



February 2, 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for your prayers for our school community the past few weeks. The faculty, staff and students of SMS are so blessed to be surrounded by such loving, caring families who have shown such great compassion to all of us. Mrs. Dramesi will forever be in our hearts and we will always remember all the special gifts that she brought to our school. Our school counselor, Mrs. Cindy Davis, will continue to check in with the students to see if they are in need of any support. If you feel that your child would benefit from speaking with her, please contact either Mrs. Davis or myself.

Mr. Mark Pesotski has kindly agreed to stay with us in 6<sup>th</sup> grade through the end of the year. Although new to the profession, we can see that Mr. Pesotski has already started the creation of a bond with his students. He has been a substitute not only in our school but also in the public school district throughout this school year. Mr. Pesotski brings with him a sense of excitement for teaching and is dedicated to serving our students and our school. He has a Bachelor of Science degree from Rutgers University and has been an 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher in our parish religious education program for 10 years. He is pursuing his teaching certification.

This time of adjustment is difficult for all. Having a new teacher following in Mrs. Dramesi's footsteps will not be easy but I pray that with your support our students will flourish. We ask for your continued prayers for our faculty, staff, and especially your children as we start our new marking period.

Mr. Brian Wolf will be working with the students who are enrolled in the Science Explorers Club. Classes will resume this week.

We were happy to see so many at our Liturgy yesterday as well as the Open House. Our children always enjoy having you in to see them! What a great time to thank you for your continuous support of our school! Thank you for all you do!

Peace,

Mrs. Mancuso



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please fill out the transportation form (hard copy enclosed in your child's Communication Folder today) to guarantee bus transportation or reimbursement for the 2016-2017 school year. We ask that you fill out the application **completely** and sign it. An area that is sometimes missed is the distance from home to school. It is important that we have this information.

All forms should be returned to school as soon as possible, no later than Monday, February 8th. This ensures your transportation needs will be addressed for the next school year.

**Please note: We must have a completed B6T form for every student that will be attending St. Mary School.**

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Patricia Mancuso  
Principal

## SPORTS NEWS

- If your child is interested in participating in K – 8 Track, registration is now in process. The deadline for track registrations is Friday, February 12th.
- If your child is interested in playing Varsity Baseball or Varsity Softball for grades (6-8), registration is now in process. The deadline for Baseball and Softball registrations is Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.
- We are in need of a coach for our boys varsity baseball team. Please contact Ann Marie Morales at [mainoffice2@smarys.org](mailto:mainoffice2@smarys.org) if you are interested.
- Please see smarys.org for the required forms.
- Please note that no student will be able to participate in a practice or a meet until all paperwork is received. Students in grades 5-8<sup>th</sup> are required to have a physical clearance as well. If your 5-8<sup>th</sup> grade child has participated in a fall sport no physician clearance is needed. If you are unsure, please email Ann Marie Morales at [mainoffice2@smarys.org](mailto:mainoffice2@smarys.org).

**ST. MARY'S WINTER SPORTS**  
*Picture Schedule*  
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2016**  
**@ K2 Classroom**

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR TEAM SHOW UP 10 MINUTES BEFORE SCHEDULED TIME  
 WITH COMPLETED ORDER FORM(S) IN HAND**

<i>TIME:</i>	8:00	<i>TEAM:</i>	K-1 BB Team 1	<i>COACH:</i>	Clidy
<i>TIME:</i>	8:10	<i>TEAM:</i>	K-1 BB Team 2	<i>COACH:</i>	Madden
<i>TIME:</i>	8:20	<i>TEAM:</i>	K-1 BB Team 3	<i>COACH:</i>	Reilly
<i>TIME:</i>	8:30	<i>TEAM:</i>	K-1 BB Team 4	<i>COACH:</i>	Totten
<i>TIME:</i>	8:40	<i>TEAM:</i>	Intramural Cheer	<i>COACH:</i>	Bryson
<i>TIME:</i>	8:50	<i>TEAM:</i>	-----	<i>COACH:</i>	
<i>TIME:</i>	9:00	<i>TEAM:</i>	Varsity Cheer	<i>COACH:</i>	DiStefano
<i>TIME:</i>	9:10	<i>TEAM:</i>	2-3 BB Team 1	<i>COACH:</i>	Ciavardone
<i>TIME:</i>	9:20	<i>TEAM:</i>	2-3 BB Team 2	<i>COACH:</i>	Amato
<i>TIME:</i>	9:30	<i>TEAM:</i>	2-3 BB Team 3	<i>COACH:</i>	Whitehurst
<i>TIME:</i>	9:40	<i>TEAM:</i>	2-3 BB Team 4	<i>COACH:</i>	Bertolino
<i>TIME:</i>	9:50	<i>TEAM:</i>	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls BB	<i>COACH:</i>	Lang
<i>TIME:</i>	10:00	<i>TEAM:</i>	JV "A" Boys BB	<i>COACH:</i>	Sylvester
<i>TIME:</i>	10:10	<i>TEAM:</i>	Varsity "B" Boys BB	<i>COACH:</i>	Hill
<i>TIME:</i>	10:20	<i>TEAM:</i>	JV "B" Boys BB	<i>COACH:</i>	Cole
<i>TIME:</i>	10:30	<i>TEAM:</i>	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys BB	<i>COACH:</i>	Totten
<i>TIME:</i>	10:40	<i>TEAM:</i>	JV Cheer	<i>COACH:</i>	DiStefano
<i>TIME:</i>	10:50	<i>TEAM:</i>	Varsity Boys "A" BB	<i>COACH:</i>	Whittaker
<i>TIME:</i>	11:00	<i>TEAM:</i>	Varsity Girls BB	<i>COACH:</i>	Gilkin
<i>TIME:</i>	11:10	<i>TEAM:</i>	JV Girls BB	<i>COACH:</i>	Owens

# Student of the Month

## January 2016

Congratulations to the following students:

Alayna Butler	K1	Stacia Audio	K2
Lyla Bottino	1A	Olivia Barnes	1B
Nicholas Ciavardone	2A	Christal Onwuegbule	2B
Ava Carter	3A	Stephen Koper	3B
Greta Wolf	4A	Samantha Mazzone	4B
Robert Scimeca	5A	Kathleen Kelly	5B
Savanna Eissler	6A	Luciana King	6B
Luca Mosco	7A	Janice Ashong	7B
Camille Shaffer	8A	Jillian Benberry	8B





## HOUSE POINTS WINNERS 2015-2016

House of Saint Patrick

Lilyana Ciavardone

House of Saint Valentine

Luke Loguidice

House of Saint Joseph

Emily Green

House of Saint Francis

Maura Madden

House of Saint Theresa

Michael McGoldrick

House of Saint Elizabeth

Brooke Conley

House of Saint Dominic

Emily Simon

House of Saint Joan of Arc

Anthony Miravich

House of Servant Maria Esperanza

Camille Shaffer

### **The division winners for highest points:**

Division 1            House of Saint Patrick

Division 2            House of Saint Francis

Division 3            House of Saint Dominic



**UNIFORM EXCHANGE!**

**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2016**

**5:00pm-7:00pm**

**UNIFORM EXCHANGE WILL BE HELD IN  
THE SCIENCE LAB**

**\*\*PLEASE ENTER SCHOOL THROUGH 8<sup>TH</sup>  
GRADE DOORS ONLY!\*\***

**THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO STOCK  
UP ON WARM WEATHER UNIFORMS AND  
WINTER UNIFORMS FOR NEXT YEAR!**

**PLEASE FEEL FREE TO BRING ANY GENTLY  
USED UNIFORMS THAT YOU ARE NOT  
USING, TO ADD TO OUR INVENTORY**

**THANK YOU  
SMS PTA**

# **GRANDPARENTS CLUB**

St. Mary School would like to invite all grandparents to join our  
**NEW Grandparents Club.**

We hope to plan a variety of activities that will give our students the opportunity to spend some quality time with their grandparents.

If you are interested in learning about upcoming events please fill in the form below and return it with your grandchild's teacher by  
**Friday, February 12.**

You can also contact Christine Galindo at  
**856-218-2946** or by email at [chrissyg19@verizon.net](mailto:chrissyg19@verizon.net)  
We also invite any interested grandparents to join our  
planning committee.

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## **Grandparents Club**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, I am also interested in joining the planning committee

Please return by Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you!





# VALENTINE DAY GRAMS



St. Mary's PTA is sponsoring a Valentine Day Gram Sale! Parents, Grandparents, Sisters, Brothers, Aunts, Uncles, Friends and even Pets can send a Valentine Message to students. The cost is \$1.00 per Gram which will include a lollipop and a message. All Valentine Day Grams must be purchased no later than Monday, February 8th. The Valentine Day Grams will be delivered to the classrooms on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class Room \_\_\_\_\_

Holiday Message \_\_\_\_\_

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Holiday Message \_\_\_\_\_

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Holiday Message \_\_\_\_\_

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# SPIRIT WEAR FLASH SALE!!!!

## 15% OFF ALL IN STOCK SPIRIT WEAR!

NAVY BLUE SWEAT PANTS \$17  
HOODED SWEATSHIRTS \$21.25  
SHORT SLEEVED TEE SHIRTS \$6.80  
LONG SLEEVED TEE SHIRTS \$12.75  
FLANNEL PJ PANTS \$21.25  
SHIRTS COME IN GRAY AND NAVY

**\*\*SIZES ARE LIMITED\*\***

PLEASE EMAIL PATTI BRADFORD @  
[ELITEWORLD@AOL.COM](mailto:ELITEWORLD@AOL.COM)

IN YOUR EMAIL, PLEASE LIST THE ITEMS, SIZES AND  
COLORS THAT YOU ARE INTERESTED IN.  
PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR CHILD'S NAME AND YOUR  
PHONE NUMBER AS WELL.

I WILL CONTACT YOU WITH AVAILABILITY. ☺

The St. Mary Ministry of Student Leadership

is hosting a “win-win” opportunity

to participate in a Corporal Works of Mercy project:

# “Soup for the Soup-er Bowl”



Beginning Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> until Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> each student who brings in a can of soup (or several) will receive a NUT card (one dress down day) to use this marking period.



All collections will go to the Our Lady of Peace food pantry.



*It's a cold winter. Let's show how warm our hearts are!*



**CALLING ALL PARENTS!!!!!!!!!!!!!! WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!**

Please call, write, or email the office of Governor Christie and ask him to increase the per-pupil allotment for nonpublic school transportation in his 2017 budget. In particular, parents who have been affected by lost bus routes should contact the Governor and explain how their children face much greater challenges in getting to school than the neighboring public school children.

Mailing Address:

The Honorable Chris Christie  
Governor of the State of New Jersey  
The State House  
P.O. Box 001  
Trenton, NJ 08625

Phone: (609) 292-6000

Email: <http://www.nj.gov/governor/contact/>

NJCC Voter Voice System:

<https://votervoice.net/NJCC/Campaigns/43871/Respond>  
(you can simply add your signature to the sample letter)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. THE FUTURE OF OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS DEPENDS ON ALL OF US!**



**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 **CAP's Bullying Prevention Program** 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 **February 2016**:

**CAP Phase 1**

**Thursday, February 4, 2016; 7:00pm; Church of St. Katherine Drexel; 6075 W. Jersey Avenue; Egg Harbor Twp.; NJ 08234**

**Thursday; February 25, 2016; 7:00pm; Church of the Holy Family; 226 Hurffville Road; Sewell, NJ 08080**

**CAP Phase 2 – Bullying Prevention Program**

**NONE**

**CAP Phase 3 – Cyber Empowerment**

**Monday, February 1, 2016; 7:00pm; St. Thomas the Apostle Church; 331 8<sup>th</sup> St.; Brigantine, NJ 08203**

**Tuesday, February 2, 2016; 7:00pm; Infant Jesus Parish; Ministry Center; 845 Third Street; Woodbury Heights, NJ 08097**

**Thursday, February 11, 2016; 7:00pm; St. Teresa School Hall; 27 E. Evesham Road; Runnemede, NJ 08078**

To attend one of these classes, please call the **CAP REGISTRATION LINE** with the Office of Child and Youth Protection at **(856)583-6165** or contact Lucie Alcazar at [luz.alcazar@camdendiocese.org](mailto:luz.alcazar@camdendiocese.org). **Please leave your name and the Session Date** you are attending; you **will not** receive a call back. **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/cyp](http://www.camdendiocese.org/cyp).

**IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER PLEASE CALL THE LOCATION DIRECTLY.**

Cub Scout Pack 161 invites you to a ....



## Valentine's Day Dance



Date & Time:

Friday, February 12, 2016  
7pm-9pm



Place:

The Pfeiffer Center  
301 Blue Bell Road, Williamstown



Admission: Grades 3- 5  
\$5.00

Snacks are available for purchase

A Parent/Guardian must be present at Drop off/Pick up  
Please fill out & bring with admission.

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Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_