

May 19, 2015

Dear Parents and Guardians,

With only a few weeks left of school we have begun thinking of the summer! Soon our summer reading lists and assignments will be available. Our teachers will also be providing some math ideas that your child will be able to work on over the summer to keep up with the skills.

During the next few weeks, the teachers will also be spending a great deal of time assessing the classes, personalities and learning styles of our students in order to create an upcoming class room environment that will, we hope, lead to a wonderful learning experience for your child. Class lists are formed based on a variety of factors including but not limited to academic, social/emotional needs, types of learners as well as special needs and enrichment. Please respect the time and energy the faculty is putting into the creation of the class lists. They develop these lists with good hearts knowing the children with whom they have spent so much time.

Congratulations to our 8<sup>th</sup> graders who celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation! It was a pleasure having Bishop Sullivan with us! Congratulations, also, to the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders who recently made their First Holy Communion. What a beautiful experience watching them as they received Jesus for the first time.

Hope to see you at the Band Concert scheduled for Wednesday, May 27th at 7PM

God Bless,

Mrs. Patricia Mancuso



# St. Mary School

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May 2015

Dear St. Mary School Family,

For over 60 years, St. Mary School has provided a quality Catholic education for young people in our community. We now educate close to 600 students each year in our preschool through eighth grade.

In order to continue to prepare our young people for high school, college, and beyond our school has sought to expand the educational resources and activities provided to our students. We are accomplishing this through the efforts of our **St. Mary School Annual Fund.** Gifts in support of the St. Mary School Annual Fund are used for programs that allow us to carry on our mission and motto of *Learning and Living in Christ*.

This year, we are <u>raising funds for supplemental materials to enhance our math and language arts</u> <u>curriculum, additional technology resources, hands on equipment for our science lab, professional development for our teachers, classroom furniture, and other essential educational needs in order to continue to provide a <u>quality education for our students</u>.</u>

### The St. Mary School Annual Fund is...pursuing academic excellence!

The support of the St. Mary School Annual Fund allows us to teach and inspire our students as they discover and develop their talents, enabling them to attain their God-given potential. The Annual Fund provides opportunities for development and enhancement of curriculum and academic programs, supplemental resources, and up-to-date technology as well as faculty and staff enrichment. Your gift will help our students develop the necessary skills to succeed now, in high school and beyond.

#### The St. Mary School Annual Fund is...building a foundation for spiritual growth!

St. Mary School is enriched by Catholic tradition and lived Gospel values and is enhanced by the celebration of liturgy, sacraments and prayer. St. Mary School further develops the children's knowledge and practice of their faith and guides them to serve others through their use of their gifts and talents.

### The St. Mary School Annual Fund is...cultivating values rooted in our Catholic heritage!

Students of St. Mary School are provided the opportunity to unite with others through service projects and outreach programs which contributes to a vibrant parish and community now and in the future.

The Annual Fund is critical to support our students, faculty, programs and facilities that are used on a daily basis by our entire parish community. I am offering you the opportunity to join with me, our faculty, staff and school board in supporting our **2014-2015** St. Mary School Annual Fund. Our goal this year is **\$60,000**.

I invite you to join us in showing your commitment to the future of St. Mary School and to please consider St. Mary School among your family's philanthropic priorities. Every gift is meaningful and your participation **does make a difference**. On behalf of our school community and especially our children, thank you for helping us carry on our mission and motto of *Learning and Living in Christ*.

Gratefully,

Mrs. Patricia Mancuso Principal

P.S.: Please remember you may make your donation <u>on-line</u> by going on our website at www.smarys.org. All donations are tax-deductible and don't forget to ask if your company offers a matching gift.



# 2014-2015 Annual Fund Donation Form

I/we wish to support Saint Mary School and its mission by contributing to the Annual Fund in the following category:

☐ Our Lady's Society — \$10,000 and above *	Tuition covers only 75% of the
<b>□ Blue and White</b> — \$5,000 to \$9,999 *	school's annual expenses
<b>☐ Assumption Circle −</b> \$1,000 to \$4,999 *	Your contribution to the
■ Marian Hall — \$500 to \$999 *	annual fund is tax-deductible
☐ Carroll Avenue — \$250 to \$499	Does your company have a matching gift program? If so,
☐ Crusader — \$5 to \$249	please enclose the company
	matching gift form

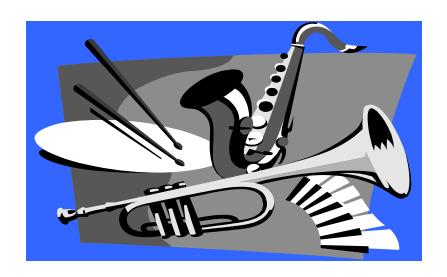
\*Member of St. Mary School Annual Fund Fiat Society

My Check for \$	_ is enclosed payable to Saint	Mary School Annual Fund
Address		
Phone:		
Email:		
Please check <b>all</b> that apply:		
Current SMS Parent	OLOPP Parishioner	SMS School Board
SMS Alumni SMS A	Alumni Parent Current SI	MS Faculty/Staff
GrandparentFriend	Grandparent SN	/IS Student/Alumni
Name as you want it to appear in	the 2014-15 Annual Report	
☐ Anonymous (please do not list	my name)	
☐ Please contact me about maki	ng a planned gift to Saint Mary	School

You may send in your donation with your child or mail it directly to St. Mary School, 32A Carroll Ave, Williamstown, NJ 08094

# You also can make a donation by:

- **Donate-on-line** by logging onto our website at <a href="www.smarys.org">www.smarys.org</a> and look for the link on the bottom right side of our home page
- Call the Advancement Office, at 856-629-6190 ext. 34 or email advancementoffice@smarys.org



# St. Mary School Spring Band Concert

Come and enjoy our Spring Band Concert Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in Assumption Hall. All band members must report to Assumption Hall by 6:30 pm.

# **NEWS FROM SPORTS**

Varsity Soccer Tryouts will be next Thursday, May 28 from 2:45pm to 4:30pm. Grades 6, 7, 8 may try out. Please note registration form and fee are due now. Medical forms may be handed in when school starts in the Fall.

# **FALL CROSS COUNTRY**

Registrations are now being accepted for Fall Cross Country. Grades 3 to 8 are eligible to join. All registrations are due by June 3.



# SMS FIELD DAY 2015



On Tuesday, June 9th we will have our FIELD DAY. It is a day of fun, enjoyed by all students.

Some specifics of the day include:

WHAT TO WEAR... Students may wear their gym shirts or "House" color shirt, gym shorts/pants and sneakers. In case of a sunny day, please apply sunscreen.

**SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY** ... 8:30 a.m. to 2:10 p.m.

<u>WHAT TO EAT FOR LUNCH</u>...Students will be treated to a hot dog lunch by our PTA. If your child does not want a hotdog, they may bring in their own lunch.

# **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Any parents/guardians, grandparents, or siblings of students who are college students who can volunteer any amount of their time on Field Day, please return the form below to the ATTENTION OF MISS CONNELLY. Without you we cannot have Field Day!!

If you	u have any questions, please call the main office at 629-6190.	
	FIELD DAY VOLUNTEER	
Name:		
	Phone:	
Students' Name and Grade:		
	(Please come through main office to check in)	



May 2015

### Dear Parents/Guardians:

The 2014 – 2015 St. Mary School yearbooks will be arriving soon. The eighth grade yearbook staff worked very hard and diligently on this project.

If you are interested in purchasing a yearbook, please fill out the bottom of this form and return it along with your cash or check made payable to St. Mary School in an envelope marked "Yearbook". The price is \$21.00 per book. The yearbooks will be sent home with your child on Monday, June 1, 2015.

Thank you!			

## YEARBOOK ORDER FORM

Student's Name	Grade	
Number of Books	Amount enclosed	

# **PTA POSITIONS OPENING SOON!**

Our PTA board will be saying goodbye to seven members after the 2015-2016 school year, as our children will be moving on to high school.

Key positions will be opening up including PTA President, Spirit Wear Coordinator, Trunk and Treat Coordinator, Scrip Coordinator, Social Concerns and Members at Large.

We would like to start filling these positions as soon as possible and in advance of the 2016-2017 school year. We would like to have those of you who are interested, apply now. You will not officially be in your position until the 2016-2017 school year unless positions open up for this coming year.

If you are selected for the position you apply for, you will need to "shadow" the current PTA members that hold these positions throughout next year's activities. Some of these positions require time and training and it will be to your advantage to learn from those who have been filling these positions over the past years. Being involved in these activities and fundraisers will significantly benefit all involved. If you are interested in joining the PTA in any capacity, please fill out the form below and return it by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. All applications will be reviewed by Mrs. Mancuso and you will be notified when the process is completed.

At Saint Mary's School we think of our PTA board members as a dedicated family. We have fun and enjoy all that we do. If you would like to be part of a great experience, please volunteer!

NAME	,
PHONE NUMBER	
CHILDREN'S GRADES FOR 2016-2017	
POSITION YOU LIKE TO APPLY FOR	

# FIRST TIME EVER!!!!!

# INTRODUCING THE BRAND NEW SAINT MARY'S CRUSADER BEACH TOWEL!!!

A GREAT GRADUATION GIFT AND MEMENTO FOR YOUR 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS, PERFECT FOR YOUNG SUMMER CAMPERS AND SUMMER BIRTHDAY GIFTS! IDEAL FOR THE BEACH AND POOL!!! SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT ALL SUMMER!! TOWELS ARE NAVY BLUE WITH WHITE LOGO. THEY MEASURE 30X60 AND ARE A PLUSH TERRY CLOTH.

TOWELS WILL BE SOLD ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS. ONLY ONE ORDER HAS BEEN PLACED. DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS WONDERFUL ITEM!!! (digital picture below)

TOWELS ARE \$20 EACH

Fill out form and send into school with cash "BEACH TOW	
2015 BEACH TOWEL # OF TOWELS	AMOUNT ENCLOSED
STUDENTS NAME	ROOM #
PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR PHONE # IF YO	U ARE ORDERING A TOWEL AS A RRANGEMENTS TO MEET YOU AND
DELIVER IT! Phone #	







New Jersey Catholic Conference 149 North Warren Street Trenton, New Jersey 08608 609-989-1120



**ISSUE:** 

Even though Governor Christie's Budget contains an additional \$750,000 for nonpublic school nursing services, the amount is still \$1,409,000 short of what was available in the Appropriations Act last year. That final figure of \$14,311,000 was created by the Legislature after much work by the nonpublic school community. Furthermore, Governor Christie's Budget eliminated the \$2,441,000 that was added to the Nonpublic School Technology, thus reducing the amount to \$3 million.

OUR POSITION:

The New Jersey Catholic Conference and the New Jersey Network of Catholic School Families has continued to support increased funding in nonpublic school accounts. Our focus with the Legislature, particularly the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee and the Assembly Budget Committee, will be to increase the funding for nonpublic school nursing services and technology aid at least to the amount in the Appropriations Act from last year.

#### **ACTION:**

- 1. Call, email or speak directly with the offices of the members of the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee and the Assembly Budget Committee asking them to restore the level of funding in the nonpublic school nursing services and nonpublic school technology accounts at least to the level of funding in the Fiscal Year 2015 Appropriations Act. See attached List.
- 2. Give special thanks to Assemblyman Gary Schaer who is chair of the Assembly Budget Committee for his work during last year's Budget process and his willingness to increase last year's amounts in nonpublic nursing services and nonpublic technology.
- 3. If your State Senator and/or your members of the General Assembly are not on either Committee, call, email, or visit those legislators and indicate the need for this appropriation to nonpublic school students and their parents. Remind them of the tax dollars being saved to public schools in their districts by the decision of nonpublic school parents to send their children to a nonpublic school.
- 4. Repeat steps 1 and 3 periodically between now and the third week in June in order to keep your request at the forefront of Budget considerations by State legislators.
- 5. Have students write letters to their respective legislators noting how the funding for nursing and nonpublic technology funding was used this year and how the loss will affect those programs next year.

You may use the New Jersey Catholic Conference Voter Voice system which can be accessed at:

https://votervoice.net/NJCC/Campaigns/39419/Respond

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# The warm weather is finally here!

# HELP US SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT ST. MARY SCHOOL!!



If you currently have a SMS lawn sign, we ask if you could please place it on your lawn at this time. If you are in need of a lawn sign, please see Jackie Kern in the Advancement Office during normal school hours.

The best advertisement for our school is word of mouth from our current families.

Thank you for all you do for St. Mary School!



# **Calling all St. Mary School ALUMNI!**

The School Board and Advancement Office are looking to hold an All-Class Reunion in the near future. We are looking for as many of our alumni parents to be part of a committee to help put this fun event together. Siblings of our parent alumni who may have graduated from SMS are welcome to help as well. This is a great opportunity to connect with our alumni and let them know about the great things happening at their alma mater as well as seek their financial support to help St. Mary School. It is with the support of many of our alumni that we can continue to provide a quality education for our students for years to come. Anyone interested in helping with the reunion, please contact School Board member and Alumni Committee chair, Mike Gerst at 856-912-4820 or by email at <a href="mikegerst@comcast.net">mikegerst@comcast.net</a>. Please contact Mr. Gerst as soon as possible.

# THANK YOU!

# OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH 32 CARROLL AVENUE WILLIAMSTOWN, NEW JERSEY 08094

May 2015

Dear Parents,

As you know, our carnival will be held Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> to Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. There are many exciting things happening this year. Tuesday and Wednesday will be family night. Ride all rides from 6 PM to closing for \$20.00 per person.

We have Mega Passes for sale. A Mega Pass is \$35.00 per person before June 21<sup>st</sup> and \$40.00 per person beginning June 22<sup>nd</sup>. A Mega Pass offers unlimited rides during **all** operating hours. You may buy your Mega Passes at the Parish Center or order through the school.

If you would like to order a Mega Pass, please fill out the form below and return to your child's teacher. Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Peace Parish. Thank you for your continued support to our biggest fund raiser of the year.

I would like to purchase:		
Mega Passes @ S	635.00 per person	
Student's Name:		
Parent's Name:		
Phone:	Classroom:	



# DIOCESE OF CAMDEN Office of Child and Youth Protection

We can be sure that we love God's children when we love God and do what he has commanded. 1 John 5:2

The Office of Child and Youth Protection is announcing CAP (Child Assault Prevention) sessions. CAP is the safe environment training program for adults who have regular contact with minors. Attendance is required in order to comply with the USCCB's *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. The policy of the Diocese of Camden is that adults will attend CAP once every five years.

- **CAP 1** teaches attendees to recognize child abuse and neglect and how to report to the proper authorities. Adults are taught that children have the right to be safe, strong and free. CAP 1 is for new volunteers and employees.
- **CAP 2** is called *No More Bullies, No More Victims* and is a workshop addressing bullying awareness and bullying prevention. Cyber-bullying is also presented.
- **CAP 3** is called *Cyber-Empowerment* and is a workshop which promotes adults understanding of cyber activity of youth while teaching them realistic ways to help children keep their own rights and guard the rights of others in the cyber-sphere.

Each presentation is 90 minutes.

Adults who are new employees or volunteers should attend CAP 1 before attending CAP 2 or CAP 3. After five years, adults have the option of attending CAP 1, 2 or 3 when they renew their CAP.

The following sessions will be offered in **May**:

#### **CAP Phase 1**

Monday, May 4, 2015, 7:00pm, Incarnation, Mantua Wednesday, May 6, 2015, 7:00pm, Catholic Community of the Holy Spirit, Mullica Hill Saturday, May 23, 2015, 10:00am, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Camden, Cathedral Hall Thursday, May 28, 2015, 7:00pm, Saints Peter & Paul, Turnersville, Parish Center

### **CAP Phase 2 – Bullying Prevention**

NO CAP 2

## **CAP Phase 3 – Cyber Empowerment**

Friday, May 1, 2015, 1:00pm, Our Lady Star of the Sea School, Atlantic City Thursday, May 7, 2015, 7:30pm, Christ the King School, Haddonfield, Lower level of the church

To attend one of these classes, please call the CAP registration line in the Office of Child and Youth Protection at (856) 583-6165 or email <a href="mailto:Diane.Diggons@camdendiocese.org">Diane.Diggons@camdendiocese.org</a> to register. Please register at least five days before the session you would like to attend.

The CAP schedule, location, phone numbers and directions may be found on the diocesan website @ www.camdendiocese.org

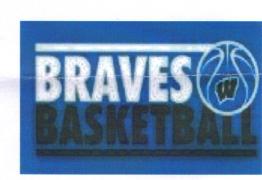
IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER PLEASE CALL THE LOCATION DIRECTLY.

# WILLIAMSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

# **BASKETBALL CAMP**



Have fun while learning the game



WHO: Boys and girls entering grades 3-8

DATES: Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> - Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>

TIME: 8:00am-12:00pm

WHERE: Williamstown High School Gym

700 N. Tuckahoe Rd., Williamstown NJ 08094

COST: \$100, which includes a camp T-Shirt

The Williamstown Braves Basketball Camp will focus on the development of offensive and defensive skills for campers of all ability levels. Individual skill work and shooting drills will be emphasized daily. Participants will be divided into groups based on age and ability and will play at least one game a day. Each day will have a specific focus and a daily contest with winners in each age group.

If you have any questions contact Coach Grant Sporny at gsporny@monroetwp.k12.nj.us or 949-525-7079



2015 Williamstown Braves Basketball Camp Registration Please Print

Address:	
Address	

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_\_Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade for 2015-2016 school year:

Gender: Male/Female

Shirt size: Small Medium Large Extra Large

Mail registration and payment to:

WHS Basketball 471 Fislerville Rd.

Mullica Hill NJ 08062

Name.

Drop off and supervision at the Williamstown High School gym as early as 7:30 and pick up as late as 30 minutes after the end of camp.

WHS Boys Basketball program