

Dear 6th, 7th and 8th grade Parents/Guardians,

This letter is to inform you, that on Wednesday, May 18th at 9:30 am, the 6th, 7th and 8th grade students will have a special presentation sponsored by the Monroe Township Alliance. The topic will address substance abuse. The speaker is a recovered addict, now 8 years "clean.," who currently works at SeaBrook House as a counselor with other recovering addicts. He will share his personal story with the students, about how he got involved with drugs and alcohol, how it affected his family and ultimately impacted his own life. The assembly will be "age appropriate", and although the subject matter may be difficult, or even uncomfortable to hear, it is something that will cross your child's path at some point, if it hasn't already. Ultimately this assembly is a message of hope for everyone.

Please know, that you are invited to attend the assembly on May 18th at 9:30 am in the cafeteria. Please check this form below, and return it to the school by May 17th. Please enter the school through the main office and sign in. You will be directed to the gym.

If you do <u>NOT</u> want your child to participate in the assembly, please sign (name of student, and grade) below as well.

If you have any questions/concerns regarding anything related to this assembly, please do not hesitate to contact me 856-629-6190 counselor@smarys.org.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Sincerely, Cindy Davis School Counselor

Please check/sign the following if it applies to you (your child) and return it to St. Mary School.

I will be attending the assembly.		
I do <u>NOT</u> want my child to attend the assembly.		
Child's Name:	Grade:	
Parent/Guardian	Date:	



Shrek t shirts are still available to purchase. We have youth medium and youth larges. First come first serve. The cost is \$12.00. Please send the money in an envelope to the main office with your name and the size you would like.

Thank you!



Dear Parents/Guardians of Chess Club Members:

The last Chess Club Meeting is this Thursday, May 5th. We are having the Parent Day celebration. We are asking parents/guardians to donate a snack or drink for the students. If you can donate a snack or drink and cannot come to the meeting, please drop it off to the main office on Thursday, May 5th. We hope to see you there!

Thank you!

Mr. Wolf





St. Mary School Student Interviewed by Catholic Radio Station

If you missed hearing our own 8th grader Emma Straus' interview on the radio last Friday, it is available on the show's website.

To listen, log onto the following link

http://domesticchurchmedia.org/tgi-friday-live

then click on Archives Programs and open the April 29th show. Emma's interview aired at 4:15 pm.

In this recorded interview, Emma talks about her Catholic faith and how her years in Catholic School helped form her spiritual life.

The radio show is called TGIFriday LIVE and is hosted by Jim Manfredonia and Gabriella Furmato.

Student of the Month April 2016

Congratulations to the following students:

Sophia Medina	K1	Anthony Simmons	K2
Blake Bottino	1 <i>A</i>	Elisabeth Trachtman	1B
Juliella Luciano	2 <i>A</i>	Gianna Abano	2B
Maura Madden	3 <i>A</i>	Annalisa Baldassarre	3B
Mark Simmons	4 <i>A</i>	Garvin Brizeus	4B
Chloe Simpson	5 <i>A</i>	Andrew Martin	5B
Jeremy Albergo	6 <i>A</i>	Brandon Brizeus	6B
Laura Valerio	7 <i>A</i>	Alexander Scimeca	7B
Madeline Black	8 <i>A</i>	Elizabeth Myers	8B





HOUSE POINT WINNERS 2015-2016

House of Saint Patrick Payton Foley

House of Saint Valentine Amal James

House of Saint Joseph Jackson Alcott

House of Saint Francis Alyssa Smith

House of Saint Theresa Robert Gregorio

House of Saint Elizabeth Chandler Slazak

House of Saint Dominic Anthony Sciubba

House of Saint Joan of Arc Samuel Miles

House of Servant Maria Esperanza Nicole Duffy

The division winners for highest points:

Division 1 House of Saint Patrick

Division 2 House of Saint Theresa

Division 3 House of Saint Joan of Arc

Softball Reunion/Benefit



Calling all girls....ladies who played softball for Miss Connelly. Find that old glove and cleats and join us for a softball game on Sunday, May 22nd at 2:00 pm. For those of you who played at Church Street, we will be using the field behind the school. We will split up into two teams for a friendly slow pitch softball game. Please spread the word. I'm looking forward to seeing many of my former players.

Now for the benefit part. We are asking for a \$10.00 donation. What we raise will help pay for graduation awards in the name of Mrs. Dramesi. If you can join us, please email Miss Connelly pe@smarys.org by May 8th. We need about 20 players. Thank you!

May Crowning/Living Rosary

On Tuesday, May 24th, St. Mary School will honor the Blessed Mother with a May Crowning and Living Rosary. The prayer service will be held in church at 9:15 am.



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

May 2016

Dear Parents,

As you know, our carnival will be held Monday, June 27th to Saturday, July 2nd. 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 26th and \$40.00 per person beginning June 27th. 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:	

If you are having trouble viewing the St. Mary School website on your computer please see below information.

Clearing the cache

This how to will give you the steps to delete all or individual sets of files.

- 1. Open Internet Explorer.
- 2. IE 8: From the **Tools** menu choose **Internet Options**.
 - IE 9: In the upper right corner, click the small gear icon (to the right of the star icon) and choose **Internet Options**
- 3. On the General tab, under Browsing history, click **Delete**.
- 4. Un-check the Preserve Favorites website data box.
- 5. Check the Temporary Internet files, Cookies, and History boxes.
- 6. The Form data, Passwords, and in Private Filtering data boxes may be left un-checked. You can check them to delete this data if you so choose.
- 7. Click **Delete**.
- 8. When finished, click **OK** to return to your Internet Explorer window.
- 9. Close the Internet Explorer window and reopen.

Preventing future caching issues

To reduce some potential caching issues, it's best to have Internet Explorer set to request the latest version of the page rather than relying on a cached copy. To do this:

- 1. From the **Tools** menu choose **Internet Options**.
- 2. On the General tab, under Browsing history, click **Settings**.
- 3. Under "Check for newer versions of stored pages" make sure "Every time I visit the webpage" is selected.
- 4. Click the **OK** button.

Additional browser cache troubleshooting steps

After performing the above steps, do a "F5" on the page to see if it resolves the issue.

If this does not work, a workaround (to "really" clear the cache) is to temporarily drop into "Compatibility View" to refresh the page. To do this:

- 1. From the **Tools** menu choose **Compatibility View Settings**.
- 2. Check the last checkbox (Display all websites in Compatibility View)
- 3. Click Close

Please see next page for continuation...

The site should now refresh with the absolute latest copy from the server. You'll need to undo that Compatibility View setting, since this renders everything by simulating an older version of Internet Explorer. To undo this setting:

- 1. From the **Tools** menu choose **Compatibility View Settings**.
- 2. Uncheck the last checkbox (Display all websites in Compatibility View)
- 3. Click Close

You can also try to turn off web shield in your anti-virus software.



Superheroes for Aidan

Saint Mary School is a community united in our Catholic faith, where students grow together, learn together, and become family. As many of you are aware, one of our third grade students, Aidan Eberhardt, has been diagnosed with Medulloblastoma and is receiving treatment at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. The family could use the support of their Saint Mary School family during this difficult time. We would like to honor Aidan and his family's courage and strength by having a Superhero NUT Day. We would like to sell stickers to fill our Superhero emblems that will be hung in each classroom. Stickers may be purchased for 25¢ each or 5 for \$1. Students will place them on the Superhero emblem in their classroom. The sticker fundraiser will begin on Wednesday, April 20th and end on May 5th. We will end the fundraiser with a Superheroes for Aidan NUT card day on May 6th. Students may purchase a Superhero NUT card to wear on our Superheroes for Aidan Day! We are suggesting a donation of \$5.00 for the card, but feel free to donate any amount to support Aidan. We want to really show our support to Aidan and his family! Students can dress as a superhero (or their favorite character) that day by dressing in superhero attire, a superhero t-shirt and jeans, a t-shirt of their favorite superhero color, or even just a cape! There is no need to go out and buy a costume, just be a hero and celebrate Aidan! Superhero NUT cards may be purchased until Thursday, May 5th for our Superheroes for Aidan Day on Friday, May 6th. Please fill out the Superhero NUT card form and place it in an envelope with your donation. Please write Superhero NUT card on the envelope. Please contact Mrs. DiCicco at 2a@smarys.org with any questions. Thank you for your support!



Superheroes for Aidan NUT card

Your Child's (children) Name:
Homeroom:
Students may dress in Superhero attire, a Superhero t-shirt, or in their
favorite Superhero color.

Please include your donation (checks made payable to Aidan's Warrior Foundation) and place in an envelope addressed to Mrs. DiCicco - Superhero Day. Thank you.





You are invited!

Join Us For...

Dinner and a Show!

Come out to SMS on Wednesday, May 11th! Watch the students of Saint Mary School dazzle you with their amazing talent while you enjoy dinner with your family and friends. A night of dancing, singing, magic, and music is on the menu and you don't want to miss it. Dinner will be at 6:00, and the show will begin promptly at 6:30. We hope to see you there!

Menu items available for purchase will be:

*pizzeria pizza *chips *candy *soda *water *assorted desserts

Child's Name	Grade	A B
Parent's Name		
For our menu planning purposes, please list the number of per party:	ople attending	g in your
Yes, I am available to help the clean-up committee after	er the show.	
Please return this form by May 7 th	h •	

ATTENTION ALL SOCCER PLAYERS

REGISTRATION FOR FALL SOCCER FOR GRADES KINDERGARTEN THRU 8TH, IS STARTING NOW AND WILL CONTINUE THRU FRIDAY, MAY 13th.

The soccer season is September thru November for Junior Varsity and Varsity. (Grades $4^{th}-8^{th}$) Tryouts will be announced within the next few weeks.

Intramural soccer for grades K to 3^{rd} run for six weeks in September and October. Grades K and 1^{st} are scheduled for Tuesday nights and Grades 2^{nd} and 3^{rd} are scheduled for Thursday nights. Registration forms are available on our website, <u>www.smarys.org</u>.

PLEASE SUBMIT THE FEE WITH THE REGISTRATION FORM.

ALL PLAYERS MUST SUBMIT ALL REQUIRED PAPERWORK, INCLUDING HEALTH FORMS AND PHYSICALS, FOR EACH NEW SCHOOL YEAR. ALL FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED TO THE OFFICE BEFORE PLAYERS MAY ATTEND PRACTICES OR GAMES. ALL FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE SCHOOL WEBSITE.

<u>Required Paperwork for Kindergarten to 4th</u> – Parent Code of Conduct, Player Code of Conduct, Sudden Cardiac Form, Concussion Form, and Health History Update.

Required Paperwork for 5th to 8th – Athletic Physical Evaluation Forms (4 pages to be completed – students are required to be cleared by a physician), Parent Code of Conduct, Player Code of Conduct, Sudden Cardiac Form, Concussion Form and Health History Update.

ALL COACHES MUST BE FINGERPRINTED AND COMPLETE CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION TRAINING (CAP). We are planning on training all coaches in Epi-pen procedures as well.

If you are interested in coaching or have any questions please email Mrs. Morales at mainoffice2@smarys.org. Thank you.

Spring 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!



New Jersey Catholic Conference Action Alert

Once again we are asking for your help in contacting our NJ legislators to retain and/or increase funding for nonpublic schools. Between now and the end of June, legislators on the Budget Committees will submit budget modification requests to the Governor. Of particular interest is the increase of nonpublic school transportation aid, which as you know, has been frozen since 2008.

Click on the link below and you will be directed to the Action Center which contains two template letters describing the issues. All you have to do is sign the letters. They will be directed to the state legislators that serve the district in which you live, according to your zip codes. If the Action Center does not come up on your computer immediately, please wait a few seconds.

https://www.votervoice.net/NJCC/campaigns/45557/respond

The Governor's Fiscal Year 2017 Budget cut funding for nonpublic school programs by 6.8%. Specifically, the Nonpublic School Security Program was totally eliminated; the per pupil amounts for nursing services and technology were reduced. The per-pupil amount for nonpublic school transportation remained frozen at \$884.00 - an amount that has been frozen for nine years.

If your State legislators are on one of the Budget Committees, please ask them to restore the funding for the Nonpublic School Security Program and to increase funding for nonpublic nursing services to \$94.00 per pupil and nonpublic technology aid to \$40.00 per pupil. If your State legislators are not on one of the Budget Committees, ask them to urge their colleagues on the Committee to restore the funding.



Dear Parents/Guardians:

This year, over 65 million children in the United States will a suffer loss due to a parent or guardian's death, divorce or other life-altering event. Most children do not have the tools necessary to process that profound pain on their own.

Rainbows for All Children is here to help!

I'm proud to announce our school is now a Rainbows Site. Rainbows' programs are delivered in the children's school, faith based institutions, and other community organizations where the children are already comfortable and familiar. Unlike individual therapy, participants are able to grieve, communicate and heal among peers; they no longer feel alone in their grief.

The Program is for all children whose families are going through the difficult transition of divorce, live in blended families, single-parent families, those grieving the death of a parent or family member, or any other life-altering event.

Children can find it extremely difficult to verbalize their feelings. Participants are involved in weekly meetings where their story can be shared in a loving and accepting environment. Children who receive help processing a new family situation have better self-esteem, better school study habits and attendance, and feel better about themselves than those who did not receive support. Since each person's healing is unique to them, they may participate year after year, for as long as they choose.

If you are interested in having your child participate in The Rainbows Program, please fill out the information on the next page and return it to the school by Friday, April 29, 2016. **The program will not begin until the 2016-2017 school year.**

If you have any questions/concerns, please feel free to contact me at counselor@smarys.org. Please know that all information is strictly confidential. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely, Cindy Davis School Counselor

Attn: Cindy Davis- Rainbows Facilitator
Student/Participant Name:
Grade/Age: Parent/Guardian Name:
Phone number: Email:
*If you would like your child to participate, please check the first box and then
indicate 'A', 'B' or 'C' below.
Yes, I would like my child to participate in the Rainbows program.
A) My family has recently experienced a situation involving death
B) My family has recently experienced a situation involving divorce
C) My family has recently experienced a different type of loss or life-altering events
Please explain:
<u> </u>
Parent Signature:
Date:

Attention: Parents/Guardians

If you are planning on volunteering **next school year** for Lunch Parent, Coach/Assistant Coach, Library Help or Room Parent and you have not yet been fingerprinted, please email Mrs. Morales at mainoffice2@smarys.org and she will send home fingerprint paperwork for you.

Thank you!

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 Box Tops Coordinator, (we currently have one person for this, but would like to run the program with two people next year) Ink Jet Coordinator, Scrip Coordinators 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.

If you are interested in joining the PTA in any capacity, please fill out the form below and return it by May 10th, 2016. 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
ARE YOU AVAILABLE DAYS? Y N NIGHTS Y N



Our Lady of Peace 4th Annual Adopt-A-Shrine Ministry Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, May 7, 2016 2:00 pm—8:00 pm

Place: Marian Hall & Assumption Hall

Donations accepted—proceeds will be used to maintain Parish Shrines.

Advance Sales : Adults \$6 Children Ages 3-13 \$5 Day of Event : Adults \$7 Children Ages 3-13 \$6

Children under 3—eat Free!! (Eat In Only).

Advance tickets can be purchased at the Parish Office 856-629-6142

Tickets will also be available to purchase before and after the following masses:

Saturday, April 16th and Sunday, April 17th Saturday, April 30th and Sunday, May 1st

Thank you for your support!

Deacon John Kacy and The Adopt a Shrine Ministry



DESIGNER BAG BINGO

Friday, May 13th 7-10pm (Doors open at 5:30pm)

Ladies!!! Come join us for a night of Bingo for Coach Bags and 50/50. Get all your girlfriends together for a FUN GIRLS NIGHT OUT!! Bring your favorite drinks & appetizers for you and your friends to share, and come to the Assumption Hall at St. Mary's School Gym of Our Lady of Peace Parish for a fabulous evening of Coach Bag FUN! We will be playing 10 games of Bingo plus Specials—winner of each game will receive a Beautiful Coach Bag. Also try your luck at our 50/50.

Tickets are \$25 per person which includes 10 games of bingo plus 1 special. Additional games can be purchased along with dabbers. Make your check payable to: Our Lady of Peace Parish (OLOPP). Tables are forming fast! Tickets will be sold until it sells out!! Stop by the Parish Center to get tickets or send your money into St. Mary's School with COACH BAG BINGO tickets on envelope.

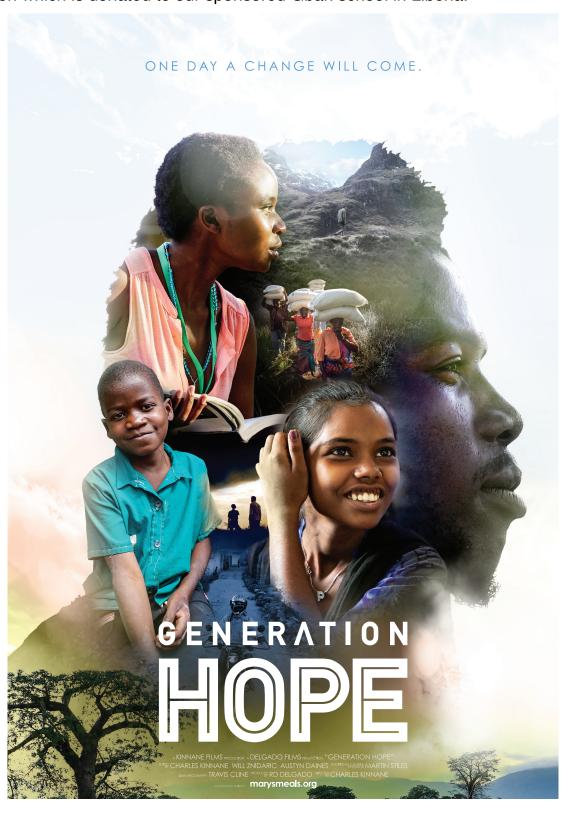
Any questions, please contact Loren Laughlin or Joyce Hyndman at the Parish Center 856-629-6142. Looking forward to seeing you there!!

Name:	# of tickets:			
Child's Name/Grade that tickets are to be sent home with:				

*(If sitting with someone – please put their name so we can put you at same table)

Mary's Meals Documentary Screening

You & Your Family are welcome to join the Betania 10 Prayer group on Thursday, May 19th at 7pm in Marian Hall (Church basement) for praying the Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet, followed by a screening of the new Mary's Meals Documentary, *Generation Hope*. This documentary will give great insight into the organization, Marys Meals, which we support through St. Mary School's monthly collection which is donated to our sponsored Gbah school in Liberia.



SUMMER WILL BE HERE SOON! Register NOW for Vacation Bible School



JOIN US FOR VBS, AND HAVE AN ADVENTURE CAMPING IN GOD'S CREATION

Our Lady of Peace Parish is proud to announce that we will be holding our

Thirteenth Annual Vacation Bible School July 11th - July 15th.

VBS will be held from 9 am to Noon each day (Friday from 9am to 1pm) and is intended for children ages 4-10 (age as of October 1, 2016).

Registration is \$45 per child.

Please note that we are accepting *only* **100 children** so that we can provide the highest quality of education, attention and fun!

For information or to obtain a registration form,

Visit www.OLOPP-VBS.org

Or contact Karen Grant - OLOPP.VBS@gmail.com or 856-262-3002.

Registration forms can also be found on the racks in the entryway of the church.



OLOPP---Vacation Bible School Registration

Our Lady of Peace Parish is excited to announce, our thirteenth annual Vacation Bible School -- JULY 11TH - JULY 15TH. VBS will be held from 9AM-12PM each day (Friday 9AM-1PM), and is intended for children 4-10 (age as of October 1, 2016). Please note that we are accepting *only* 100 children so that we can provide the highest quality of education, attention and fun!

The registration deadline is **June 24**th. Please note that registration forms received after the deadline will not be accepted. As we anticipate a huge

response, we are basing acceptance to the program upon the receipt date of the registration and tuition, which is \$45 per child*. Checks are to be made payable to **Our Lady of Peace Parish** and sent to or dropped off with the completed registration to:

Karen Grant

740 Tutor Lane Williamstown, NJ 08094

Attn: VBS

OLOPP.VBS@gmail.com

*Please note: Registration fees are non-refundable

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - STUDENT REGISTRATION (Please fill form out in entirety before submitting. **Please print**.) Family information: Email: ______ Emergency Contact: Name: ______ Number: _____ Children information: #1) Last Name: ______ #2) Last Name: _____ First Name: First Name: _____ Nickname: Nickname: _____ Birth date: ______ Grade entering in September: _____ Birth date: Grade entering in September: Food Allergies: (check √) Yes_ No_ Food Allergies: (check √) Yes_ No_ Special Needs: (check √) Yes_No_ Special Needs: (check √) Yes_ No_ If yes, explain: _____ If yes, explain: _____ #4) Last Name: _____ #3) Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ First Name: _____ Nickname: _____ Nickname: _____ Birth date: Grade entering in September: _____ **Food Allergies:** (check $\sqrt{)}$ Yes No Special Needs: (check √) Yes_No_ Special Needs: (check √) Yes_No_ If yes, explain: _____ If yes, explain: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____



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.

- <u>CAP 1</u> 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.
- <u>CAP 2</u> is called <u>CAP's Bullying Prevention Program</u> and is a workshop addressing bullying awareness and bullying prevention. Cyber-bullying is also presented.
- <u>CAP 3</u> is called <u>Cyber-Empowerment</u> 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 MUST 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 2016**:

CAP Phase 1

Tuesday, May 03, 2016	2:00pm	Catholic Charities; 1845 Haddon Avenue; Camden, NJ 08102
Thursday, May 12, 2016	7:00pm	Church of the Holy Family; 226 Hurffville Road; Sewell, NJ 08080
Thursday, May 19, 2016	6:00pm	Church of the Incarnation; 240 Main Street; Mantua, NJ 08051

CAP Phase 2 – Bullying Prevention Program NONE

<u>CAP Phase 3 – Cyber Empowerment</u> NONE

To attend one of these classes, please call the <u>CAP REGISTRATION LINE</u> with the Office of Child and Youth Protection at <u>(856)583-6165</u> or contact Lucie Alcazar at <u>luz.alcazar@camdendiocese.org</u>. <u>Please leave your name and the Session Date</u> you are attending; you <u>will not</u> receive a call back. <u>Please register at least five days before the session you would like to attend.</u>

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

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER PLEASE CALL THE LOCATION DIRECTLY.

Girl Scouts SU620

Invites you to:

Aloha To SUMMER DANCE



Wear your best Hawaiian Outfit

Dance contest, prizes, and fun Grades 4th thru 6th grade

When: Friday, May 20th Time: 7-9pm

Where: The Pfeiffer Center 301 Bluebell Road Williamstown

Admission:\$5.00 per child and * snacks available for a small charge*



A parent/guardian must be present at drop-off and pick-up	
Please fill out below and bring to the dance, thank you.	
Name of Child	
Name of Responsible Parent/Guardian	Parent/Guardian
Cell or Home Phone	T archity Guardian
Parent/Guardian Signature	