



A reminder: As you know each year at this time we are in the process of admitting new students to St. Mary School. This process involves a number of various details. Foremost, is determining available space in each classroom. For those families who have not re-registered your child/ren, please do so on or before Wednesday, January 30th. Your prompt response to this request is appreciated.


Please remember if you need to register any new students in Preschool, Kindergarten or grades 1st – 7th our registration is scheduled for Wednesday, January 30th from 8:45 am – 10:45 am in the Science Lab, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm and 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm in the Science Lab.



SAINT MARY SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>Please see Miss Whittaker's Perf. Arts schedule for dates/times of practices for February</i>	Jan 28 Band Catholic Schools Week Mass 9:15 Spelling Bee Gr.7&8 1:20 Robotics Club 2:45-4:00	Jan 29 SCRIP Orders Due Spelling Bees Gr. 3&4 8:30 Gr. 5&6 9:30 8A/8B Volleyball game 1:15	Jan 30 Students wear favorite Sweatshirt w/gym pants or jeans Walnut Street Theater Assy. Gr. 5-8 8:30 Science Explorers 2:45 – 4:00	Jan 31 Open House Parents/Grandparents 9:00 – 10:00 Bullying Prevention Grades K-4 1:15	1 1:00 Dismissal Faculty Meeting Spirit Wear Day Pep Rally 9-10 Report Cards Available to view in RenWeb	2 Mass Schedule 4:00 p.m.
3 Mass Schedule 7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	4 Band Robotics Club 2:45-4:00	5 SCRIP Orders Due Lab Week D	6 Ministry of Student Leadership Mtg. 2:45-4:00 Science Explorers 2:45 – 4:00 Grandparent/Special Person Prayer Service 6:30 pm Church	7 Club/Activity Pictures for yearbook taken today - No NUT cards Chess Club 2:45 – 4:00	8 Daddy/Daughter Dance 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm AH	9 Mass Schedule 4:00 p.m.
10 Mass Schedule 7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	11 Band Kindness Club 2:45-4:00 Robotics Club 2:45 - 4:00	12 SCRIP Orders Due Lab Week A	13 School Mass 9:15 Academic Assembly after mass Scrabble Club 2:45 – 4:00 Science Explorers 2:45 – 4:00	14 8 th Grade Grad Absentee/Retake Pics Rosary Club 2:45 – 3:20 Valentine Day ♥ Class Celebrations 1:30- 2:15	15	16 Mass Schedule 4:00 p.m.
17	18 No School President's Day 	19 SCRIP Orders Due Lab Week B	20 Science Explorers 2:45 – 4:00	21 Chess Club 2:45 – 4:00	22	23 Mass Schedule 4:00 p.m.
24	25 Band Rototics Club 2:45 – 4:00	26 Scrip Orders Due Lab Week C	27 Science Explorers 2:45 – 4:00	28 Rosary Club 2:45 – 3:20		



February

Elem. Lunch Menu

St Mary's
Williamstown



DAILY ALTERNATES:
 Cereal & Yogurt (GF)
 Chicken Nuggets
 PB & J Sandwich (V)

Daily Fruit Offerings:
 Fresh, Cupped, 100% Juice
 All Salads Come With a Grain.

Choose 1 Entrée.
 (3 Daily Specials & 2 Daily Alternates for the Month)
Lunch Includes:
 Protein ~ Grain ~ Fruit
 Veggie ~ Milk
 Choose at least 3 out of 5 components.
 You must choose at least 1 fruit or veggie.
 You may take 2 Fruit & 2 Veggie Choices!

(V) = Vegetarian Ingredients (GF) = Gluten-Free Ingredients

<p>NEW Meatless Monday</p>	<p>Fun Flavors Tuesday! AKA: Taco Tuesday, Mexican, Asian, Italian</p>	<p>Wacky Wednesday! A School Favorite! The random category!</p>	<p>Chicken Lover's Thursday! Everything & Anything CHICKEN!</p>	<p>Pizza Lover's Friday! Cheesy Pizza By The Slice!</p>
<p>Lunch Prices: Regular Lunch \$2.85 Extra Entrée: \$1.75 Reduced: \$0.40 Water: \$0.60 Milk: \$0.60 *Menu subject to change. Food Service Director: Debbie Spasari smw@nsfm.com Phone: 856-629-6419 Look for snacks, nutrition & menu descriptions posted on the school website!</p> <p>Milk: Skim White, Chocolate, Strawberry, 1% White, Lactaid</p> <p>This institution is an equal opportunity provider.</p>				
<p>Super Bowl Monday!</p>	<p>Chinese New Year!</p>	<p>Wednesday-February 6</p>	<p>Thursday-February 7</p>	<p>Friday-February 8</p>
<p>"Kick Off" Crunchers (V) Filled w/Cheese & Sauce Cheeseburger on a Bun Chicken Caesar Salad <u>Sides:</u> Old Bay Fries Hummus w/ Chips</p>	<p>Asian Chicken Over Rice Hot Dog on a Bun <u>Sides:</u> Steamed Broccoli-Fortune Cookie Carrots w/Hummus</p>	<p>Mini French Toast w/Bacon Turkey & Cheese Hoagie Turkey Club Salad <u>Sides:</u> Hashbrown Potato Rounds Celery w/ Ranch</p>	<p>Popcorn Chicken w/ a Breadstick Chicken Patty on a Bun Raffle Day <u>Sides:</u> Mashed Potatoes-Corn Broc Bites w/ Ranch</p>	<p>Cel. Groundhog Day! Pizza Dippers w/Dippin Cup (V) Trix Yogurt & Bagel Tuna Hoagie or Salad <u>Sides:</u> Caesar Sal-Groundhog Pudding Mixed Patch w/ Ranch</p>
<p>Nat'l Brownie Day!</p> <p>Mozzarella Sticks w/ Garlic Pasta Cheeseburger on a Bun Chicken Caesar Salad <u>Sides:</u> Peas & Carrots- Brownie Hummus w/ Chips</p>	<p>Tuesday-February 12</p> <p>Nachos Grande (GF) w/ Corn Chips & Toppings Hot Dog on a Bun <u>Sides:</u> Rainbow Veggie Medley Carrots w/ Hummus</p>	<p>Wednesday-February 13</p> <p>Scrambled Eggs w/ Sausage Ham & Cheese Hoagie Fiesta Taco Salad <u>Sides:</u> Tator Tots Celery w/ Ranch</p>	<p>Valentine's Day!</p> <p>Chicken Tenders w/ a Dinner Roll Chicken Patty on a Roll Valentine Raffle <u>Sides:</u> Sweetheart Jello-Cheesy Spinach Broc Bites w/ Ranch</p>	<p>Friday-February 15</p> <p>French Bread Pizza By The Slice (V) Trix Yogurt & Bagel Tuna Hoagie or Salad <u>Sides:</u> Julius Caesar Salad Mixed Patch w/ Ranch</p>
<p>Monday-February 18</p> <p>Presidents' Day No School</p>	<p>Tuesday-February 19</p> <p>Meatball Parmesan on a Torpedo Roll Hot Dog on a Bun <u>Sides:</u> Veggie/Fun Size Lay's Chip Carrots w/ Hummus</p>	<p>Wednesday-February 20</p> <p>Dutch Waffle w/Sausage Patty Turkey & Cheese Hoagie Turkey Club Salad <u>Sides:</u> Smiley Face Potatoes Celery w/ Ranch</p>	<p>Thursday-February 21</p> <p>BBQ Chicken w/ a Corn Muffin Chicken Patty on a Bun <u>Sides:</u> Baked Beans Broc Bites w/ Ranch</p>	<p>Friday-February 22</p> <p>Personal Pizza By The Pie (V) Trix Yogurt & Bagel Tuna Hoagie or Salad <u>Sides:</u> Garden Salad Mixed Patch w/ Ranch</p>
<p>Monday-February 25</p> <p>Grilled Cheese (V) w/ Tomato Soup Cheeseburger on a Bun Chicken Caesar Salad <u>Sides:</u> Steamed Broccoli Hummus w/ Chips</p>	<p>Tuesday-February 26</p> <p>Nacho Grande (GF) w/ Corn Shells & Toppings Hot Dog on a Bun <u>Sides:</u> Glazed Carrots & Rice Carrots w/ Mean Green Hummus</p>	<p>Nat'l Strawberry Day!</p> <p>Rib-e-Cue On a Torpedo Roll Ham & Cheese Hoagie Fiesta Taco Salad <u>Sides:</u> Strawberry Cup-Coleslaw Celery w/ Ranch</p>	<p>Thursday-February 28</p> <p>Popcorn Chicken w/ Breadstick Chicken Patty on a Roll Raffle Day <u>Sides:</u> Potato Wedges Broc Bites w/ Ranch</p>	<p></p>

Bandana Day Sale



\$3 Bandanas

on sale during lunch on

January 28th – 31st



**Wear your Bandana on
February 1st, 2019!**

Banding Together for Strength & Support
To Benefit Youth with Cancer & Other
Life-Threatening Illnesses



St. Mary School 1st Annual



Girls in grades K-8 please come join us for a special evening where Dads and Daughters will make memories that will last a life time! Dads and daughters are welcome to dress up for this occasion. A photographer will be there so you can order photos.

When: Friday, February 8th ~ 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Where: St. Mary School, Assumption Hall

*Cost: \$12.00 Dads
\$8.00 Daughters*

Cost Includes: DJ, pizza, soft pretzels, cupcakes, cookies, water and soda

Please send money in to school on or before Wednesday, February 6th.

Daddy/Daughter Dance

Print Family Last Name: _____

Student Name(s): _____

Amount enclosed: _____

No tickets will be sent home we will have a list at the door.





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 Friday, February 8th. The Valentine Day Grams will be delivered to the classrooms on Thursday, February 14th.

Child's Name _____ Class Room _____

Holiday Message _____



Child's Name _____ Class Room _____

Holiday Message _____



Child's Name _____ Class Room _____

Holiday Message _____



SPORTS NEWS

**We are now accepting registrations
for Spring Sports:**

Boys Volleyball grades 6th thru 8th

Track grades K thru 8th

**Please fill out the registration forms and all
required paperwork that is listed on the
school website under Athletics.**

**Please send these registrations in by
Wednesday, February 27th.**



ST. MARY SCHOOL

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

JANUARY 26, 2019- FEBRUARY 1, 2019

Saturday, January 26 and Sunday, January 27 - Celebrate Our Parish Community

We will be looking for student volunteers to participate in the masses. Students who volunteer will be asked to wear their uniforms to mass to represent our school. This is a small way in which we can say thank you to the parishioners who support our school.

Monday, January 28 - Celebrate Our Faith

Please join us for Liturgy at 9:15AM

K, 1, 2 - will participate in fun, academic classroom activities in the afternoon

Spelling Bee - Grades 7 and 8 1:20PM

Tuesday, January 29 - Celebrate Our Students

Spelling Bees

Grades 3 and 4 - 8:30 AM

Grades 5 and 6 - 9:30 AM

8A/8B Volleyball Game 1:15PM

Wednesday, January 30 - Celebrate Our School

Wear your favorite sweatshirt with gym pants or jeans!

Walnut Street Theater Assembly Grades 5-8 8:30AM

Thursday, January 31 - Celebrate Our Parents and Grandparents

Open House for parents and grandparents 9:00AM - 10:00AM - more information to follow

Assembly - Bullying Prevention - Grades K-4 1:15PM

Friday, February 1- Celebrate Our Students, Faculty and Staff

Students may wear their SMS Spirit wear and Bandanas - more info to follow on this fundraiser for the Victorious Foundation in which the proceeds will be donated to CHOP in Aidan Eberhardt's name.

Fun Friday for grades K-3

Pep Rally - 9:00AM -10:00AM

1:00 Dismissal - Teacher Appreciation Lunch after school

Walnut Street Theater

January, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians:

One of the activities we are planning for Catholic Schools Week is the Walnut Street Theater performance "Freedom Riders" for grades 5th- 8th. They will be with us in the morning on Wednesday, January 30th. To help with the cost of this performance, we are requesting that every student in grades 5th - 8th contribute \$2.00. Please fill out the bottom of this form and return it to your child's teacher by Friday, January 25th. Thank you for helping provide this performance for your students. We know they will enjoy it and also learn some valuable lessons.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Patricia Mancuso
Principal

Walnut Street Theater

Student Name

Class

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 now until Friday, February 1st each student who brings in two cans of soup (or more) will receive a NUT card (one dress down day).



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!





St. Mary School and our Grandparent’s Club Presents...

**Grandparents/Special Persons
Prayer Service and Dessert!**

WHEN: Wednesday, February 6, 2019

6:30 pm---Prayer Service

Dessert will follow immediately after the prayer service in the Science Lab at St. Mary School. Tours of St. Mary School will also be available.

WHERE: Prayer Service

Our Lady of Peace Parish /St. Mary Church
32 Carroll Ave., Williamstown, NJ

There is an elevator for anyone that may need it and handicap seating.

Dessert/Tour—St. Mary School, 32A Carroll Ave., Williamstown, NJ (adjacent to the Church)

Grandparents/Special Persons are invited to attend a special Prayer Service with their student/s honoring those who play a special role in the lives of our students here at St. Mary School. Following the prayers service, dessert will be served in St. Mary School. Tours will also be available.

**Please return the form below to your child’s homeroom teacher
by Monday, February 4, 2019.**

Grandparent/Special Person Prayer Service and Dessert

Student/s Name: _____ Homeroom: _____

_____ Homeroom: _____

_____ Homeroom: _____

For our planning purposes please also fill out the information below:

_____ I/We will attend _____ Total number of Grandparents/Special Persons attending

Please mark if you are attending as a Grandparent or Special Person

_____ Grandparent/s _____ Special Person/s

_____ Total number of students who will be attending

THANK YOU!



January 8, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of the SMS School Board we are happy to continue with the 5th Annual St. Mary's Science Exhibit. We are inviting our students to participate in a project based activity that supports the educational goals of the school. Science, technology, and research are three key areas that our students continue to learn more about on a day to day basis and will remain at the forefront of their schooling as they move well beyond St. Mary's School. This will prove to be an exciting opportunity for all of our students!

We are opening this opportunity to our students in two ways. Our K-3 students will be completing their Science Exhibit entry during the school day and will submit one per class to display on the night of the Exhibit. For students in Grades 4-8, we are asking any interested students to sign up to complete an individual project or two student project for students who are in the same grade level. This is *optional* and only students wishing to participate should sign up. The Science Exhibit will be held the evening of **March 27, 2019** in Assumption Hall. Students who are interested in participating will need to submit their projects on the morning of **March 26, 2019**. Please sign and return the permission slip below by **January 31, 2019** if your child is interested in participating. More information regarding the exhibit will then follow.

Below is some helpful information for 4th-8th grade students who are interested in participating. There will be more information/guidance to come via the Communication Folder.

Projects should be driven by student interest.

All projects will need to be presented using the scientific method.

All projects will need to be displayed on a presentation board that you can purchase at any local office supply store.

The 4th-8th grade students will be provided with feedback on their projects by judges who work in the fields of Science and Technology.

If you have any questions about the Science Exhibit, please feel free to reach out to School Board Member Fernandez Massenberg [HYPERLINK "mailto:fmassenberg27@gmail.com" fmassenberg27@gmail.com](mailto:fmassenberg27@gmail.com)

Thank you,

The SMS School Board

Science Exhibit

Student Name _____ Grade Level _____ A or B

_____ Yes, my child will be participating in the 5th Annual St. Mary's Science Exhibit and working alone.

_____ Yes, my child will be participating in the 5th Annual St. Mary's Science Exhibit and working with
_____.

_____ No, my child will not be participating in the St. Mary's Science Exhibit.

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP JESUS' FISH 6TH-8TH GRADE



(Regular Meetings generally on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month
and after school Spiritual Guidance every 2nd & 4th Thursday)

JANUARY

Sunday, January 13th

Respect Life Night with Jesus' Fish Youth Group from 7-9pm.
The CFR Sisters from Atlantic City will be speaking about their work of
serving the poor and respecting all life. Followed by a
YG Dodgeball Tournament!

Sunday, January 27th

Surprise meeting from 7-9pm in Marian Hall!
Come to enjoy a fun night filled with surprises!

FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 10th

Annual Youth Group Olympics. Come for crazy fun and games!
Please note not all games are based around sports.
Wear sneakers. Assumption Hall (SMS Gym) from 7-9pm.

Sunday, February 24th

NO Meeting due to Kari & Dan being away at the JP2 retreat
this weekend. Please keep them all in your prayers.

NEW After School Spiritual Guidance for 6th, 7th and 8th Graders

Join us on the 2nd & 4th Thursday beginning after school from 2:45-4:15pm for Guys & Girls faith sharing
groups lead by Kari, Dan, Fr. Mazz and our CORE Team Youth Group Leaders. Free Pizza will be served
from 2:45-3:15pm followed by the sharing from 3:15-4:15pm. SMS Students please send in a cars &
walkers note to come over. Other students can come late during the pizza time (we will save you some)!



@OLOPPYouthGroup



"Jesus Fish OLOPP"



@JFYouthGroup



OLOPP YouthMinistry



@OLOPPYouthGroup



For more info email Kari: YouthMinisterKari@gmail.com or www.YouthGroupInfo.com



Grooming is when someone befriends and builds an emotional connection with a child to gain their trust for the purposes of sexual abuse or exploitation. They can do this both offline and online, with technology and the Internet being commonly used to initiate and facilitate contact with a child. Gaining victims' trust is a key part of engaging them in sexually explicit behaviour. The groomer, who can either be a stranger or someone a child already knows, tends to use tactics such as engaging in small talk or exchanging personal information with the child about hobbies and relationships, using flattery and gifts to build a rapport or even making threats and intimidation to gain control. This can take place over varying periods of time – from a few days to several years.



What parents need to know about

ONLINE GROOMING

NUMBERS OF GROOMING OFFENCES ARE SOARING

In April 2017, a new government law came into force in England and Wales to allow police to charge adults who send sexual messages to children through mobile phones and social media. In the first year since the law change, there were 3,000 police-recorded offences of sexual communication with a child – a figure 50 per cent higher than experts expected in the first year.

ALL CHILDREN ARE AT RISK

According to a 2018 NSPCC report, a quarter of young people have experienced an adult who they don't know in real life trying to contact them online. One in four said they had been sent messages, images, videos or other content that made them feel sad, worried or uncomfortable. One in 10 girls and one in 20 boys under the age of 13 said they had received unwanted sexual messages.



CHILDREN ARE VULNERABLE TARGETS

Groomers use psychological tricks and methods to try and isolate children from their families and friends and will often choose to target more vulnerable children who may be easier to manipulate. In order to seek potential victims, predators are likely to use apps and websites that are popular with children and young people. Groomers can use a 'scattergun' approach to find victims, contacting hundreds online to increase their chance of success.

LIVE STREAMING CONCERNS

Predators may use live video to target children in real-time using tricks, dares or built-in gifts to manipulate them. Grooming often takes the form of a game where children receive 'likes' or even money for performing sexual acts. Social media channels, such as YouTube, Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat, all have live streaming capabilities, but there are many apps which children can use to live stream, including Omegle, Live.me, BIGO Live, YouNow and many more.



GROOMING CAN HAPPEN RAPIDLY

Grooming is generally a slow, methodical and intentional process of manipulating a person to a point where they can be victimised. However, according to researchers at the University of Swansea, online grooming can also be very rapid, with analysis of chat logs revealing that it can take just 18 minutes for some predators to arrange to meet their victim. The fastest predators used sophisticated, persuasive, language-based strategies to rapidly build trust, including the use of small talk and praise which quickly escalated into requests for sexual messages.

ANYONE CAN GROOM YOUR CHILD

Many people expect groomers to be adults posing as children, but this is not always the case. Data from University of Swansea reveals that groomers' use of identity deception (around age, location and appearance) is fairly low. This can be because they approach many children, limiting their ability to lie. The worry is that honesty can be more damaging to the victim since they are more likely to feel as if they are in a real relationship.



National Online Safety

Top Tips for Parents



IT'S GOOD TO TALK

It's unlikely that you can stop your child using the Internet, nor can you constantly monitor their online activities, but you can talk to your child on a regular basis about what they do online. By talking openly with them about online relationships, they can quickly ascertain the kind of behaviour which is appropriate or inappropriate. Ask them whether they have any online friends or if they play online games with people they haven't met. This could then open up conversations about the subject of grooming.



CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

In order to give your child a safer online gaming experience, it is important to check privacy settings or parental controls on the networks, devices, apps, and websites they may use. If you use location-sharing apps to check where your child is, remember that these could always be used by strangers to follow your child without their knowledge. Ensure that you check options so that location information is never shared with anyone except those they have permission to share with.

DISCUSS SAFE ONLINE BEHAVIOUR

Make it clear to your child that they should not accept friend requests from people they don't know and to verify friend requests with people who they do know. They should never agree to chat privately with a stranger or someone they don't really know. Remind them that they should never divulge personal information, such as mobile phone numbers, addresses, passwords or name of their school.

DISCUSS HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

Talk to your child about what a healthy relationship looks like and how to detect someone who might not be who they claim to be. Explain that groomers will pay your child compliments and engage in conversations about personal information, such as hobbies and relationships. They may admire how well they play an online game or how they look in a photo. Groomers will also try and isolate a child from people close to them, such as parents and friends, in order to make their relationship feel special and unique.

BE SUPPORTIVE

Show your child that you will support them and make sure they understand they can come to you with any concerns they may have. They need to know they can talk to you if someone does something they are uncomfortable with, whether that is inappropriate comments, images, requests or sexual comments.

LOOK OUT FOR WARNING SIGNS

Child safety experts have identified key grooming patterns and advise parents to look out for:

- Secretive behaviour about what they are doing online.
- Internet or smartphone usage late at night.
- Going to unusual places to meet up with friends you have not heard of.
- They are clingy, have problems sleeping and eating or even bedwetting.
- A lack of interest in extra-curricular activities.
- Having new items, such as clothes or phones, which they can't explain.
- They seem withdrawn, anxious, depressed or aggressive.
- Having older boyfriends or girlfriends.

HOW TO REPORT

If you're worried that your child is being groomed online or sexually exploited, you can report your concerns to the Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Safety Centre, which is part of the National Crime Agency at www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre. Reports are read by a Child Protection Advisor who will make contact by phone or email to work with you to make a plan to keep your child safe. If you think a child is in immediate danger, call the Police on 999 or NSPCC on 0800 800 5000.



SOURCES: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/research-reports/how-safe-children-2018-report.pdf>, <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2018/06/17/police-reveal-3000-sex-grooming-crimes-against-children-young>, <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/ paedophiles-arrested-hundreds-police-warning-live-streaming-nca-online-dangers-uk-grooming-children-a8092851.html>, <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/news-opinion/Facebook-tops-list-online-grooming>, <https://projects.swan.ac.uk/onlinegroomingcommunication/>

SPRING 2019

One day commitment: Sunday's Only!



**Registration CLOSES
on February 2nd!**

AGES 4-14 BOYS & GIRLS

ONLINE REGISTRATION

WWW.MTFLAG.COM



\$95 per player includes NFL jersey and flags