

Christmas At St. Mary School

On Friday, December 23rd (**full day of school - NO Aftercare**) we are having Christmas celebrations in classrooms arranged by the teachers and room parents. The celebrations will begin at 1:15 pm and end at 2:15 pm. **STUDENTS MAY WEAR JEANS WITH A CHRISTMAS COLORED OR THEMED SHIRT.** (Clothes must be modest and appropriate for school).

If you are planning on taking your student(s) out of school after the celebrations, we encourage you to pick up your student(s) from cars/walkers at 2:45 pm. This will avoid confusion in the office and help ensure the safety of our students. Please send notes in to school by Wednesday, December 21st for any dismissal changes on Friday, December 23rd.

St. Mary's Scrip Program

December 13, 2016

There is only one Scrip order left before Christmas vacation. Please remember to use Scrip whenever you can. Last day to order Scrip before Christmas will be Monday, December 19, 2016.

At present, Scrip is offering bonuses from many retailers. The following are some bonuses are being offered this week:

Petsmart-4% Bonus

Starbucks- 4% Bonus

Wawa- \$100 cards only- 1% bonus (please note these are special order and are not on hand daily

AMC- 5% Bonus

American Eagle- 2% Bonus

Bass Pro Shop- 4% Bonus

Home Depot- 3% Bonus

Under Armour- 5% Bonus

Please check out www.shopwithscrip.com for a full list of bonuses being offered. Please considered registering for an online account as there are daily bonuses offered as well.

Also, to help with your gift giving needs, many retailers are offering for a LIMITED time, smaller denominations. Some retailers are: Target \$10, CVS \$10, Outback \$10, Acme \$10, Amazon \$10, Regal/UA \$10, Panera Bread \$5, Starbucks \$5, and Barnes and Noble \$5. Please keep these in mind when purchasing gifts for teachers, babysitters, coaches and mail carriers.

Bonus discounts will change each week, so be sure to order what you might need while the bonus discounts are in effect.

Please remember that Scrip is able to accept Visa, Mastercard, American Express and Discover. I can meet you in the school office in order to swipe your card. If you are unable to meet during school hours, please contact me and we can set up a time to meet in the evening.

**Keep in mind you can use Kohl's gift cards to pay your Kohl's credit card bill in store. This allows you to shop when you have a coupon or at your convenience, then you can get your Kohl's Scrip to pay your bill.

You can contact me anytime with any questions or issues.
Christine Eberhardt
Scrip Coordinator

(609) 276-0030 Call or Text
scripcoordinatorsms@gmail.com

Picture Information

Individual Pictures Absentee/Retakes

Individual absentee/retake pictures will be taken **THURSDAY, JANUARY 5TH**. For retakes, please be sure to return your original portraits with your student on Thursday, January 5th. For absentee pictures, please make sure your child brings in order form with payment. Students may wear appropriate casual clothing or their school uniform. If you need an order form, please request one from your child's teacher.

Class Pictures

Class pictures will be taken **FRIDAY, JANUARY 6TH**. All students should wear the official winter school uniform for class pictures. **NO NUT CARDS MAY BE USED ON THIS DAY**. If Friday is your child's usual gym day, please have your child wear the winter school uniform and not their gym clothes. Order forms will be sent home next Tuesday in Communication Folders.

Graduation Pictures

8th Grade graduation pictures will be taken on Thursday, January 19th. 8th grade students should wear their official winter school uniform. **NO GYM CLOTHES OR NUT CARDS PLEASE**. You will not receive an order form ahead of time. You will receive proofs and you will be able to order what you choose from the proofs.

2017 INTRAMURAL GRADES K-1 BASKETBALL

DATES: January 8th, January 15th, January 22nd, January 29th,
February 19th and February 26th

The players will be given a t-shirt at the first game. They may wear gym pants or shorts and sneakers.

TEAM PICTURES will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2017
(please check the communication folder in January for times)

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE FOR GRADES K-1 (HALF-COURT)

(90 MINUTE SESSIONS FOR PRACTICES/GAMES)

JANUARY 8th

12:30 TEAMS 2&4
2:00 TEAMS 1&3

JANUARY 29th

12:30 TEAMS 2&4
2:00 TEAMS 1&3

JANUARY 15th

12:30 TEAMS 1&4
2:00 TEAMS 2&3

FEBRUARY 19th

12:30 TEAMS 1&4
2:00 TEAMS 2&3

JANUARY 22nd

12:30 TEAMS 1&2
2:00 TEAMS 3&4

FEBRUARY 26th

12:30 TEAMS 1&2
2:00 TEAMS 3&4

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, GAMES WILL BE
CANCELLED BY 10:30 AM

**EACH TEAM MUST HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE IN THE SNACK STAND DURING
THEIR SESSION. WE ASK THE COACH TO COORDINATE THIS WITH TEAM
PARENTS.**

2017 INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL

GRADES K-1

Team 1

Keller-Williams
Washington Township

(Coach) John Howard Clidy
Mason Brooks
Alec Urbanski
Daniel Salamone
Enzo DiCicco
Daniel Green
Dominic DePalma

Team 2

5 STAR Property
Management &
Landscaping

(Coach) Landen Totten
Christopher Rice
Alexander Cunanan
Marissa Klepac
Kayla Smith
Alexander Trampe'
Riley Opanowski

Team 3

Filias Healthcare
Marketing Strategy
Group, LLC

(Coach) Christian Atkinson
Madelyn Bock
Madison DiScienza
Christian Lawrence
Jagger Raubertas
Max Canders
Jayden Hernandez

Team 4

C-Sports

(Coach) Lilyana Ciavardone
William Asquith
Jake Neimeister
Gregory Onwuegbule
Amelia DePaul
Jagger Raubertas
Nathan Russell

2017 INTRAMURAL GRADES 2-3 BASKETBALL

**DATES: January 8th, January 15th, January 22nd, January 29th,
February 19th and February 26th**

The players will be given a t-shirt at the first game. They may wear gym pants or shorts and sneakers.

**TEAM PICTURES will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2017
(please check the communication folder in January for times)**

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE FOR GRADES 2-3 (HALF-COURT)

(90 MINUTE SESSIONS FOR PRACTICES/GAMES)

JANUARY 8th

**12:30 TEAMS 2&4
2:00 TEAMS 1&3**

JANUARY 29th

**12:30 TEAMS 2&4
2:00 TEAMS 1&3**

JANUARY 15th

**12:30 TEAMS 1&4
2:00 TEAMS 2&3**

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2017 INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL

GRADES 2-3

Team 1
SMS PTA

(Coach) James Reilly
Reid Madden
Luke Loguidice
Vincent Rice
Juliano DiCicco
Blake Bottino
Giovanna Slimm

Team 2
Graber Construction

(Coach) Pete Amato
Hope Nkemneme
Faith Oneoha
Logan DePaul
Jacob Engel
Jayden Taylor
Chase Dayton

Team 3
Teresa R. Dramesi
Memorial Scholarship

(Coach) Brooke Bertolino
Ava DiBartolomeo
Michael LaPlaca
Jackson Alcott
Nicholas Cesare
Noah Rouse
Joseph DiScianza

Team 4
Pitman Pharmacy

(Coach) Jonathan Sobieski
Mia Brooks
Ana Mosher
Gabriel Soldevila
Andre StaAna
Christian Russell
Charles Peacock



2017 INTRAMURAL CHEER ROSTER

**Vanessa Alcott
Lyla Bottino
Abigail Bryson
Lily Burgo
Riley Rae Cercioglu
Natalia Clidy
Savannah Curry
Kathleen Engel
Adrianna Fazzio
Payton Foley
Sarah Gaidis
Lyla Lenhardt
Kloe Mullen
Laney Reilly
Raina Raubertas
Rebecca Rouse
Johanna Trampe`**



*St. Mary School is proud to present our
Performing Arts Club as they perform
“Christmas Island.” The program is scheduled
for Wednesday evening,
December 14th at 7:00 p.m. in
Assumption Hall. Tickets for the program are
available at a cost of \$4.00 per adult and \$2.00
per child. Please complete the order-form below,
if you wish to order tickets for the program.*

“Christmas Island”

Name: _____ Grade: _____ A B

*Number of Tickets: Adult _____ @\$4.00 per ticket
Child _____ @\$2.00 per ticket*

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

ATTENTION CURRENT SCHOOL FAMILIES

December 6, 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are in the process of preparing the budget for the 2017-2018 school year. To assist us with our planning of tuition costs, we would like to know what your plans are for the next school year. Please complete the information at the bottom of the sheet and return it to school by **Friday, December 16th**.

This is for our **CURRENT STUDENTS ONLY**. Please **do not** include **new** preschool, kindergarten, or 1st to 8th grade students. Please see next week's letter regarding this information.

Thank you for your cooperation. It is important that all families return this form so we can have an accurate enrollment number.

Thank you,

Mrs. Mancuso

Family Name _____ (PLEASE PRINT)

_____ YES, we will be returning to St. Mary School next year!

Student's name _____ Present Homeroom _____

Student's name _____ Present Homeroom _____

Student's name _____ Present Homeroom _____

Student's name _____ Present Homeroom _____

_____ NO, we will not be returning to St. Mary School next year.

Student's name _____ Present Homeroom _____

Student's name _____ Present Homeroom _____

Reason: _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____



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DITCH THE WORKOUT AND COME JOIN THE PARTY!

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

WAIVER

Participation in this sport/activity may involve risk of injury. As a parent/guardian/participant I am aware of these hazards and of the ability to participate. In consideration for participation in this program, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators waive and release all rights and claims against Zumba Center LLC, Barbara Feliciano, any and all instructors or volunteers from all losses, injury, damages, fees and other expenses arising out of or in connection with participation in the activity/sport. The above named cannot be responsible for any aggravation or injury caused as a result of pre-existing physical disabilities; including, but not limited to, allergies. I will notify any such special needs or sensitivities in writing prior to enrollment in this program. No fee will be refunded after the program has begun. This policy is strictly enforced thereafter.

Participant Signature

**REMINDER PARENTS: Deadline approaching for Tuition Assistance Applications
12/31/16.**



October 11, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians,

For your planning and convenience, FACTS Tuition Assistance will be available on October 15th for the 2017-2018 school year. There is a \$15 application fee which will need to be paid online before submitting the application.

All applications must be completed electronically at <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3KGBP>. You will come to the home page and then be able to log on using your username and password for your FACTS account. You will then see a link that will take you to the tuition assistance application. The 2015 tax returns will be used for your application. All required documentation must be submitted for the application to be processed. **Only completed applications will be considered.** It is the responsibility of the family to supply all necessary paperwork. FACTS customer care representatives are available to assist you at 866-441-4637.

The deadline for applying for tuition assistance is December 31st. If you have any questions regarding FACTS Tuition Assistance procedures, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Patricia Mancuso
Principal



NEW JERSEY
CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

**ACTION
ALERT**

Nonpublic school transportation continues to be hampered by a number of problems which emphasize the major difficulties that nonpublic school parents face in attempting to get safe rides to school for their children. The major problem has been the failure of the State to increase the ceiling for nonpublic school transportation funding the 2007-2008 school year. The attached Fact Sheet explains the problem in greater detail.

Please click on the link below to ask Gov. Christie to Raise the Ceiling for Nonpublic School Transportation

Thank you!

https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https://www.votervoice.net/BroadcastLinks/P7ZLQXafyh605ZeN0IWGUA&c=E,1,sh92GdYAOEdJtmWOzq3UvIku2OGFvnaGdPSByrDiZrmJTkBaAZyL8ZOKUwqJuLiMPEHAmFSEzwd9ewWN_12xpC-5dmNJYxOggRVrQ,,&typo=1

Nonpublic School Transportation Fact Sheet

- Nonpublic school transportation is provided up to a statutory ceiling of \$884.00 per student. The Office of Legislative Services estimates that the ceiling for 2016-2017 would be \$1,047.00 if the CPI had been honored from the 2007-2008 school year. Public schools districts will typically use their own vehicles first for public school students, and then, if any vehicles and drivers are available will transport nonpublic school students. Thus the majority of nonpublic school transportation occurs through private contractors. Public school transportation has no per-pupil ceiling for transportation, although public school transportation costs less because students are generally located within a more concentrated geographical area. Therefore, the cost of the routes is less than those for nonpublic school students because transportation depends upon the number of miles traveled by the bus and the number of stops. *However, no eligible public school student has been denied a ride due to cost.*
- Even though transportation costs should possibly decrease because of the dramatic drop in fuel costs, bus owners contend that rising costs for insurance and salaries (many contractors are using unionized workers) are the problem.
- A significant number of public school transportation coordinators have told our administrators and parents that the ceiling **MUST** be raised, or our students will not be able to receive transportation.
- Nonpublic schools have attempted a variety of options in order to maintain transportation within the \$884.00 per pupil ceiling. These include the following:
 - Centralized stops,
 - Changes in arrival and dismissal times in our schools,
 - Having routes bid at fewer than 180 days (i.e. 176, 175) in order to have transportation for student during the majority of days the school is in session.
 - Mixing public and nonpublic schools students on busses.

We have run out of ideas in this regard. This year, we have lost a significant number of Catholic school students statewide because of transportation. The only remaining solution is to raise the per-pupil amount.

- The transportation statute authorizing the per-pupil amount calls for an annual increase, in direct proportion to the increase in the State transportation aid per pupil in the year prior to the pre-budget year compared to the amount for the pre-budget year or by CPI, whichever is greater (N.J.S.A. 18A: 39-1a). Both the Corzine Administration and the Christie Administration have frozen this amount, thus ignoring the requirement for any annual increase.
- It is important for parents to tell their own frustrating stories of what has happened in recent years in their attempts to have their children transported to a nonpublic school.
- We recognize that some of the problems have been caused by a lack of knowledge/competency on the part of district personnel and a state-wide shortage of drivers and buses. The New Jersey Catholic Conference and others have been working to deal with some of those issues in a committee within the New Jersey Department of Education. However, the contrast between transporting public school students (some of them are neighbors of our children) and nonpublic school children needs to be described in real terms and in detail to the Legislature.