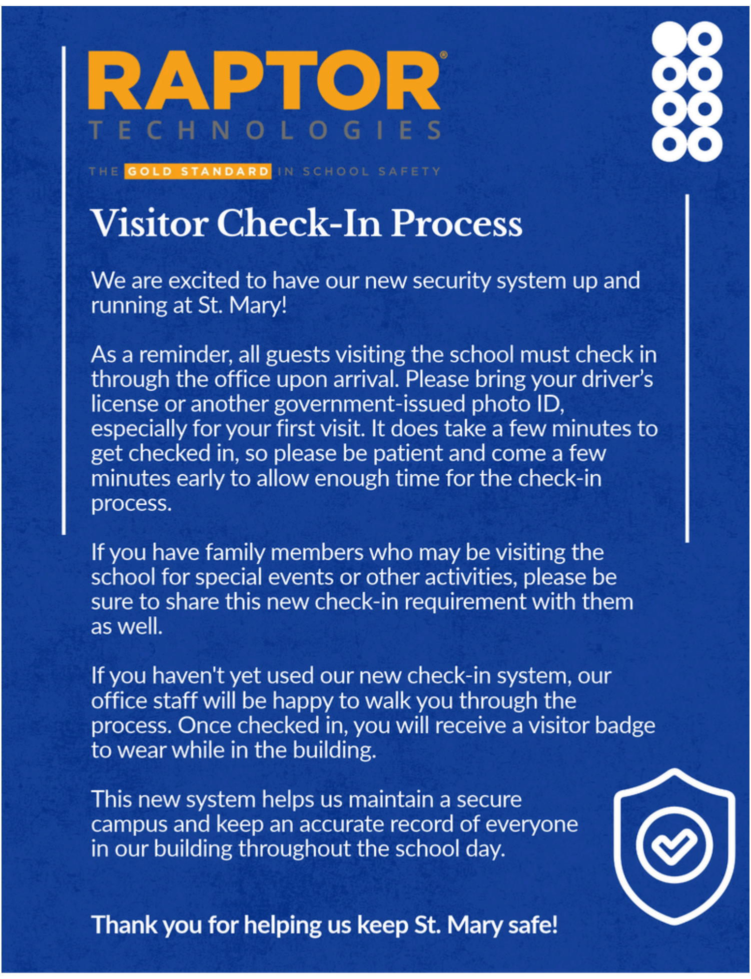
St.Mary's Lunch Orders

DECEMBER HOT LUNCH ORDERING OPEN:

Orders for December are now open!
All orders will be **due Nov. 20th 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 December Lunch Menu Here



RAPTOR
TECHNOLOGIES
THE GOLD STANDARD IN SCHOOL SAFETY

Visitor Check-In Process

We are excited to have our new security system up and running at St. Mary!

As a reminder, all guests visiting the school must check in through the office upon arrival. Please bring your driver's license or another government-issued photo ID, especially for your first visit. It does take a few minutes to get checked in, so please be patient and come a few minutes early to allow enough time for the check-in process.

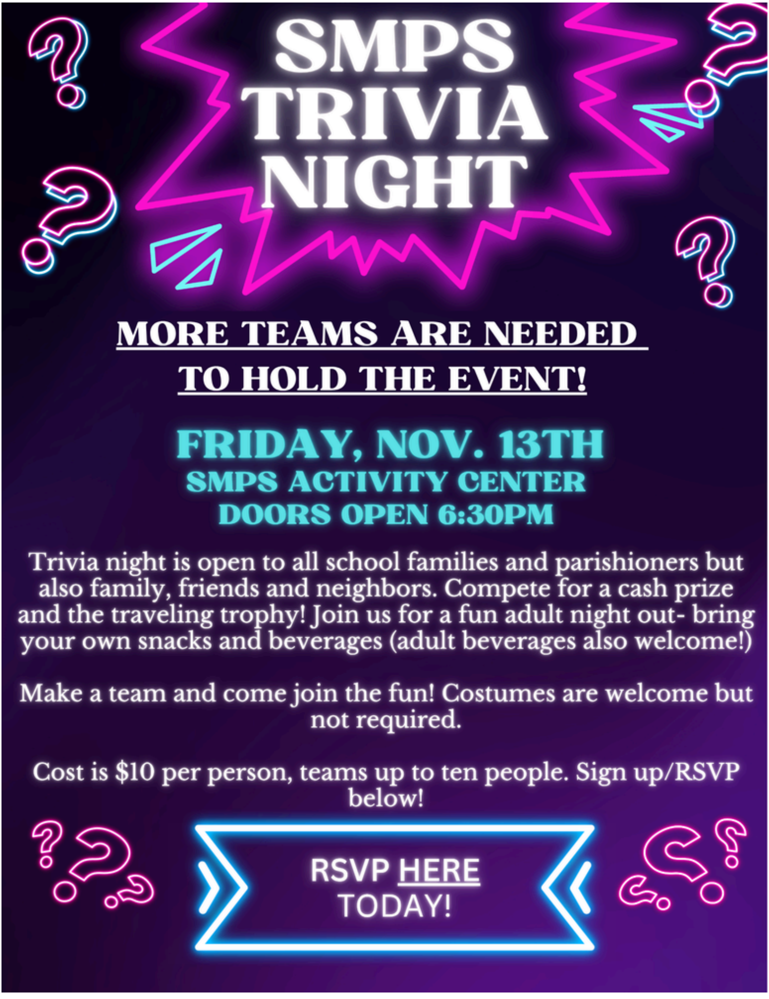
If you have family members who may be visiting the school for special events or other activities, please be sure to share this new check-in requirement with them as well.

If you haven't yet used our new check-in system, our office staff will be happy to walk you through the process. Once checked in, you will receive a visitor badge to wear while in the building.

This new system helps us maintain a secure campus and keep an accurate record of everyone in our building throughout the school day.

Thank you for helping us keep St. Mary safe!

Home & School Updates and Events:



SMPS TRIVIA NIGHT

MORE TEAMS ARE NEEDED TO HOLD THE EVENT!

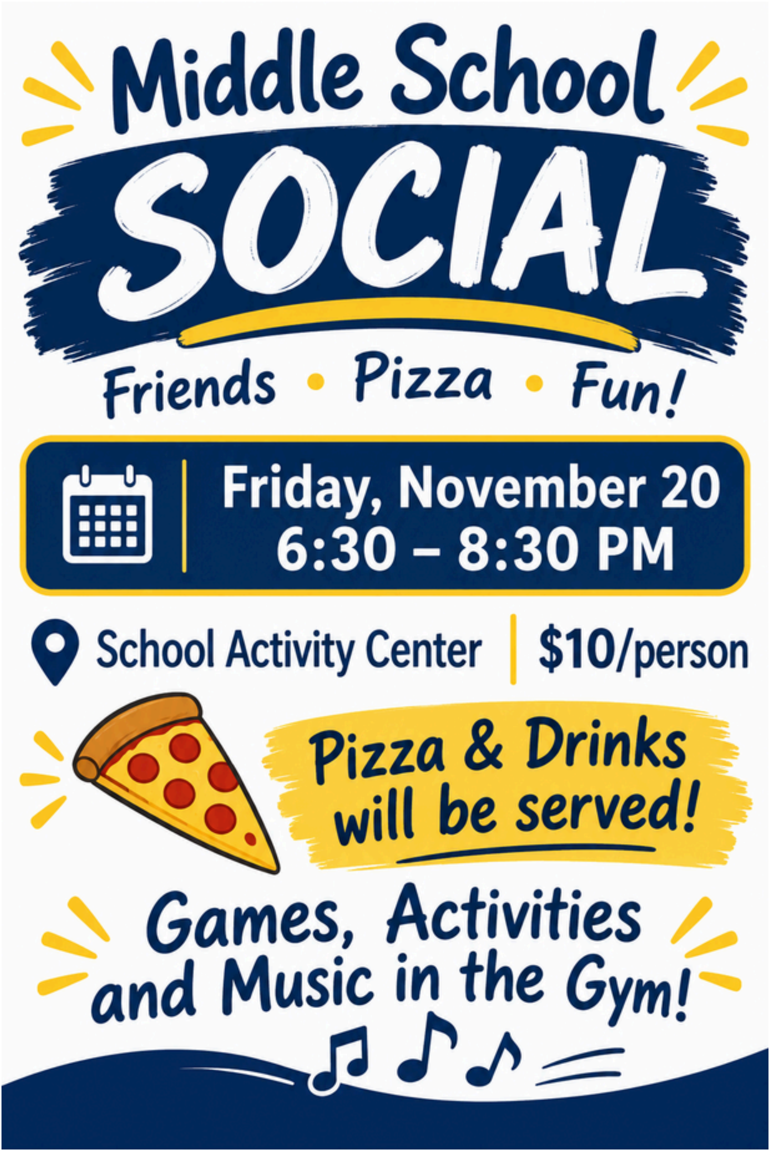
FRIDAY, NOV. 13TH
SMPS ACTIVITY CENTER
DOORS OPEN 6:30PM

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 TODAY!



Middle School SOCIAL

Friends • Pizza • Fun!

Friday, November 20
6:30 – 8:30 PM

School Activity Center | $10/person

Pizza & Drinks will be served!

Games, Activities and Music in the Gym!

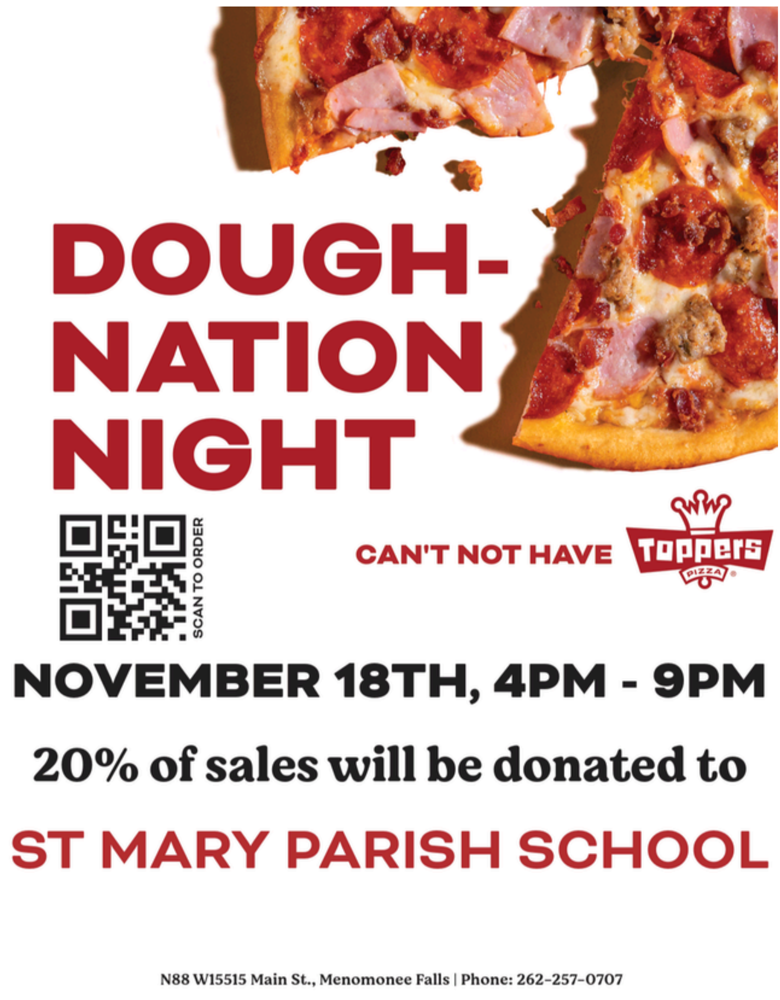
Hello 7th Grade Families -

The Home & School Committee would like to continue the Middle School Social fall event as a way for middle school students to enjoy a Friday night together in a fun, safe environment.

We currently do not have a chair or committee for this event, but would like to see it continue. We are **asking the 7th Grade families to step up in a team event to organize and volunteer at this event.** We will ask 6th grade families to run the Spring event.

The night of the event would be Friday, **November 20 from 6:30 - 8:30pm**.
Please complete the survey to find a way to get involved if you can! (We can't do it without you!)

Middle School Social - 7th Grade Planning Survey



DOUGH-NATION NIGHT

SCAN TO ORDER

CAN'T NOT HAVE Toppers PIZZA

NOVEMBER 18TH, 4PM - 9PM

20% of sales will be donated to

ST MARY PARISH SCHOOL

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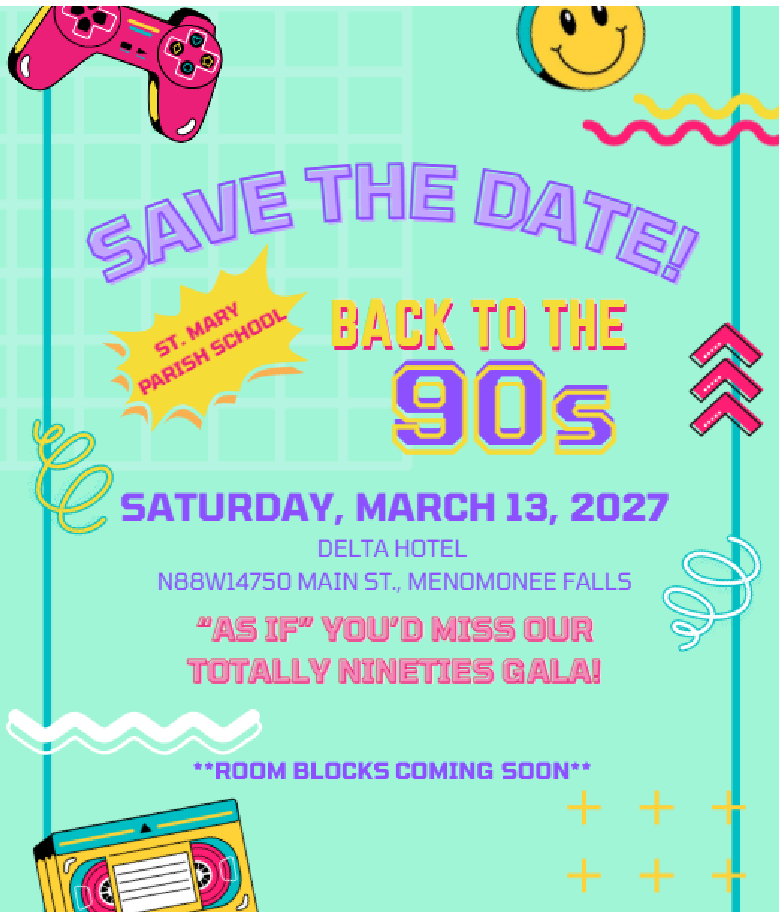


SAVE THE DATE!

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL

BACK TO THE 90s

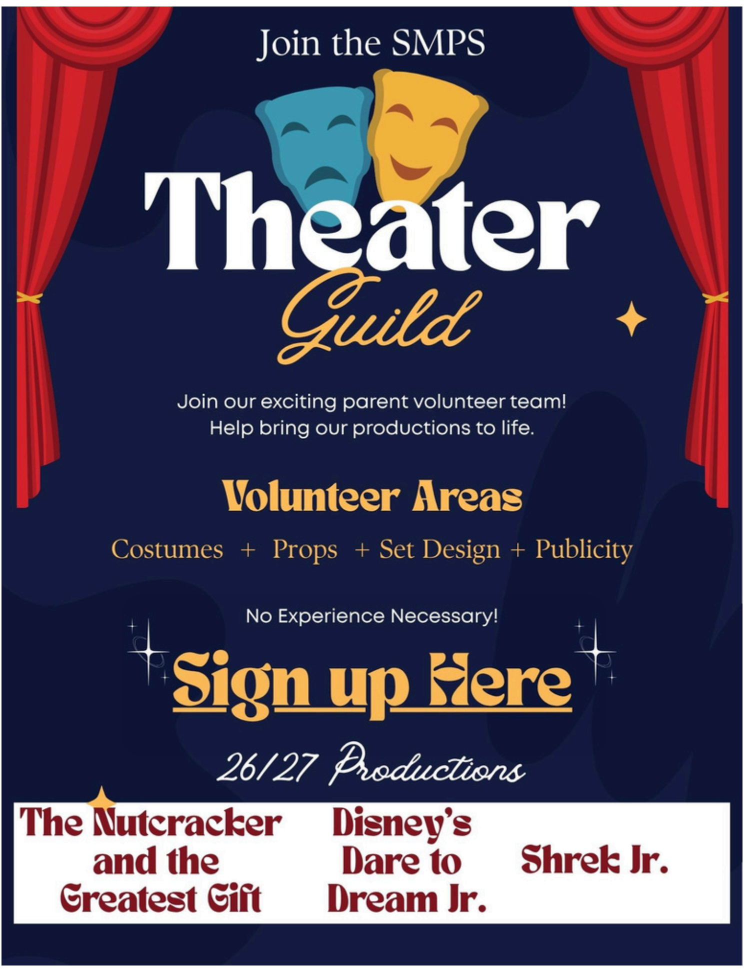
SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2027

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.

Warriors Athletics Updates:

FINAL 4
Bound!
SETON Volleyball Tournament
8th/7th Grade Boys

SETON UPDATE: ONTO THE FINAL 4!

Our St. Mary Warriors are one step closer to a SETON championship! 🏐

Congratulations to our 8th/7th grade boys volleyball team, who swept Corpus Christi in three straight sets last Friday night to advance to the **SETON FINAL FOUR!**

NEXT MATCH: Saturday (11/7) at 2:00 p.m. vs. St. Jerome at Catholic Memorial High School.
The boys will take the court again Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at the same venue for either the Championship or Third Place match!

LET'S PACK THE STANDS, ST. MARY! Wear your Warriors gear, bring your school spirit, and help cheer our boys on as they battle for the championship! Let's show them just how much our St. Mary community supports them!

GO WARRIORS!

Calendar Raffle Winners:

Congratulations to these $30 Winners drawn on Nov. 4:
Scott Lowe, Anne Dolph, Henry Farley, Ava Jurgenson

And special congrats to this $150 winner this week:
The Parise Family

Thank you for your participation!

Get Involved...Student Volunteer Opportunities

Menomonee Falls Christmas Parade Volunteer Opportunity for Optimist Club:

The Optimist Club of Menomonee Falls has reached out to St. Mary looking for four middle school students to help carry banners in the **Menomonee Falls Christmas Parade** on **Sunday, November 29th, at 4:30 PM**!

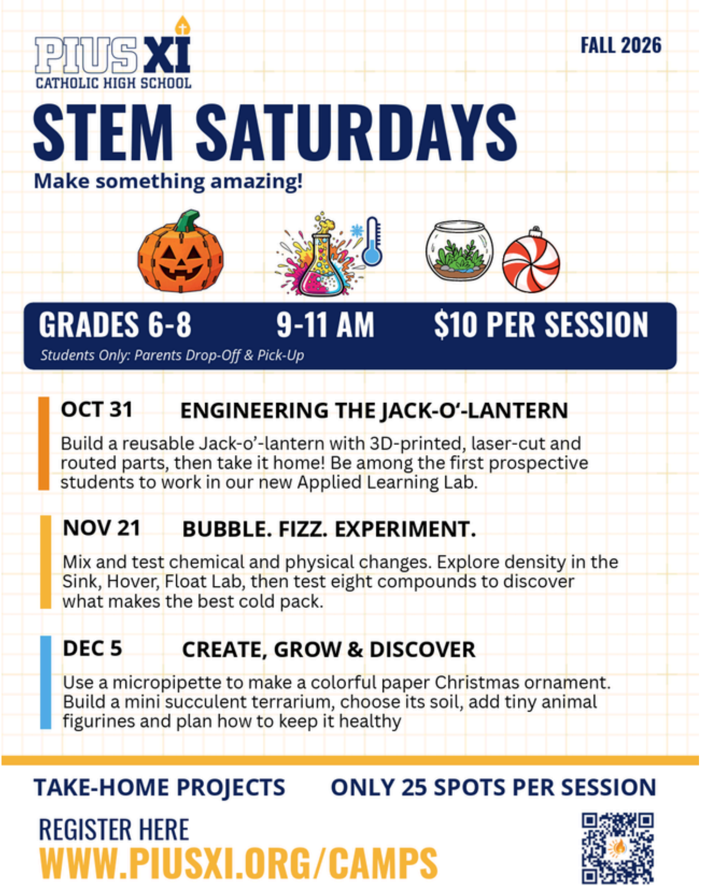
Students will walk the parade route carrying one of two banners alongside another volunteer. Poles will be provided to help carry the banners. Students will need to arrive shortly after 4:00 PM and will earn service hours for their participation!

The first four students to respond will get the opportunity to participate! If your student is interested, please email Mrs. Wood at wooda@smps.school.

Thank you for helping represent St. Mary in our community!

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:



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**

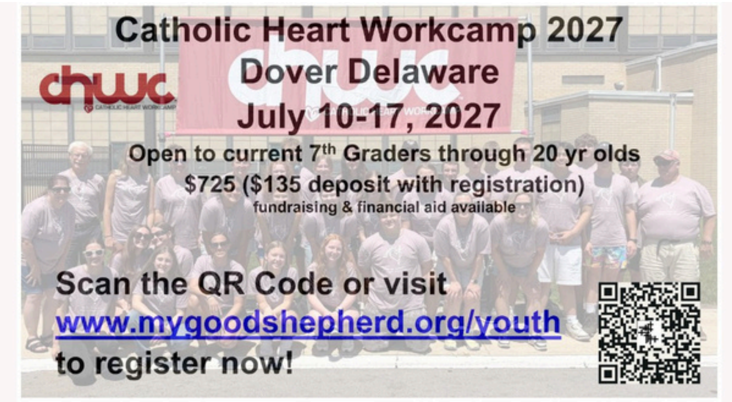
Use a micropipette to make a colorful paper Christmas ornament. Build a mini succulent terrarium, choose its soil, add tiny animal figurines and plan how to keep it healthy

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

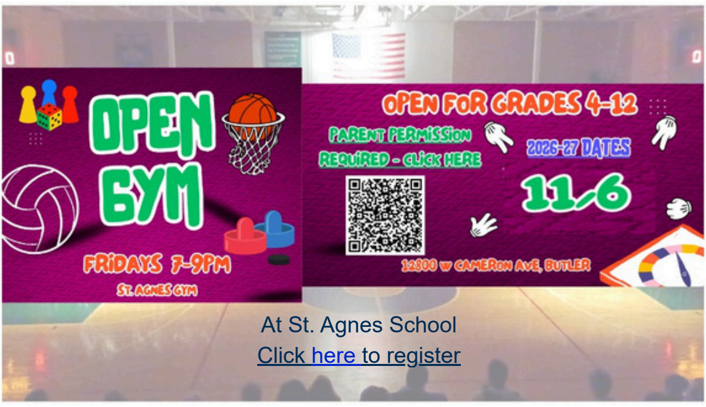
July 10-17, 2027

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

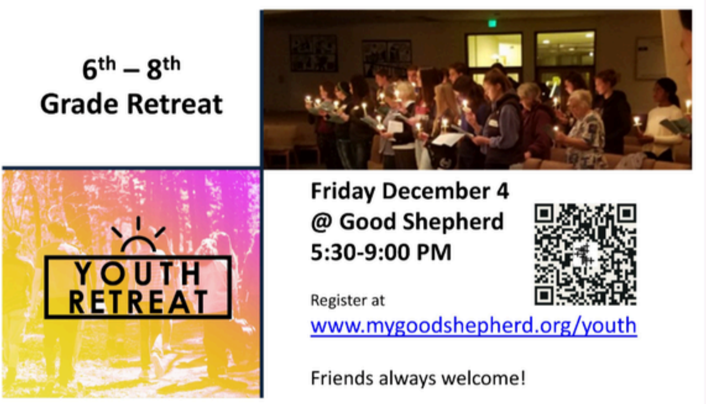
PARENT PERMISSION REQUIRED - CLICK HERE

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/Opportunities:

ARCHDIOCESE *of* MILWAUKEE
Catholic Schools

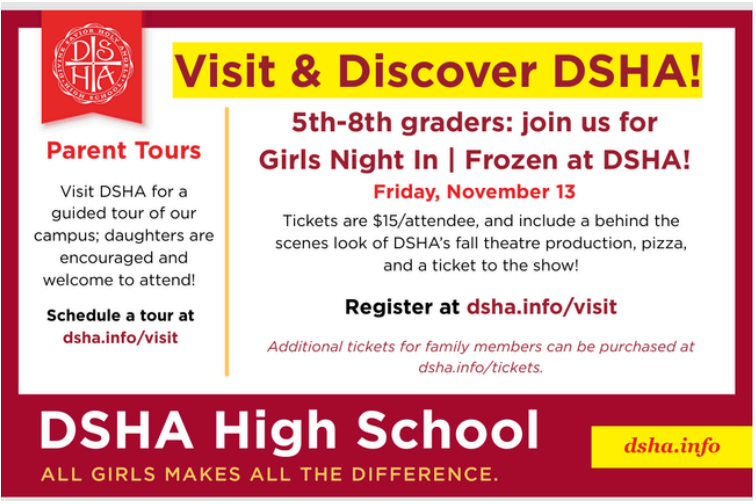
Scholarship Opportunity for 8th Grade Girls!

Milwaukee Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (MACCW), a proud supporter of Catholic Education, is pleased to offer **FOUR - $2000 scholarships to 8th grade young women planning to attend a Milwaukee Archdiocesan High School in the Fall 2027**.

Catholic education is expensive, but the lifelong benefits are invaluable and MACCW wants to help!

MACCW is trying to reach 8th grade girls, their parents, grandparents, relatives, and friends. MACCW will present the scholarship to each of the winners at their school/parish in the spring! An article announcing the winners will also be printed in both the Catholic Herald and the MACCW newsletter!

Read more HERE
Scholarship Application HERE
Applications and details are also available at MACCW.com (Under Awards).



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!

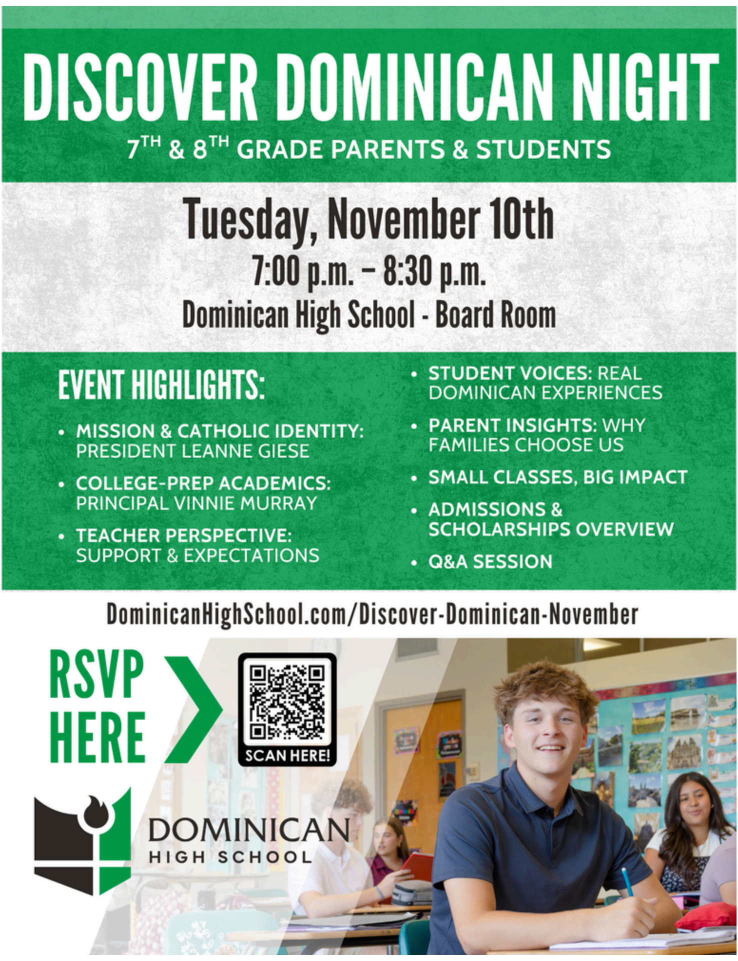
Register at dsha.info/visit

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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