



October 8, 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Congratulations to the Students of the Month and House Point Winners for the month of September! These children will be recognized on TV during our morning announcements. Each month House Point Winners also join me one morning for breakfast which is provided by Nutri Serve. Both Students of the Month and House Point Winners will also receive a certificate at our Academic Assemblies held at the end of each marking period. The first Academic Assembly will be held on Wednesday, November 27th after 9:15 am mass.

Each day during announcements we pray for several of our school families. Maybe your child heard their last name being mentioned. Additional special intentions may be sent to me at any time. Nothing like the power of children's prayers!

May God continue to bless you and your family.

Mrs. Patricia Mancuso
Principal

**SAINTE MARY SCHOOL
FAMILY PRAYER CALENDAR
OCTOBER 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.**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 <i>Butkus Family</i> <i>Byrne Family</i>	2 <i>Calio Family</i> <i>Calvello Family</i>	3 <i>Canders Family</i> <i>Carl Family</i>	4 <i>Carlamere Family</i> <i>Carlin Family</i>	5
6	7 <i>Carter Family</i> <i>Cazeau Family</i>	8 <i>Cercioglu Family</i> <i>Cerrone Family</i>	9 <i>Cesare Family</i> <i>Chapman Family</i>	10 <i>Chezik Family</i> <i>Chiarella Family</i>	11 <i>Chickelero Family</i> <i>Ciavardone Family</i>	12
13	14 <i>Columbus Day</i> <i>No School</i>	15 <i>Clidy Family</i> <i>Cole Family</i>	16 <i>Collazzo Family</i> <i>Corbett Family</i>	17 <i>Cornicello Family</i> <i>Costa Family</i>	18 <i>Crain Family</i> <i>Cunanan Family</i>	19
20	21 <i>Curry Family</i> <i>Cusaac Family</i>	22 <i>Czbas Family</i> <i>Dare Family</i>	23 <i>Davi Family</i> <i>Dayton Family</i>	24 <i>Deirocini Family</i> <i>DePalma Family</i>	25 <i>DePaul Family</i> <i>DePersia Family</i>	26
27	28 <i>Teacher Inservice</i> <i>No School</i>	29 <i>DeRose Family</i> <i>DiBartolomeo Family</i>	30 <i>Dickerson Family</i> <i>DiMarco Family</i>	31 <i>DiPasquale Family</i> <i>DiScienza Family</i>		



TRUNK OR TREAT 2019 IS ALMOST A SELL-OUT!!!!

ONLY 9 SPOTS LEFT!

Thanks to all the families that registered! Last chance in case you forgot to send it in!

Just a few important reminders:

Children must be driven into the parking lot in their registered car!!! NO WALK-INS!!! (this will be strictly enforced!!!) Please present your ticket upon entering the lot and make sure all children and adults are wearing their wristbands!! Wristbands will be checked!!

FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN, WE WILL BE FILLING UP THE LOT FROM THE BACK TO THE FRONT. CARS THAT WISH TO BE PARKED TOGETHER SHOULD GATHER AND LINE FOLLOWING EACH OTHER. UPON ENTERING, DRIVE TO THE REAR OF THE LOT AND PARK WITH YOUR TRUNK FACING OUTWARD.

Time Line:

6:00 – 6:30 Arrive and decorate trunk.

6:30 – 7:00 Refreshments/Dancing/Lining Up

TRUNK OR TREATING STARTS WITH AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM OUR DJ (please wait for this announcement)

7:00 – 8:00 Trunk or Treating/Prizes

8:00 – 8:15 Gathering of Children and preparing for departure

8:15 – Departure from front to back

REMEMBER THAT DELICIOUS HOT REFRESHMENTS & FOOD WILL BE ON SALE IN CASE YOUR FAMILY DIDN'T HAVE TIME FOR DINNER.

Happy Trunk or Treat to all!!!!



We are in need of **water** donations for **Trunk or Treat**. If anyone is able to donate water bottles, please label your donation with your name, your child's classroom, and "Trunk or Treat". The bottles can be delivered to the main office.

Thank you very much for all of your support!

St. Mary's PTA

A GREAT BIG



TO ALL FAMILIES WHO HAVE SENT IN
THEIR PTA DUES!

IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO ALREADY,
WE ARE KINDLY ASKING YOU TO SEND IN
YOUR \$15.00 DONATION THIS WEEK TO
THE ATTENTION OF PTA.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!!



Dear Parents/Guardians:

The **H.O.T. Program** is designed to provide a challenge for academically capable students through classes designed to provide practice in higher order thinking as well as critical thinking skills.

The Criteria for this program is as follows:

Grades Sixth through Eighth:

Iowa Test Scores for Sixth through Eighth only

Iowa Test Score (70 percentile or above in Core)

Performance and effort in the classroom

Teacher Recommendation

Current Grades

Students who are in the top 15% of the class

Class participants may vary from year to year. All students are started on a tentative basis. Students will be reevaluated every report card period.

Respectfully yours,

Mr. John Bakley

H.O.T. Program Teacher

HALLOWEEN AT SMS



October 8, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On Thursday, October 31st we will celebrate Halloween at St. Mary School. The specifics for the morning are as follows:

- Any student, who wishes, may wear a costume to school for the day. The costume must reflect the philosophy and atmosphere of our school.
- If the costume chosen has accessories such as guns, swords, knives, etc., please leave these accessories home.
- You should consider that the costume will need to travel on the school bus and spend the early morning having the usual academic schedule in class. This costume does not have to be the one that is used for Trick-or-Treating, but the one that is more appropriate for a school day.

The schedule for the day includes:

AM – Regular schedule of classes

1:15 PM - Total school **Halloween Parade** outside on our new parking lot. Parents/Grandparents are welcome to come and watch the parade. Younger students will be teamed up with their “buddies” to insure the safety of our students. ***Please park in the large parking lot when you come to the parade. If we have inclement weather, students will parade in the gym.***

1:45 PM - After the parade, the classroom celebrations will begin. ***We are requesting that only those parents/guardians contacted by the Homeroom Parents to help with the celebrations be permitted in the building. We appreciate your cooperation with this request.***

2:15 PM - All celebrations end and students will get ready for dismissal. ***Early dismissals will only be allowed before 1:00 pm on this day. If you are in the school and helping with the celebrations your student(s) must be dismissed with cars/walkers at 2:45. No exceptions will be made.***

Thank you,

Mrs. Patricia Mancuso
Principal

BOO GRAMS

St. Mary's PTA is sponsoring a Halloween Boo Gram Sale! Parents, Grandparents, Sisters, Brothers, Aunts, Uncles and even Pets can send a Halloween Message to students. The cost is \$1.00 per Gram which will include a lollipop and your Halloween Message. All grams must be purchased no later than Friday, October 25th. The grams will be delivered to the classrooms on Thursday, October 31st. **Please cut them out on the dotted lines.**

Child's Name _____ Class Room _____

Halloween Message:

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SPORTS NEWS

We are now accepting registrations for:

- girls and boys Intramural Basketball Grades K-3
(games will be held on Sundays after 1:00 pm)
- girls and boys 4th grade Basketball
- girls and boys JV and Varsity Basketball
- Intramural Cheerleading

**PLEASE SEND REGISTRATION FORMS,
REGISTRATION FEE AND REQUIRED PAPERWORK
IN TO SCHOOL NO LATER THAN FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER 1ST. (See school website for required forms)**

SPONSOR A TEAM

Sponsor an Intramural Basketball team for \$150.00.

Players wear your shirt, advertising your business around town.

Name _____

Homeroom _____ A B

Writing on back of shirts:

IT'S TIME FOR INTRAMURAL CHEERLEADING SIGN-UPS!



OPEN TO KINDERGARTEN - 2ND GRADE GIRLS



Practices on Sunday 1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 2/2, 2/9, and 2/16
from 1pm – 2:30pm



Practice on Wednesday 1/29 from 3pm – 5pm



Perform in the Winter Pep Rally on Friday 1/31



Additional Optional Opportunities



Compete at the Our Lady of Hope Cheer Showcase on
Saturday 2/15. Requires attendance at additional
mandatory practices to prepare for this performance.
Details to be provided.



Cheer at a home SMS basketball game in February.
Details to be provided.

Registration forms are due to the Main Office by Friday 11/8. All necessary forms can be
found online under the “Current Families / Activities and Athletics” tab of our school website.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Nicole Lenhardt, SMS Cheerleading Coordinator (Nicole092405@aol.com)



October 1, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you are aware, the Cold Winter Uniform will begin on Friday, November 1st. For boys in grades 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th this consist of navy blue trousers, long, or short sleeve light blue oxford shirts with button down collar, vest, and the striped tie.

If you wish to place an order for a tie through school, please complete the form below and return no later than Thursday, October 17th to the main office, attention Mrs. Morales. The cost of the tie is **\$16.00**.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Patricia Mancuso
Principal

TIE ORDER

_____ Number of ties

_____ Amount Enclosed (make checks payable to St. Mary School)

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____ A B

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). We will be paid more 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, October 19 from 8:45-9:45am in the BACK parking lot at Saint Mary School.*

*If you are unavailable on October 19, you may make arrangements to drop off your donation at the main office on Friday, October 18 between 2 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 October 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.



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

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

WHEN: Tuesday, October 15, 2019

6:00 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)—
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PRAYER SERVICE.

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 October 14, 2019.**

PLEASE KEEP THE ABOVE PORTION FOR YOUR FUTURE INFORMATION!

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



September 24, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

St. Mary School will be participating in the Monroe Township Halloween Parade on Saturday, October 19, 2019.

We would like to invite our students to walk together and/or ride on our float representing St. Mary School during the parade. In addition to our float, we will be carrying banners, handing out postcards and giving out candy.

Our theme: ST. MARY SCHOOL SHINES BRIGHT THROUGH THE YEARS! ---we are trying to represent all decades: 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, 90' and 2000's! This is in celebration of our 70th Anniversary!

Any child who wishes to participate in grades Kindergarten through 8th grade will need to be dressed as part of this theme to walk with St. Mary School in the parade—the costume must be that of our theme--**-NO EXCEPTIONS!** Because we will go in front of the judges, **we ask that all parents walking in the parade please dress in the theme costume and/or SMS Spirit wear as well.**

Parents/Guardians, you will need to walk with your child during the parade or have a designated adult with them. It will help keep all the students together and safe and then we will know they are picked up at the end. The parade ends at the Pfeiffer Center after we perform in front of the judges.

The parade begins at 7 pm and we are required to be in place anywhere from a half hour to an hour prior. If you plan to participate, please plan accordingly. We walk along Main Street in Williamstown and those walking will need to be able to walk the entire length of the parade. **We will meet at the CVS parking lot, Main St. and Black Horse Pike, no later than 6:15 pm in costume. We will be asking the students in costume to ride in the float! This is important as we need to fill the float with costumes!**

If you wish to participate, please fill out the form below and return it to school with your child by **Thursday, October 17th.**



YES I/We would like to participate in the Monroe Township Halloween Parade on Saturday, October 19, 2019

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Homeroom</u>	<u>Costume</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Parent/Guardian Contact Cell Phone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian Contact Email: _____

_____ **YES, I can donate a bag of candy to be handed out during the parade. If you are joining us in the parade please drop it off at the Main Office by Thursday, October 17 so we can be assured that we have enough candy. You may also bring it directly to the parade that night.**