September 25, 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,

One of my favorite St. Mary's traditions is underway—our classroom patron saints have been chosen!

Each year, our students help choose a saint to watch over their classroom and walk with them throughout the school year. Our youngest students get a little help with their selection, but for our older students, the process gives them an opportunity to discover saints whose stories, struggles, courage, and faith speak to them.

We aren't revealing this year's saints quite yet—that fun is coming soon!

Once they are revealed, the students will spend the year getting to know their saint. Each class will eventually share what they have learned with the rest of our school, giving all of us a chance to meet some pretty incredible holy men and women along the way.

I love this tradition because it reminds our children that the saints aren't simply people we read about in a religion book. They are part of our Catholic family. Through the Communion of Saints, we ask for their intercession and trust in their prayers for us. Their lives also remind our children that there isn't just one way to become a saint. God called each of them differently, just as He has something special in mind for each of us.

As we Live Jesus: Plant the Seeds this year, I can't think of better examples for our students. I'm excited for you to meet the saints our children have chosen to walk beside them this year!

Live Jesus,

Mrs. Wood

THANK YOU to Maggie W. in 3rd grade!

Maggie had a lemonade stand earlier this year and she **donated ALL of her funds back to St. Mary!** Way to set an excellent example of kindness, generosity and giving back to your community!

We are SO proud of you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

TONIGHT
Movie Night

October 2
No School
(In-Service)

October 7
Early Release at 11:30AM

October 10
Spaghetti Dinner
4PM - 8PM
Student Performance
(open to 2nd-8th graders) Sign Up here

October 17
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

2026-2027 Academic Calendar

PARENT VOLUNTEER CORNER:

Check out our current parent volunteer opportunities!

Spaghetti Dinner
(Various needs Sept. 28 - October 10)

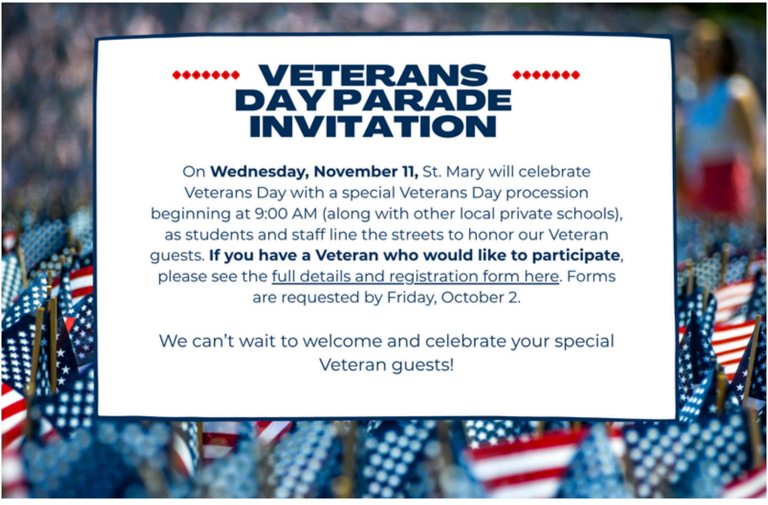
Catholic Schools Walk
Various Subcommittee members needed

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.



VETERANS DAY PARADE INVITATION

On **Wednesday, November 11,** St. Mary will celebrate Veterans Day with a special Veterans Day procession beginning at 9:00 AM (along with other local private schools), as students and staff line the streets to honor our Veteran guests. **If you have a Veteran who would like to participate**, please see the full details and registration form here. Forms are requested by Friday, October 2.

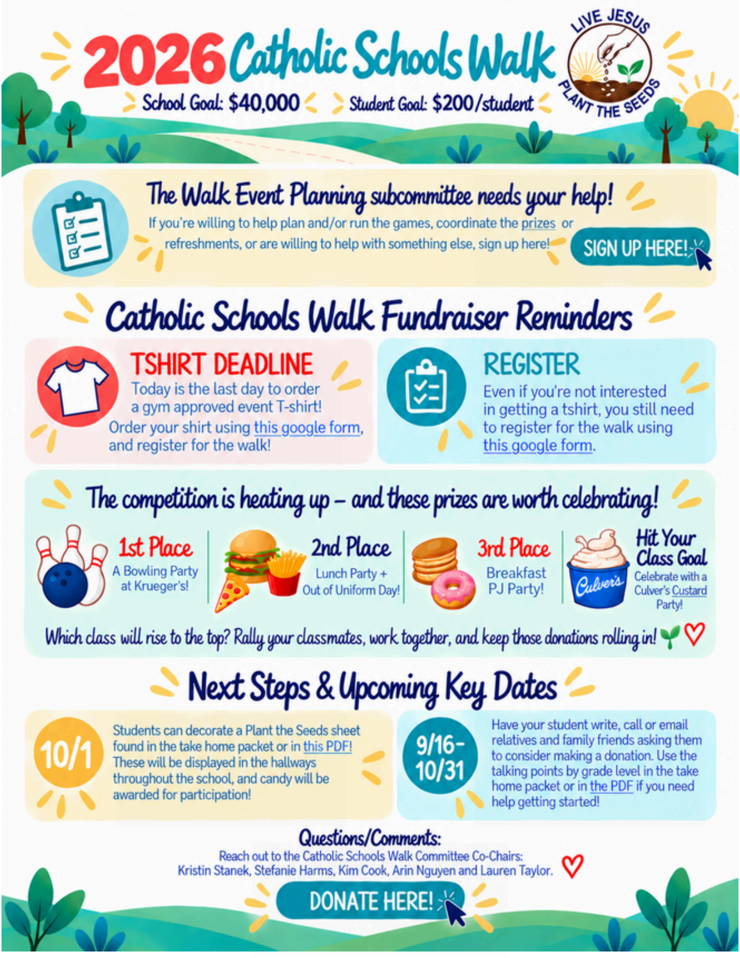
We can't wait to welcome and celebrate your special Veteran guests!

School Highlights:

LIVE JESUS
PLANT THE SEEDS

Plant the Seeds...
because growing together happens on the playground, too!

Catholic Schools Walk:



2026 Catholic Schools Walk

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

LIVE JESUS
PLANT THE SEEDS

The Walk Event Planning subcommittee needs your help!

If you're willing to help plan and/or run the games, coordinate the prizes or refreshments, or are willing to help with something else, sign up here!

SIGN UP HERE!

Catholic Schools Walk Fundraiser Reminders

TSHIRT DEADLINE
Today is the last day to order a gym approved event T-shirt!
Order your shirt using this google form, and register for the walk!

REGISTER
Even if you're not interested in getting a tshirt, you still need to register for the walk using this google form.

The competition is heating up – and these prizes are worth celebrating!

1st Place
A Bowling Party at Krueger's!

2nd Place
Lunch Party + Out of Uniform Day!

3rd Place
Breakfast PJ Party!

Hit Your Class Goal
Celebrate with a Culver's Custard Party!

Which class will rise to the top? Rally your classmates, work together, and keep those donations rolling in!

Next Steps & Upcoming Key Dates

10/1 Students can decorate a Plant the Seeds sheet found in the take home packet or in this PDF! These will be displayed in the hallways throughout the school, and candy will be awarded for participation!

9/16-10/31 Have your student write, call or email relatives and family friends asking them to consider making a donation. Use the talking points by grade level in the take home packet or in the PDF if you need help getting started!

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

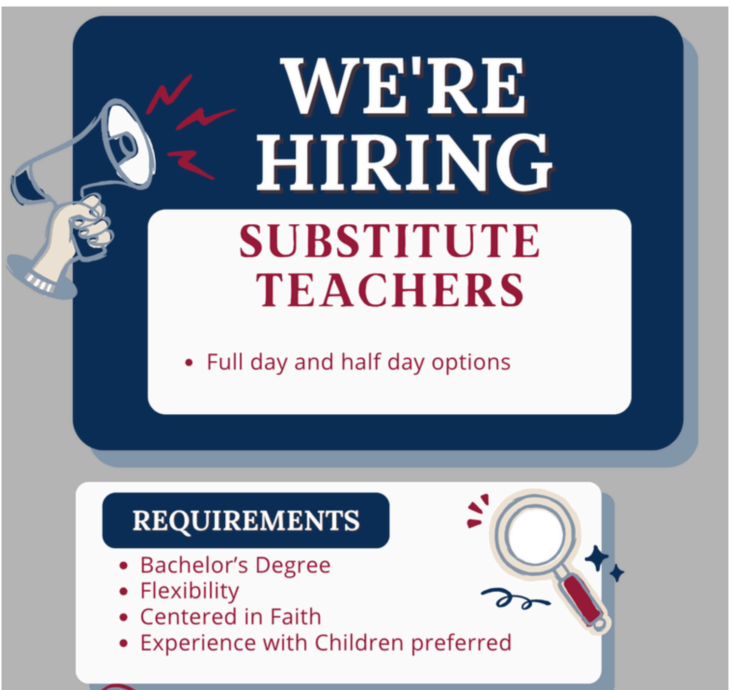
DONATE HERE!

Registration and t-shirt order link is here. T-shirt orders due today!

Interested in Joining a Subcommittee? Click here.

Student volunteer opportunities here.

Donate here!



WE'RE HIRING

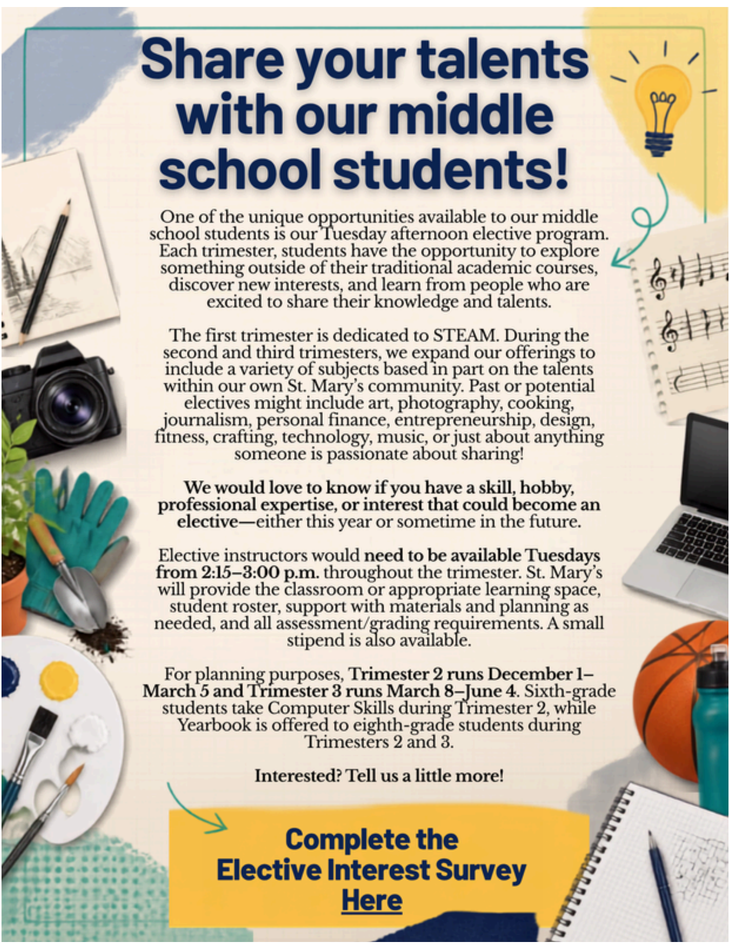
SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

- 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



Share your talents with our middle school students!

One of the unique opportunities available to our middle school students is our Tuesday afternoon elective program. Each trimester, students have the opportunity to explore something outside of their traditional academic courses, discover new interests, and learn from people who are excited to share their knowledge and talents.

The first trimester is dedicated to STEAM. During the second and third trimesters, we expand our offerings to include a variety of subjects based in part on the talents within our own St. Mary's community. Past or potential electives might include art, photography, cooking, journalism, personal finance, entrepreneurship, design, fitness, crafting, technology, music, or just about anything someone is passionate about sharing!

We would love to know if you have a skill, hobby, professional expertise, or interest that could become an elective—either this year or sometime in the future.

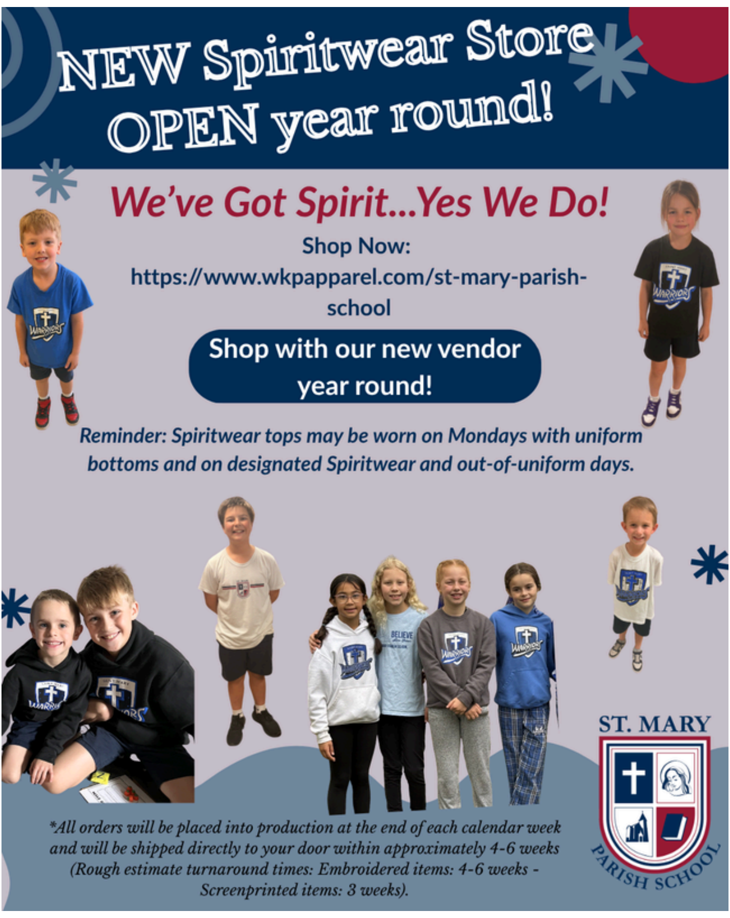
Elective instructors would **need to be available Tuesdays from 2:15–3:00 p.m.** throughout the trimester. St. Mary's will provide the classroom or appropriate learning space, student roster, support with materials and planning as needed, and all assessment/grading requirements. A small stipend is also available.

For planning purposes, **Trimester 2 runs December 1–March 5 and Trimester 3 runs March 8–June 4**. Sixth-grade students take Computer Skills during Trimester 2, while Yearbook is offered to eighth-grade students during Trimesters 2 and 3.

Interested? Tell us a little more!

Complete the Elective Interest Survey Here

Reminders/Resources:



NEW Spiritwear Store OPEN year round!

We've Got Spirit...Yes We Do!

Shop Now:
https://www.wkpapparel.com/st-mary-parish-school

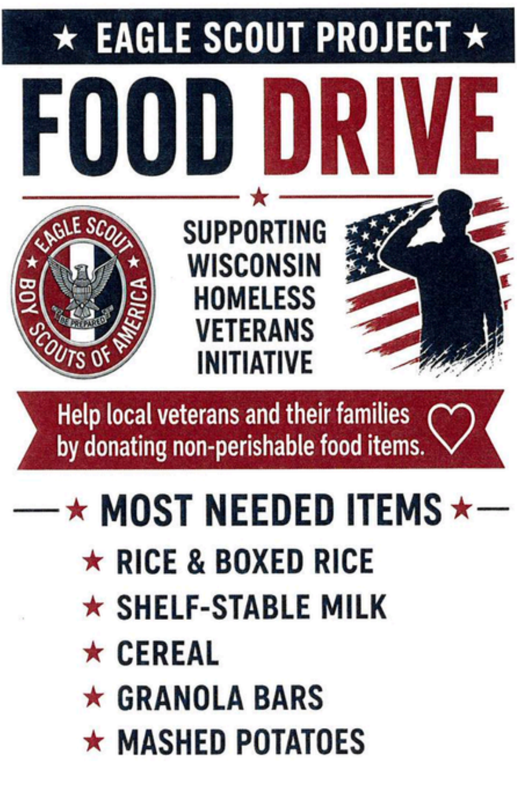
Shop with our new vendor year round!

Reminder: Spiritwear tops may be worn on Mondays with uniform bottoms and on designated Spiritwear and out-of-uniform days.

**All orders will be placed into production at the end of each calendar week and will be shipped directly to your door within approximately 4-6 weeks (Rough estimate turnaround times: Embroidered items: 4-6 weeks - Screenprinted items: 3 weeks).*

Bring ONE for a Veteran Food Drive Starts Monday!

St. Mary's is proud to support Andrew Z., a local Boy Scout, in his Eagle Scout service project benefiting Wisconsin veterans and their families. **September 28–October 2**, students are invited to bring in ONE donation item to help us reach our school goal of 250 items! Every item makes a difference!



★ EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT ★

FOOD DRIVE

SUPPORTING WISCONSIN HOMELESS VETERANS INITIATIVE

Help local veterans and their families by donating non-perishable food items.

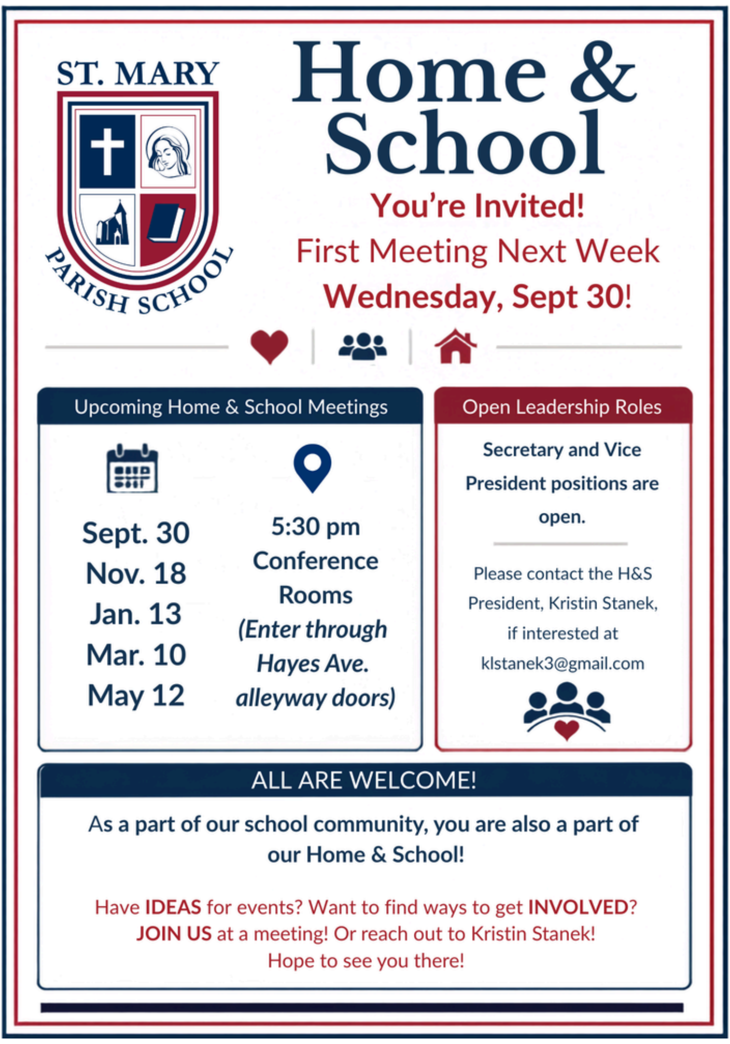
★ MOST NEEDED ITEMS ★

- ★ RICE & BOXED RICE
- ★ SHELF-STABLE MILK
- ★ CEREAL
- ★ GRANOLA BARS
- ★ MASHED POTATOES

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

Research shows that reading together at home is associated with stronger language, vocabulary, and reading development. Even a few minutes of reading, talking about books, or sharing a story can make reading a meaningful part of your family routine.

Home & School Updates and Upcoming Events:



ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL

Home & School

You're Invited!

First Meeting Next Week

Wednesday, Sept 30!

Upcoming Home & School Meetings

Sept. 30
Nov. 18
Jan. 13
Mar. 10
May 12

5:30 pm
Conference Rooms
(Enter through Hayes Ave. alleyway doors)

Open Leadership Roles

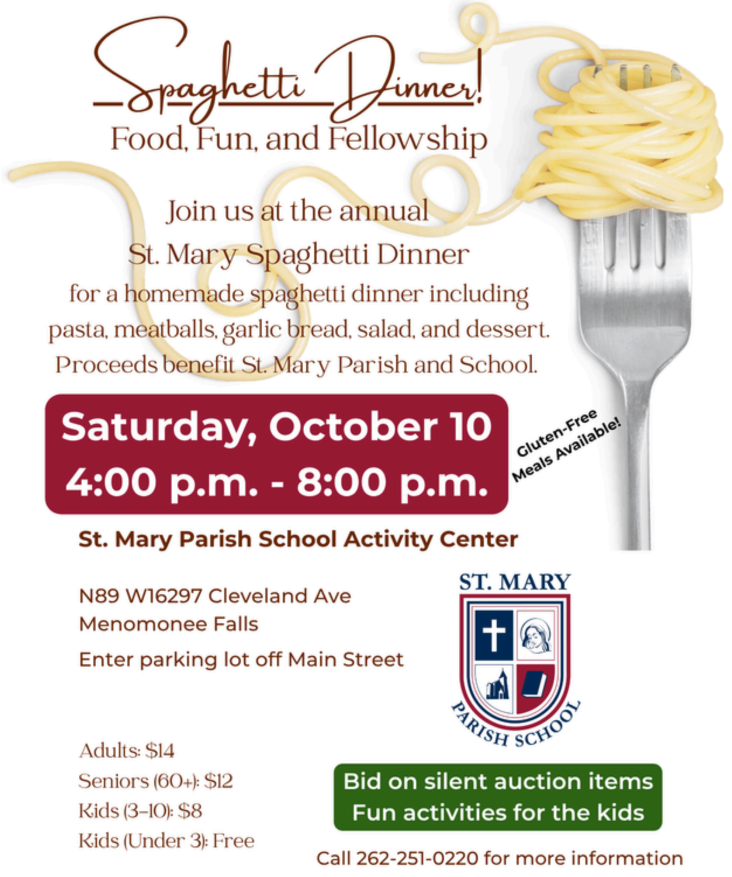
Secretary and Vice President positions are open.

Please contact the H&S President, Kristin Stanek, if interested at klstanek3@gmail.com

ALL ARE WELCOME!

As a part of our school community, you are also a part of our Home & School!

Have **IDEAS** for events? Want to find ways to get **INVOLVED**? **JOIN US** at a meeting! Or reach out to Kristin Stanek! Hope to see you there!



Spaghetti Dinner!

Food, Fun, and Fellowship

Join us at the annual
St. Mary Spaghetti Dinner
for a homemade spaghetti dinner including
pasta, meatballs, garlic bread, salad, and dessert.
Proceeds benefit St. Mary Parish and School.

Saturday, October 10
4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Gluten-Free Meals Available!

St. Mary Parish School Activity Center

N89 W16297 Cleveland Ave
Menomonee Falls
Enter parking lot off Main Street

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL

Adults: $14
Seniors (60+): $12
Kids (3-10): $8
Kids (Under 3): Free

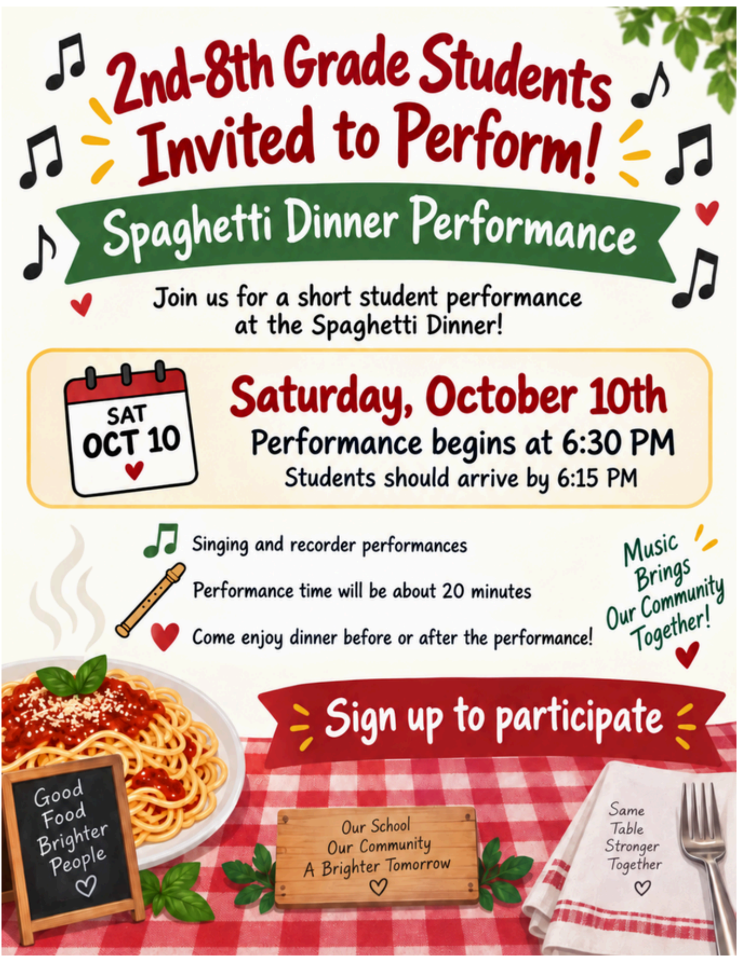
Bid on silent auction items
Fun activities for the kids

Call 262-251-0220 for more information

If you would like to **help sponsor** the St. Mary Parish and School Spaghetti Dinner, please click here.

Many volunteers are needed to make this event a success! Please consider signing up - there are many ways to help!

Adult and student volunteer sign ups are here.



2nd-8th Grade Students Invited to Perform!

Spaghetti Dinner Performance

Join us for a short student performance
at the Spaghetti Dinner!

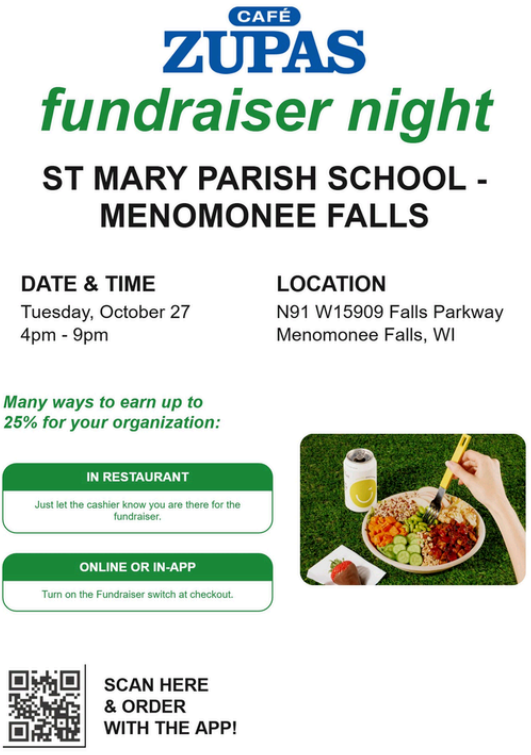
SAT
OCT 10

Saturday, October 10th
Performance begins at 6:30 PM
Students should arrive by 6:15 PM

- Singing and recorder performances
- Performance time will be about 20 minutes
- Come enjoy dinner before or after the performance!

Sign up to participate

Music Brings Our Community Together!
Good Food Brighter People
Our School Our Community A Brighter Tomorrow
Same Table Stronger Together



CAFÉ ZUPAS
fundraiser night

ST MARY PARISH SCHOOL - MENOMONEE FALLS

DATE & TIME	LOCATION
Tuesday, October 27 4pm - 9pm	N91 W15909 Falls Parkway Menomonee Falls, WI

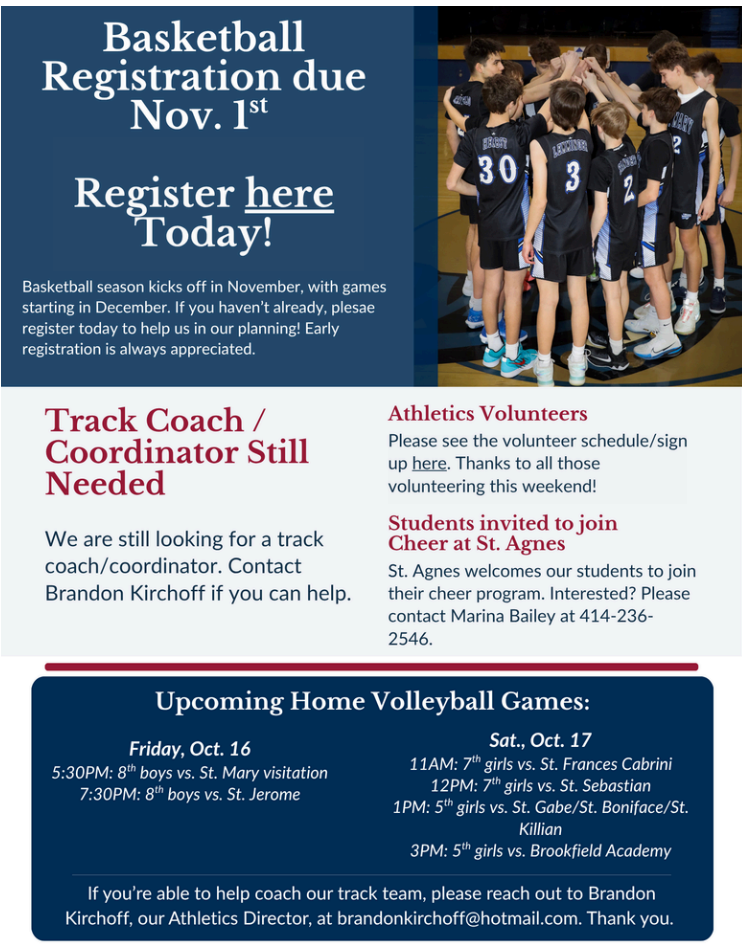
Many ways to earn up to 25% for your organization:

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!

Warriors Athletics Updates:



Basketball Registration due Nov. 1st

Register here Today!

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! Early registration is always appreciated.

Track Coach / Coordinator Still Needed

We are still looking for a track coach/coordinator. Contact Brandon Kirchoff if you can help.

Athletics Volunteers

Please see the volunteer schedule/sign up here. Thanks to all those volunteering this weekend!

Students invited to join Cheer at St. Agnes

St. Agnes welcomes our students to join their cheer program. Interested? Please contact Marina Bailey at 414-236-2546.

Upcoming Home Volleyball Games:

Friday, Oct. 16
5:30PM: 8th boys vs. St. Mary visitation
7:30PM: 8th boys vs. St. Jerome

Sat., Oct. 17
11AM: 7th girls vs. St. Frances Cabrini
12PM: 7th girls vs. St. Sebastian
1PM: 5th girls vs. St. Gabe/St. Boniface/St. Killian
3PM: 5th girls vs. Brookfield Academy

If you're able to help coach our track team, please reach out to Brandon Kirchoff, our Athletics Director, at brandonkirchoff@hotmail.com. Thank you.

Calendar Raffle Winners:

Congratulations to these $30 Winners drawn on September 22:
Kelly Heyrman, Chuck Carabelli, Jordyn Lemminger, Mikayla Gonzalez, and Katie Shinkle

Thank you for your participation!

Parish Updates:

Student Altar Serving Training:

Male youth in third grade and older are invited to serve our parish community in a special way by becoming altar servers. Our next training will be held Sunday, Sept. 27, following the 10:30 am Mass at St. Anthony. Those who complete the training may serve at Mass at either St. Anthony or St. Mary. A parent or guardian of each student will need to complete and sign a registration form. For more information, please contact D'Ann Fisher at the parish office.

Get Involved...Student Volunteer Opportunities

Altar Servers: See above for training info. Middle School-aged altar servers can earn service hours.

Student Parish Volunteer Opportunities to support Catholic Schools Walk & Spaghetti Dinner

Spaghetti Dinner *(serving coffee, serving food, setting placemats, kids' korner supervision, etc.)*

In the Community:

Science Fair organized by Hamilton High School Students: St. Mary Students Invited to Attend!

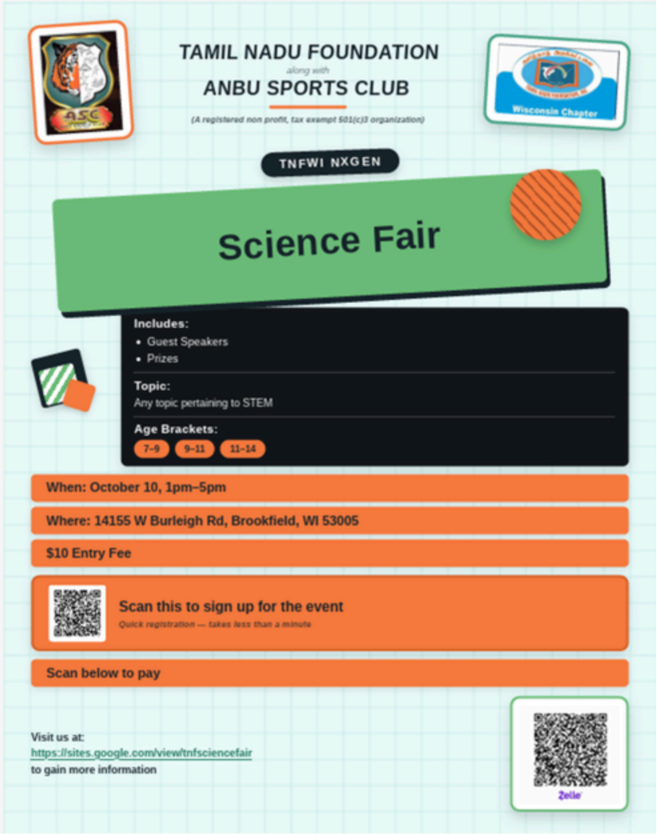
Please reach out to Mrs. Mrozinski if any assistance is needed

The science fair is open to students ages 7–14 and will include two project categories:

Experiment: Students design, conduct, and explain their own scientific experiment.

Science Presentation: Students create a traditional science fair poster explaining a scientific topic they are interested in.

Our goal is to make science engaging and accessible while giving younger students an opportunity to explore their interests, develop scientific thinking skills, and hopefully spark a lasting interest in STEM. View the flyer below for more info and to sign up!



TAMIL NADU FOUNDATION
along with
ANBU SPORTS CLUB
(A registered non profit, tax exempt 501(c)3 organization)

TNFWI NXGEN

Science Fair

Includes:
- Guest Speakers
- Prizes

Topic:
Any topic pertaining to STEM

Age Brackets:
7-9 9-11 11-14

When: October 10, 1pm–5pm

Where: 14155 W Burleigh Rd, Brookfield, WI 53005

$10 Entry Fee

Scan this to sign up for the event
Quick registration — takes less than a minute

Scan below to pay

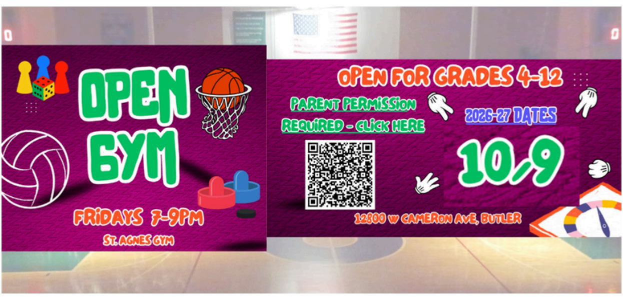
Visit us at:
https://sites.google.com/view/tnfsciencefair
to gain more information

A Community Affair: Arts & Crafts Fair:

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

Germantown School District - Child Development Day:

GDS offers this developmental screening to confirm the progress of children and to possibly identify those who may show a need for follow-up assessment. Choose from three dates this school year: Oct. 12, Jan., 11th and March 8th. View the flyer here and a pamphlet here with additional information and to register. Spaces are limited.



High School Open Houses:

Catholic Memorial High School Open House:

Sunday, October 11, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Click here for more info including special presentations offered during the Open House.

D.S.H.A. Open House:

Sunday, October 11. Mass starts at 9am with tours and information sessions to follow. Click here for more info and to register.

Dominican High School Open House:

Sunday, October 4. Click here to register and learn more!

Marquette University High School Open House:

Sunday, October 11, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Click here to learn more and to register.

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
Safeguarding Training/CMG Connect
Catholic Charities: Therapy Referral Form
Lunchroom Volunteer Sign Up
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