

April 2, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Please note the following calendar changes due to us not taking any emergency days this winter:

Friday, May 24 – School Closed

Monday, June 10 – Field Day

Wednesday, June 12 – Kindergarten Closing – 1:30 pm

Thursday, June 13 – Last day of school – 10:30 dismissal

Please see revised school calendar on the other side.

Thank you!

Mrs. Patricia Mancuso

Saint Mary School
Calendar 2018-2019 Revision 1

32A Carroll Avenue, Williamstown, NJ 08094
Phone: (856) 629-6190 Fax: (856) 728-1437
School Hours: 8:15 a.m.—2:45 p.m.
Website: www.smarys.org

September

- 5—Opening Day of School—1:00 pm Dismissal
- 6—1:00 pm Dismissal
- 12—Back to School Night K-4 7:00 pm AH
- 19—Back to School Night 5-8 7:00 pm AH
- 29—Crusader Day Sports Festival

October

- 5—Faculty Meeting—1:00 pm Dismissal
- 8—Columbus Day—No School
- 22—Teacher In-Service—No School

November

- 2—Faculty Meeting—1:00 pm Dismissal
- 14—Parent Conferences...evening 6:00—8:30 pm
- 15—Parent Conferences...10:00 am-12:00 pm and
1:00 pm—4:00 pm No school for students
- 16—Parent Conferences...8:30 am—11:30 am
No school for students
- 21—12:15 pm Dismissal (No Lunch No Aftercare)
- 22,23—Thanksgiving Holidays- No School

December

- 5—Christmas Show—Band/K-3 Classes
7:00 pm AH
- 12—Christmas Show—Performing Arts
7:00 pm AH
- 21—12:15 pm Dismissal (No Lunch No Aftercare)
- 24-31—Christmas Vacation—No School

January

- 1— Christmas Vacation—No School
- 2—Welcome Back To School
- 11— Faculty Meeting—1:00 pm Dismissal
- 21—Band Concert (Beginners) 7:00 pm AH
- 27—Catholic Schools Week Begins

February

- 1—Catholic Schools Week and
Faculty Meeting—1:00 pm Dismissal
- 18—President's Day—No School

March

- 1—Faculty Meeting—1:00 pm Dismissal
- 4-8—IOWA Testing
- 6—Ash Wednesday
- 29— School Play 7:00 pm AH
- 30—School Play 1:00 pm AH

April

- 5—Teacher In Service—No School
- 18-26— Easter Vacation— No School
- 29— Welcome Back To School

May

- 3—Faculty Meeting—1:00 pm Dismissal
- 13—Band Concert 7:00 pm AH
- 24—No School
- 27—Memorial Day—No School

June

- 7—Faculty Meeting—1:00 pm Dismissal and
8th Grade Awards Dinner/Dance 6:00 pm AH
- 10—Field Day and 8th Grade Graduation 7:00 pm
Church
- 12— Kindergarten Closing 1:30 pm AH
(Kindergarten students last day of school)
- 13—10:30 am Dismissal—Last Day of School
(No Aftercare)

Please refer to monthly calendar for any updates.



Action Alert

ISSUE: The accounts for the nonpublic school community were level-funded by Governor Murphy in his Fiscal Year 2020 proposed Budget issued on March 5, 2019. His decision permits us to move forward on additional requests from the Legislature.

OUR POSITION: The New Jersey Catholic Conference and the New Jersey Network of Catholic School Families are asking for the following specific increases in the Fiscal Year 2020 Education Budget.

1. An increase from \$1,000.00 to \$1,040.00 for the per-pupil ceiling for nonpublic school transportation in order to provide opportunities for students to receive rides to school.
2. An increase from \$97.00 per pupil to \$125.00 per pupil for nonpublic school nursing services to provide additional hours for nurses in nonpublic schools and to cover the needs specified by recent legislation with respect to the requirements for improved student health.
3. An increase in the funding for Compensatory Education (remedial Reading, Mathematics, and Language Arts) from \$995.33 to \$1,100.00. The former figure is in Budget language and limits service providers to that amount.

ACTION: Please contact the legislators from your district by using the Voter Voice system. By using the link below, you will get these messages to the legislators who serve on the Senate and Assembly Budget Committees. It will only take a few minutes of your time. Thank you in advance for taking this action on behalf of all Catholic school students.

You may use the New Jersey Catholic Conference Faith in Action - Voter Voice system

which can be accessed at:

<https://www.votervoice.net/NJCC/Campaigns/64955/Respond>

SAINT MARY SCHOOL

FAMILY PRAYER CALENDAR

APRIL 2019

***PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING ST. MARY SCHOOL FAMILIES
EACH DAY DURING THIS MONTH. THESE FAMILIES WILL ALSO BE
REMEMBERED DURING OUR MORNING PRAYERS.***



<i>SUNDAY</i>	<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>SATURDAY</i>
	<i>1 Scharlach Family Scheiblein Family</i>	<i>2 Schill Family Schultz Family</i>	<i>3 Schwab Family Scimeca Family</i>	<i>4 Semiraglio Family Servus Family</i>	<i>5 NO SCHOOL TEACHER IN-SERVICE</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>8 Shannon Family Shenk Family</i>	<i>9 Silvestro Family Simon Family</i>	<i>10 Simpson Family Slazak Family</i>	<i>11 Smith Family Soldevila Family</i>	<i>12 Smith Family Spataro Family</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i>	<i>15 Smith Family Spencer Family</i>	<i>16 Sta Ana Family Staskin Family</i>	<i>17 Stellato Family Storey Family</i>	<i>18 Holy Thursday NO SCHOOL</i>	<i>19 Good Friday NO SCHOOL</i>	<i>20 Holy Saturday</i>
<i>21 Easter</i>	<i>22 NO SCHOOL EASTER VACATION</i>	<i>23 NO SCHOOL EASTER VACATION</i>	<i>24 NO SCHOOL EASTER VACATION</i>	<i>25 NO SCHOOL EASTER VACATION</i>	<i>26 NO SCHOOL EASTER VACATION</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i>	<i>29 Straus Family Suarez Family</i>	<i>30 Suarez Family Sweeney Family</i>				

Student of the Month

March 2019

Congratulations to the following students:

Ella O'Brien	K1	Julia Boyer	K2
Courtney Fazzio	1A	Carlo Badagliacco	1B
Lyla Lenhardt	2A	Ayden Plaza	2B
John Howard Clidy	3A	Johanna Trampe`	3B
Danny Emmanuel	4A	Grant Cusaac	4B
Bronwyn Garber	5A	Noah McBride	5B
Marc Maccario	6A	Joseph Peacock	6B
Amber Bantle	7A	Ava Liberi	7B
Kaitlyn Budniak	8A	Mia Owens	8B





HOUSE POINT WINNERS 2018-2019

House of Saint Patrick

Karalena Ionno

House of Saint Valentine

Colin Lamb

House of Saint Joseph

Madison DiScienza

House of Saint Francis

Christian Lawrence

House of Saint Theresa

Logan DePaul

House of Saint Elizabeth

Vincent Rice

House of Saint Dominic

Kristian Foley

House of Saint Joan of Arc

Marc Rende

House of Servant Maria Esperanza

Madalyn Delaney

The division winners for highest points

Division 1 House of St. Patrick

Division 2 House of St. Theresa

Division 3 House of Maria Esperanza









SAINT MARY SCHOOL

REVISED APRIL 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Band Warm weather uniform begins Robotics Make Up Class 2:45 – 4:00	2 SCRIP Orders Due Lab Week D Garden Club Gr. 1-8 2:45-4:00	3 Ministry of Student Leadership 2:45-4:00 Science Explorers 2:45 – 4:45	4 End of Third Marking Period Chess Club 2:45-4:00	5 No School Teacher In-Service	6 Mass Schedule 4:00 pm Casino Night 7:00 pm – 11:00pm Assumption Hall
7 Mass Schedule 7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	8 Band Creative Writing Club 2:45 – 4:00	9 SCRIP Orders Due Lab Week A	10 Mass 9:15 Scrabble Club 2:45 – 4:00 Science Explorers 2:45 – 4:00 Open House 7:00 - 8:30pm	11 Rosary Club 2:45 – 3:20	12 Report Cards in RenWeb Stations 1:15 Candy Bar Bingo 6:00 pm AH	13 Mass Schedule 4:00 pm
14 Mass Schedule 7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	15 Band Kindness Club 2:45 – 4:00	16 Garden Club Gr. 1-8 2:45-4:00 Friendly's Night 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm Sicklerville	17 Grade 3 Living Stations 1:30	18 Holy Thursday No School 	19 Good Friday No School 	20 Holy Saturday 
21 Easter 	22 No School Easter Vacation	23 No School Easter Vacation	24 No School Easter Vacation	25 No School Easter Vacation	26 No School Easter Vacation	27 Mass Schedule 4:00 pm
28 Mass Schedule 7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	29 Band Creative Writing Club 2:45 – 4:00	30 SCRIP Orders Due Lab Week B Garden Club Gr. 1-8 2:45-4:00				

***Please join us at our local Friendly's
restaurant for another St. Mary's School
Spirit Night!**



Date: April 16, 2019

Time: 5:00pm – 8:00pm

Location: Friendly's Restaurant

647 Cross Keys Berlin Road

Sicklerville, NJ 08081

**A portion of all money raised will go directly
back to our school!**

***Remember to bring this flyer with you on
the 16th!**



Easter baskets are everywhere!



We're selling Easter eggs!

Similar to the turkey feathers at Thanksgiving, they fill our halls with a reminder of the season and of our charitable spirit.

In the fall, the money earned with our friendly competition between homerooms for buying the most turkey feathers supplements baskets distributed at Thanksgiving. Money generated has provided for various supplies, activities and causes. In the past we also have donated to families in need as well as 8th grade scholarships. Please consider supporting our latest efforts.

Eggs are being sold for 50 cents each or three for \$1.00. Money can be put in a labeled envelope and given to homeroom teachers.

As always, thanks for your help!

Mrs. Coffey, Miss Brino
and the Ministry of Student Leadership





Food Drive

St. Mary School is participating in the Camden Diocese Sixth Annual “faithFull” Food Drive. St. Mary School will be collecting non-perishable goods from now until Thursday, April 4th for this food drive. The Diocese will be picking up the food from Our Lady of Peace Parish/St. Mary School on Sunday, April 7th.

What we are collecting:

Fruits and Vegetables:

Canned Vegetables
Canned Vegetable Juice
Canned Tomato Products
Canned Spaghetti Sauce
Canned Fruit
Applesauce
Canned Fruit Juice

Proteins:

Canned Tuna Fish
Canned Chicken
Canned Soup
Canned Beans
Canned Chili
Canned Beef Stew
Peanut Butter

Please be careful of expiration dates on food donated.

Thank you for your generosity!



COME TAKE YOUR CHANCES



AT

SAINT MARY SCHOOL CASINO NIGHT / AUCTION DINNER



ASSUMPTION HALL



SATURDAY, April 6, 2019

7-11 PM

TICKETS: \$45 per person

Includes: Buffet Dinner, Soda, Hot Beverages, Dessert & \$500.00 Casino Chips

BYOB



Please complete the reservation form below and return to school in an envelope marked "Auction Tickets" All tickets need to be requested on or before 4/2/19

Name: _____ Classroom: _____

Number of Tickets: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Phone # _____ (checks payable to Saint Mary School PTA)

*Tickets may be purchased individually or by tables of 8, 10 or 12
Tables will be reserved for parties of 8 on first come first serve basis
Tables seating 10 or 12 are limited & will also be reserved on first come first serve basis
Other seating will be on a first come first serve basis*

Questions Contact: Dana Elentrio
Teecee1031@aol.com or 856-237-6542

\$750 TUITION VOUCHER RAFFLE

\$750 OFF

2019/2020

SMS Tuition

Ticket Cost: \$10 each

Winning Ticket will be drawn **Saturday, April 6th @ Casino Night**

****Winner need NOT be present ****

Send ticket requests and money to Dana Elentrio

c/o Isabella Elentrio 5A

**** Include your child's name and room number****

Ticket stubs will be sent home with your child prior to the drawing.

******* DEADLINE *******

Final ticket requests **MUST** be received no later than **Wednesday, April 3rd @ 2:30pm**



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

CANDY BAR BINGO

WHEN: Friday, April 12, 2019

6 p.m. --Doors Open

6:30 p.m.-Bingo Begins

WHERE: Assumption Hall (the gym)

WHO: St. Mary School students and their grandparents (or adult special person)

COST:

\$5.00/ Adults \$6.00 at the door

\$2.00/students \$3.00 at the door

*Admission includes: 10 games/1 card per game. Additional cards will be available for purchase
Pizza, drinks and desserts will also be on sale. Dabbers will also be available for purchase.*

All proceeds to benefit St. Mary School Annual Fund

*For more information or to get on our grandparent email/ mailing list, please contact
Christine Galindo at 856-218-2946 or chrissyg19@verizon.net*

ADVANCE TICKET PURCHASE

To purchase tickets in advance, please return this form with your payment by Wednesday, April 10, 2019. Names will be at the door. **NO tickets will go home. Please keep the top portion of this flyer for your information.**

Student/s Name: _____ Homeroom/s: _____

Grandparent/Special Person Name/s: _____

_____ # of Adult Tickets X \$5.00 each Amount: \$ _____

_____ # of Student/s Tickets X \$2.00 each Amount: \$ _____

_____ Advance order ONLY for a whole pizza \$10.00 each pie:

_____ # of pies X \$10.00 each pie Amount: \$ _____

Slices ONLY will be available the night of the event.

Please make checks payable to St. Mary School. **Please send in the money for the pizza SEPARATELY from the ticket money and CASH ONLY for the pizza money.**

Total Amount enclosed: _____

Check or Cash NO REFUNDS

THANK YOU!

Show



Your

Crusader Pride!

Registration for the 2019 – 2020 JV and Varsity Cheerleading Squads will be open from April 1st to May 10th. All required forms can be found in the Athletics section of the SMS website.



JV Competition Squad (3rd - 4th Graders)

Varsity Competition Squad (5th - 8th Graders)



For questions or more information, please contact: Nicole Lenhardt, SMS Cheerleading Coordinator

609.204.0782 / Nicole092405@aol.com



BLUE PRAYER SERVICE (Non-Denominational)

In Honor and Appreciation for
Fire, Medical, Police and State Trooper
Departments; Our Lady of Peace Parish
is sponsoring this
ritual at

**Our Lady of Peace /St. Mary's Church
32 Carroll Ave.—Williamstown at 7:00pm
on Thursday, May 9th, 2019.**

It will be followed by a reception and snacks
downstairs in **Marian Hall**
(basement of the Church).

Everyone is invited to come and pray in
thanksgiving for, as well as, the continual
safety of these daily heroic individuals in our
neighborhoods.

**For additional information, please contact
the Our Lady of Peace Parish Center
856-629-6142**

Saint Mary School Clothing Drive Fundraiser

Saint Mary School will be collecting the following items:

- CLOTHING AND SHOES (all sizes and all seasons - must be wearable!)
- ACCESSORIES (such as purses, belts, backpacks, hats, scarves, gloves, ties, and briefcases)
- HOUSEHOLD ITEMS (such as blankets and quilts, comforters, sheets, pillows, tablecloths, drapes/curtains, and towels),
- HARD TOYS (must be less than 2 feet x 2 feet in size), STUFFED ANIMALS, BIKES, and SCOOTERS
- CAR SEATS (together with the base) and STROLLERS

Items should be collected in large plastic bags (which must be tied) and hard toys must fit in a 2ft x 2ft box.

Please pack shoes in separate bags (not mixed with other items) and we will be paid an additional amount for shoes donated this way.

The following items will **NOT** be collected: large hard toys, outdoor play sets, board games, puzzles, books, high chairs, cribs, pots and pans, VCR tapes, CDs, TVs, monitors, sports/exercise equipment, appliances, furniture, lamps, home décor, electronics, glass, and rugs.

Pick-up is Saturday, May 18 from 8:45-9:30am in the BACK parking lot at Saint Mary School.*

*If you are unavailable on May 18, you may make arrangements to drop off your donation at the main office on Friday, May 17 between 2pm and 2:45pm.

SMS will be paid per pound for the items we donate. Please ask friends and family members to donate their unwanted items to increase our fundraising profit!

Please contact Jen Plunkett at ClothingDriveSMS@outlook.com by May 10 to provide an estimate of the number of bags you will donate, to arrange Friday drop-off, or to ask any questions related to the fundraiser.

In addition to helping SMS reach our fundraising goals, your donations will help people worldwide! The donations will be shipped to other areas of the US and to different parts of the world to those in need.



Pancake Breakfast with the



Easter Bunny!

Sat. April 13th from 9am-12pm

(doors will not open before 9am)

Held in Assumption Hall (St. Mary's school gym)

Proceeds help support the:
Youth and Young Adult Ministries at Our Lady of Peace Parish!

\$6 for children (ages 2-13 yrs old)

Infants 1 and under are free

\$10 adults (14 yrs & over)

Tickets are available
at the door!

Admission Includes:

- Pancakes, eggs, bacon and sausage
- Juice and coffee
- Meet and greet with the Easter Bunny (bring your camera)
- Face Painting and Balloon animals
- Crafts
- Easter egg hunt starting at 11am



To purchase tickets drop in the collection basket at Mass or bring to the parish offices "attn: Kari Janisse". Your name will be held at the door for you marked "Paid". Tickets will also be sold at the door that day.

Name _____ phone # _____

#of Kids ticket(s) _____ #of Adult ticket(s) _____ Total enclosed \$ _____

*Please make checks payable to "Our Lady of Peace". Questions email: YouthMinisterKari@gmail.com



DESIGNER BAG BINGO

Friday, May 17th 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, Michael Kors or Kate Spade. 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 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)

RCIA

Mystoga BBO

It's a Family Reunion!

Anyone who made any of their sacraments or participated in the RCIA program and your family are welcome.

April 28th

12:00 P.M.

Rain or Shine!

Location:

Side Parking lot

and Play Area

Behind Assumption Hall

HAMBURGERS AND HOTDOGS
KIDS GAMES

Asking for side dishes
And desserts

RSVP

Andrea Ford: afordz@hotmail.com
Or Irene Kacy: Bsmith@olopp.org

Our Lady
Of Peace
Parish

L.I. YOUTH GROUP JESUS' FISH GUPPIES 3RD-5TH GRADE



EVERY youth needs a "General Permission Form" on file for June 2018-June 2019 which can be found on www.YouthGroupInfo.com under "Download Forms"

Jesus' Fish Guppies Meetings

(Parents are always welcome to stay, please no siblings)



September 16th:

Youth Group KICK OFF!!!

Come start the Youth Group school year at our "A Night with the Stars" theme Kick Off! There will be a red carpet, popcorn machine, bounce house, giant Jenga, face painting, games, food and Faith-filled FUN!
All from 1-2:30pm in Assumption Hall.



October 9th:

Celebrate the Saints!

Come dressed as your favorite Saint!
There will be prizes for the best costume! Some of the Youth Group's CORE Team members will be giving talks on their favorite saints.
Also there will be Crafts, Snacks, & Fun, too! 6-7:30pm in Assumption Hall.



January 8th:

Annual Mini Youth Group Olympics and Faith talk

Come out for a night of crazy games, relay races and a talk about our Catholic Faith. Please wear sneakers.
This meeting is from 6-7:30pm in Assumption Hall (SMS Gym).



April 9th:

Balloon Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet

We will make a rosary out of balloons and then pray a special prayer that is prayed on rosaries called "The Divine Mercy Chaplet."
This meeting is from 6-7:30pm in Assumption Hall (SMS Gym).



June 2nd:

YG Family Dinner

Join all of the Youth Groups from 7-9pm for our annual end of the school year Youth Group Family Dinner. Please bring a pot luck dish to share! This meeting is from 7-9pm in Assumption Hall (SMS Gym).



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



MARCH

Sunday, March 10th:

NO Youth Group this night due to a personal commitment for Kari & Dan.
You will have a meeting next week instead.

Sunday, March 17th:

Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the JP2 YG! You will learn about this great Saint and get to make Irish Potatoes to take home! 7-9pm in Marian Hall

Sunday, March 24th:

Mini Retreat night filled with activities, talks, small groups and other fun topics based around our Catholic Faith. 7-9pm in Marian Hall

Sunday, March 31st:

8th Annual Diocese's iRace 4 Vocations 5K Walk/Run held at Washington Lake Park. Join the whole Camden Diocese for Mass followed by a free 5K race/1 mile walk. Information can be found on a separate flyer and also on www.CamdenPriest.org

APRIL

Saturday, April 13th:

Youth Group Fundraiser: Pancake Breakfast with The Easter Bunny! Help needed with the craft table, serving food, set up and clean up between 8:30am-1pm.
Breakfast will be from 9am-12pm. Please email Kari to sign up.

Sunday, April 14th:

With Parent's Permission, join the JP2 YG to view "The Passion of the Christ" from 7-9pm in Marian Hall. It is rated "R" due to the movie's violent scenes. Parent Permission form is required from www.YouthGroupInfo.com

Friday, April 19th:

Reflect on Our Lord's Passion by joining our Youth Group for the Living Stations of the Cross Performance in the Church at 7pm.

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

Join us on the 2nd & 4th Thursday beginning after school from 2:45-4pm for Guys & Girls faith sharing groups lead by Kari, Dan 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)!



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@OLOPPYouthGroup



Face book name:
"Jesus Fish OLOPP"



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OLOPP YouthMinistry



Follow us on Instagram:
@OLOPPYouthGroup



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



JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED WEEK OF VBS
A HEART FOR JESUS-LIVING THE BEATITUDES!

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

Sixteenth Annual Vacation Bible School

July 8th - July 12th

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, 2019**).

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** at 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 fifteenth annual Vacation Bible School -- **JULY 8TH - JULY 12TH**. VBS will be held from 9AM-12PM each day (Friday 9AM-1PM), and is intended for children 4-10 (age as of October 1, 2019). 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 10th**. 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:

Last Name: _____ Parents'/Guardians' First Names: _____ & _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Numbers: Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact: Name: _____ Number: _____

Children information:

#1) Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Nickname: _____

Birth date: _____

Grade entering in September: _____

Food Allergies: (check) Yes__ No__

Special Needs: (check) Yes__ No__

If yes, explain: _____

#2) Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Nickname: _____

Birth date: _____

Grade entering in September: _____

Food Allergies: (check) Yes__ No__

Special Needs: (check) Yes__ No__

If yes, explain: _____

#3) Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Nickname: _____

Birth date: _____

Grade entering in September: _____

Food Allergies: (check) Yes__ No__

Special Needs: (check) Yes__ No__

If yes, explain: _____

#4) Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Nickname: _____

Birth date: _____

Grade entering in September: _____

Food Allergies: (check) Yes__ No__

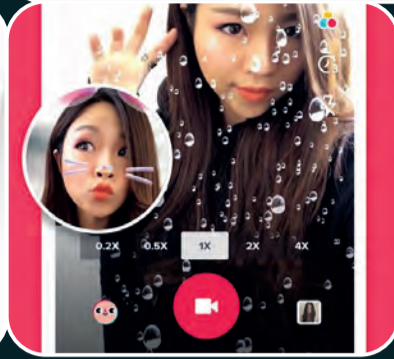
Special Needs: (check) Yes__ No__

If yes, explain: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____



TikTok is a global video community where users create, share and discover 'funny and memorable moments' via short video clips – typically about 15 seconds long. Videos can be 'spiced up' with special effect filters, stickers, music and sound clips. Currently one of the world's most popular apps, TikTok was formerly known as Musical.ly, before it was rebranded by the Chinese company that acquired it in November 2017. If your child had previously had a Musical.ly account, all of their videos and personal settings will have automatically been moved to TikTok.



What parents need to know about TikTok

ON AIR

BEING INFLUENCED

More than one third of children aged 6-17 consider 'social media stars' to be among their top role models. There are millions of creators on TikTok, showcasing their 'talents, moments and knowledge', from singing to dancing to stunts and comedy skits, which receive thousands of likes and comments from around the world, quickly turning people into 'stars'. There is the danger that children may develop unrealistic expectations of how they should look and behave on the app in order to become the next 'star'. They may have feelings of inadequacy and low self-esteem or become swayed by certain opinions.

INAPPROPRIATE SONG LYRICS

TikTok lets users lip-sync to their favourite songs and produce their own music videos. Some of the music choices contain swear words or sexual themes. So not only can children be exposed to potentially inappropriate content but they can broadcast themselves miming or singing these lyrics.



CONCERNING CONTENT

Some of the outfits and dance moves in videos can be overtly sexual and provocative. There have also been reports of some users sharing concerning content, such as videos that promote anorexia, porn, self-harm and violence.

DANGEROUS TRENDS & CHALLENGES

On TikTok, there are always 'trending challenges' and hashtags that users can copy or build upon, and sometimes, these challenges can pose risks to young people.

STRANGERS CAN FOLLOW YOUR CHILDREN

If your child's profile is open, strangers can use the app to comment on your child's videos. While this isn't always sinister, it gives potential predators the ability to contact your child through the platform.



IN-APP PURCHASES

Of course, as with many apps, there's a paid element to TikTok. Users can buy virtual coins to be exchanged for virtual gifts – for example, if they like a specific video, your child can use coins to purchase emojis to show approval. These can be expensive and easily purchased – there is the option to buy 10,000 coins for £97.99 with a one-click buy button.

ANYONE CAN SEE YOUR CHILD'S CREATIONS

TikTok encourages users to 'share their passion and creative expression through their videos' and while something may seem fun at the time, videos can get in the wrong hands and cause embarrassment in the future. If posted publicly, anyone in the world can see your child's homemade music video and potentially cause bullying within personal friendship groups or even online.



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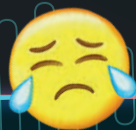


TALK ABOUT THE PITFALLS OF OVERSHARING

Encourage your kids to always think before they do, say, like or post anything online, explaining that their 'digital footprint' can shape their online reputation and the way that other people see them. Something they may find funny and entertaining now may impact them in the future. Talk about how to deal with peer pressure and how doing something they think will impress others could affect them.

HANDLING CRITICISM

While it's fantastic to see your child being creative and expressive and bonding with people with similar interests, they need to be aware that not everyone will be supportive online. Comments can be negative or even cruel. Make sure they know how to comment respectfully and handle negative feedback. In the app's Privacy and Safety settings, your child can decide who can react to their videos, who can comment, and who can send them private chat messages. We suggest using these settings so only their friends can interact with their posts.



SIGNING UP WITH THE CORRECT AGE

When signing up to TikTok, you are prompted to input your birth date. If your child inputs their age as 'under 13', the app will not allow them to sign up and will be locked for 24 hours. The app is intended for users aged 13+, so explain that the rating is there for a reason; to keep them protected from online dangers. It is actually possible to watch TikTok videos without even creating an account, so it's important to check if your underage child has downloaded the app to their devices.

USE THE 'DIGITAL WELLBEING' SETTING

If you're concerned about the amount of time your child is spending on TikTok, in the app's setting, you can switch on a feature called Digital Wellbeing. This includes 'Screen Management' to limit the amount of time your child spends on the app.

SET THE ACCOUNT TO PRIVATE

This means that only people who you and your child approve of can see their creations. To make an account private, tap the three dots at the top right of the screen to access settings. Click 'Privacy and Safety'. Scroll down until you find 'Private Account' and turn this setting on.

REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

If you or your child see something on TikTok that appears to be inappropriate, they can report content in different ways within the app. They can report an account, video, comment or chat conversation by simply tapping 'Report'. In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' feature, there is also an 'Enhanced Restricted Mode', which limits the appearance of videos that may not be appropriate for all audiences.

AVOID IDENTIFIABLE OBJECTS

To ensure that there's no way of anyone tracking your child's location or identity, make it clear to them that they should never film a video in their school uniform or near a landmark that gives away where they live.

DISCUSS IN-APP PURCHASES

To lower the risk of your child making accidental in-app purchases, teach them exactly what in-app purchases are and the risks of making them without permission. Tell them that they are not essential to enjoy the app and that if they want to make a purchase, they should always ask you beforehand. In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' feature, there is the option to disable the function of purchasing coins and sending gifts.

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