



Dear Parents/Guardians:

In March, your child(children) took the *Iowa assessments*. The *Iowa Assessments* help determine how students are performing on nationwide standards. These assessments measure achievement in several important content areas including Reading, English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. The exact tests that your student takes depended on his or her grade level. Students in grades 3-7 were administered the test.

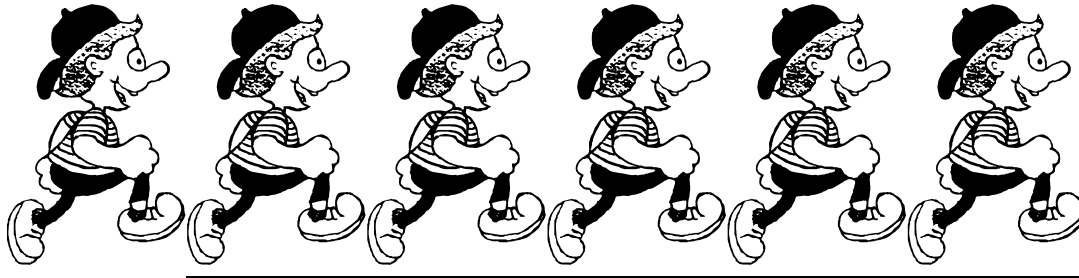
The *Iowa Assessments* help teachers identify a student's strengths and areas that may need additional emphasis. The *Iowa Assessments* also measure student growth and progress in the content areas assessed from year to year and may provide information about college readiness for older students. The assessments produce information that enables sound decision making and provides a focus for teachers to evaluate instruction. The tests are also used as an indicator for placement in advanced classes or for those who may need basic skills instruction.

A copy of the Profile Narrative for your child(children) is being sent home today in Communication Folders. These scores will indicate how your student performed on the tests compared with students across the nation in the same grade. Please note that the scores indicate percentile ranks with the 50th percentile being average.

Discuss the test results with your child(children). If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher. Thank you very much for encouraging and supporting your student during testing.

Sincerely,

Patricia Mancuso
Principal



Race for Education UPDATE!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Congratulations to everyone who participated and donated to the 2018-2019 Race for Education. It was a great success!

Our goal this year was \$40,000—and although we did not make this goal, everyone worked so hard; therefore, all students, faculty and staff will receive a **NUT Card Day** on---- **Thursday, May 9, 2019.**

Please follow the guidelines for NUT card days as stated in our Handbook and listed below: *If this is your normal gym day, we ask you to please remember to wear sneakers this day.*

“NUT Card/ Dress Down Days Students generally conduct themselves in a manner similar to the way they dress and groom. Therefore, even on dress down days, short shorts, spaghetti strap tank tops, ripped jeans, shirts with inappropriate slogans, and make up are not permitted. Shirts and dresses must have sleeves. The mid-section must be completely covered. Yoga pants or leggings without a long shirt are not permitted. Slip on shoes, flip flops, sandals or any open toe shoes are not permitted for the safety of our students. Shorts may not be worn during our winter months – November thru March. If a NUT Card is used on a student’s scheduled gym day, the student must wear sneakers to participate in gym. If shorts or skirts are worn during warm weather uniform days, shorts must be fingertip length. NUT CARDS MAY NOT BE USED ON DAYS SCHEDULED WITH MASS OR SPECIAL EVENTS.”

Gratefully,

Patricia Mancuso, Principal & Jackie Kern, *Race* Coordinator



Dear Parents/Guardians of Chess Club Members:

The last Chess Club Meeting is Thursday, May 2nd. We are having the Parent/Guardian celebration. We are asking you to donate a snack or drink for the students. If you are able to donate a snack or drink and cannot come to the meeting, please drop them off to the main office on Thursday, May 2nd. We hope to see you there!

Thank you!

Mr. Wolf, Mrs. Van Pelt and Ms. Forte



TO: All 2nd Grade and 8th Grade Families

The month of May is one of the two months we set aside in a special way, to honor Mary, Our Blessed Mother. To extend to her and display our love and our gratitude for her protection and intercession for us to her divine son, Our Lady of Peace Parish will once again hold our May Procession on Sunday – May 5th before the 10:30 Mass.

We are inviting all our 2nd & 8th Graders to be a special part of this beautiful tribute to the Mother of Jesus and all of us, on the day we honor all Moms. We ask that 2nd graders wear their First Communion dresses and suits, and 8th graders wear their Confirmation Robes. These Sacramental symbols of your special day will certainly add to the celebration of Mary's importance in the world. Participants are asked to please arrive at The Peace Pole (parking lot side of parish center) at 10:15AM on May 5th, 2019. Procession will enter Church and participants will attend 10:30 Mass. There will be pews in front of the church reserved for the students who will be participating. Parents will not be able to sit with their children during the Mass.

Please contact Loren Laughlin via phone (856-629-6142 - #19) or e-mail llopp@olopp.org if interested in joining us to honor the patroness of our wonderful parish.



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**



Dear K- 5 Parents and Guardians,

Our Lady of Peace Parish will be hosting the Blue Prayer Service to honor Williamstown's Fire, Medical, Police and State Trooper Departments. The event will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 7:00PM and will last for approximately one hour. Students in grades K-5 are invited to attend the service. St. Mary School will be presenting a banner to one of the above departments.

We will have a certain area in the church designated for our students. They will sit with me during the Prayer Service. Parents/guardians, too, are welcome and will be asked to sit in another area of the church. Your child will be required to wear their school uniform. Arrival time for the children will be 6:45PM. They can meet me in the church. For pick up, the children will stay with me in the church until you arrive. No one will be permitted to leave the church without a parent/guardian.

If you would like to have your child attend the Blue Prayer Service, please complete the form below and return to me by Monday, April 29th. I need to have an accurate count of attendees for planning purposes. Thank you and I hope to see many of our SMS children there to give thanks for those who serve our community.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mancuso

Blue Prayer Service

_____ Yes, my child _____ (Homeroom _____) will be attending the Blue Prayer Service to be held on Thursday, May 9th at 7PM.

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

May Crowning/Living Rosary

On Tuesday, May 14th, 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.



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!

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.

Action Alert

Just a reminder to keep up the school-wide efforts to send letters to our legislators by using the Voter Voice System.

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>

[Faith In Action - New Jersey Catholic Conference - Trenton, NJ](https://www.votervoice.net)

www.votervoice.net

New Jersey Catholic Conference. Founded in 1949, the New Jersey Catholic Conference (NJCC) represents the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey on matters of public policy and serves as a liaison to governmental agencies and institutions and coordinates communications and activities between the Bishops and secular agencies.

**Our Lady of Peace Parish/St. Mary Church
32 Carroll Avenue
Williamstown, NJ 08094**

March 2019

Dear Friends:

One of the most exciting weeks of the summer happens right here at St. Mary's/Our Lady of Peace Annual Carnival. We have set aside the dates of **Monday, June 24 through Saturday, June 29, 2019** for this year's great week of excitement, rides, games, food and fun. As successful as last year's Carnival was, our committees are already hard at work in an effort to make 2019 our best year ever.

As you know, our Annual Carnival draws thousands of people each night. This year again we will be advertising our generous supporters through **T-SHIRTS** worn by our Carnival workers. You can have **YOUR BUSINESS/COMPANY NAME** seen hundreds of times during the week by being a supporter of our Carnival. The front of the T-shirts will have a St. Mary's Carnival/ Our Lady of Peace logo and your message on the back (limit three lines).

If you would like to help support St. Mary's Church/Our Lady of Peace Parish as we continue our ongoing tradition, please fill out the enclosed application and return with your check made payable to Our Lady of Peace Parish. We will also have printed placards throughout the carnival grounds to advertise your business and to show our appreciation.

The cost for the printed shirts is \$140.00. This includes 10 shirts, printing, and the support for the parish. Please review the application for details. **The deadline for advertising is June 3rd.** Please note that well over one hundred people will be working at the carnival each night.

Thank you again for your continued support of St. Mary's/Our Lady of Peace Parish.

Sincerely,

Rev. Cadmus D. Mazarella, Pastor &
Our Lady of Peace Carnival Committee

**St. Mary's Church/Our Lady of Peace Parish Carnival – June 24th thru June 29th, 2019
Williamstown, NJ 08094**

I would like to offer my support by advertising at St. Mary's Church/Our Lady of Peace Parish
45th Annual Carnival.

Name and Address of Advertiser:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

(If you prefer, please enclose your business card)

T-SHIRTS – St. Mary's/Our Lady of Peace Carnival Logo on front. Your message with your
name on **back, 3 line limit. (\$140.00)**

A check made payable to Our Lady of Peace Parish in the amount of \$140.00 is enclosed.

(Signature)

(Date)

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

(Regular Meetings generally on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month,
Spiritual Guidance every 2nd & 4th Thursday.)



MAY

Saturday, May 11th:

Join us for Seminararians, Peter Gallagher and John March's, Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate Mass held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Camden at 10:30am.

Sunday, May 12th:

Mother's Day, NO meeting. Enjoy the special Mothers in your Life!

Sunday, May 19th:

NJ State Youth Rally Great Adventure Trip.

Sign up with Kari before April 25th. Cost is \$70 and includes transportation, buffet lunch, Mass in the park, a free return ticket and a free Matt Maher concert!

SPACE IS LIMITED! All of those who are signed up please meet at the church at 9am. Please bring money for spending in the park and for a dinner. We will be back around 10pm. Details on separate info flyer.

Sunday, May 26th:

Memorial Day Weekend, no meeting. Enjoy the Holiday Weekend!

JUNE

Sunday, June 2nd:

Join all of the Youth Groups for an end of the year dinner party with your family!

Please bring a 'pot-luck' dish to share (appetizer, main meal, or dessert)!

We will have time to share about the past year's ministry as well as a small "moving up" ceremony for the graduating 8th & 12th graders.

7-9pm in Assumption Hall (SMS Gym)

Sunday, June 9th and 23rd:

No Youth Group. Join us for the carnival week!

June 24th-29th

During the week of the Carnival, be in the Dunk Tank for Youth Group!

Sign up with Kari via email: YouthMinisterKari@gmail

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, 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. (No meeting on 6/27 because of the carnival.)

CORE TEAM APPLICATIONS for current 8th graders:
Sign up to be on the high school "CORE" Leadership Team for 2019-2020. Applications will be available on May 1st. Please see or email Kari for an application, YouthMinisterKari@gmail.com



@OLOPPYouthGroup



"Jesus Fish OLOPP"



@JFYouthGroup



OLOPP YouthMinistry



@OLOPPYouthGroup





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)

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: _____



It can be challenging for parents and carers to know whether children are spending too much time on their devices. Furthermore, it's even more of a challenge to know whether a child is addicted to the internet and social media. As technology is becoming more pervasive, children and young people are experiencing tech-related dependencies. Do we as parents and carers have the knowledge to identify and support children and young people who may be developing an addiction to their devices?



47% of parents said they thought their children spent too much time in front of screens

What parents need to know about SCREEN ADDICTION

SMARTPHONE ADDICTION IS A RECOGNISED HEALTH CONDITION

Children as young as 13 are attending 'smartphone rehab' following growing concerns over screen time. There are now help centers in the UK which deal with screen addiction for children and adults showing the seriousness of device addiction.

IT CAN CAUSE SLEEP DEPRIVATION

7 out of 10 children said they had missed out on sleep because of their online habits and 60% said they had neglected school work as a result. It is important that children get the sleep they need in order to focus the next day.

CONFIDENCE, SUPPORT & ACCEPTANCE

The Children's Commissioner report 'Life in Likes' explored how children aged 8-11 are using social media today. It showed that children are using their devices to speak to their online friends about their problems and seek acceptance and support, removing face to face interactions.

LOSS OF INTEREST IN OTHER THINGS

Your child may become less interested in anything that does not include their device. You may notice that your child is missing school time and generally being less engaged with other activities in the home. It is important to discuss this with your child as soon as you notice a behaviour change.

APPS CAN BE ADDICTIVE

Apps have been designed with 'psychological tricks' to constantly keep grabbing your attention. One example of this is on the app Snapchat, where you can gain 'streaks' when interacting with your friends. If you don't respond, you lose the streak. This addictive nature of apps aims to engage children and keep them coming back for more.



Top Tips for Parents

LIMIT SCREEN TIME

In today's digital age, technology is an important part of a child's development so completely banning them from their device will mean they are missing out on a lot, including conversations and communication with their friends. Rather than banning them from using their devices, we suggest setting a screen time limit. Work out what you think is a suitable and healthy amount of time for your child to be on their device per week. Remember that your child may need to use devices for their school homework so only set screen limits on recreational time on their device. Once you have established this, have the conversation with them to discuss why you are implementing a screen limit. There will be others in your child's friendship group who will not have screen limits set and will be sending messages when they do not have access to their phones.

ENCOURAGE ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES

It may seem like an obvious solution, but encouraging children to play with their friends, read a book, or playing outdoors will help them realise they can have fun without their device. Playing football, trampolining, camping, going for a walk or swimming are all healthy replacements for screen time. Try to join them in their outdoor activities to show your support.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Children model their behavior on their peers, so if their parents are constantly on their device, they will see this as acceptable. Try limiting your own screen time and follow the same rules you have set for them. If you have asked your child to not use their device at the table, make sure you don't. Try setting house rules that the whole family abide by.

LESS TIME MEANS LESS EXPOSURE

There are many risks associated with devices, such as cyberbullying, grooming, sexting, viewing inappropriate content etc. Less time spent on a screen means that a child will be less exposed to these risks.

MOBILE-FREE MEAL TIMES

Have you tried to settle your child by giving them a tablet at the dinner table or restaurant? This may seem like a quick fix to calm them down but in reality, it is encouraging them to use their device as a distraction from conversation and dealing with their emotions. We suggest removing all technology from the dinner table and having conversations with your family about how their day has been.

REMOVE DEVICES FROM THEIR BEDROOM

Setting a rule about removing devices from bedrooms will help your child to get the sleep they need and be more focussed the next day at school. 20% of teenagers said that they wake up to check their social network accounts on their devices. Even by having a device switched off in their bedroom, they may be tempted to check for notifications.

STATISTICS

53% of children aged 3-4 go online for nearly **8hrs** a week

79% of children aged 5-7 go online for nearly **9hrs** a week

94% of children aged 8-11 go online for nearly **13.5hrs** a week

99% of children aged 12-15 go online for nearly **21hrs** a week

<https://www.independent.co.uk/Children-and-Parents-Media-Use-and-Attitudes-Report-2017>: <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/http://uk.businessinsider.com/how-app-developers-keep-us-addicted-to-our-smartphones>
Journal of Youth Studies: <https://www.mirror.co.uk/tech/one-five-kids-losing-sleep-9653986>
University of Leeds: https://medhealth.leeds.ac.uk/news/article/1296/lack_of_sleep_damaging_for_children



National Online Safety

A whole school community approach to online safety
www.nationalonlinesafety.com

Email us at hello@nationalonlinesafety.com or call us on 0800 368 8061





Hooray, It's Time for Williamstown's Spring II Youth Tennis Program!



8th Successful Year! Train with & Learn from the BEST!

MITCH WINKLER

Premier SJ/Phila Professional Coach
Only SJ Girls Coach to Win Sectional Championships at 2 Different Schools
Courier Post All SJ Player of Year
Phila Inquirer HS Coach of Year
Coach #2 Bishop Eustace Girls Team

BRITTANY REEDMAN

#1 Singles Player at College of NJ
NJAC Rookie of the Year
ITA Northeast Regional Finalist
4 Year WHS #1 Singles Player
SJ Times Tennis Player of Year
Winner SJ Times GC Tournament

And Our Wonderful Assistant Coaches!

6 Consecutive Thursdays* Starting May 16th, \$85
High School Players, 4:30pm to 5:30pm
Middle School Players, 5:30pm to 6:30pm
Elementary School Players, 6:30pm to 7:30pm
Interested in Adult Tennis? Contact Us!
Times/Grades/Groupings Tentative and Subject to Change Based on Final Enrollment
*May 16th, May 23rd, May 30th, June 6th, June 13th, June 20th

Sessions held at Williamstown Middle School Courts. **Space is Limited so Act Fast!**

For more info or to join our email list contact us: TennisAce926@comcast.net or 856-307-1230

Please mail check for \$85 payable to Connie Reedman at 1400 Woodland Court, Williamstown, NJ 08094

Player Name: _____

Player Age: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____ Cell #: _____

Circle Session Requesting:	High School Session 4:30pm to 5:30pm	Middle School Session 5:30pm to 6:30pm	Elementary School Session 6:30pm to 7:30pm
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