



November 12, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We look forward to seeing you next week for Parent Conferences. The report cards will be available online in RenWeb on **Tuesday, November 19th** in the afternoon. You will not be receiving a paper copy, therefore you may want to print one for yourself and **bring it with you to conferences. Please note that the school office will not be open during conferences.**

The students will be gathering on Wednesday, November 27th for an Academic Assembly after our 9:15 am school mass. At this time, we will recognize the students who received Principal List, First Honors and Second Honors as well as those who were Students of the Month and House Point winners for September and October. Parents/guardians are welcome to attend. Students will not be permitted to leave after this mass. We have a 12:15 pm dismissal that day so students may leave in cars/walkers at 12:15 pm if you send in a note to their teacher.

Thank you for all that you do to support our school!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Patricia Mancuso
Principal



November 12, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Good communication between teachers and parents is the hallmark of a quality education. For this reason, we have set aside time for formal conferences. We do this yearly. We have found the open scheduling of conferences successful.

The open schedule consists of:

Report Cards for grades 1-8 available on-line Tuesday, November 19th.

Kindergarten students will receive a progress report, which will be sent home.

Conference times are as follows:

- Wednesday, November 20th 6:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.
- Thursday, November 21st 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
- Friday, November 22nd 8:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

Please enter the building through the 2nd grade and 8th grade doors. No other doors will be open for entrance. We will close Wednesday evening conferences at 8:30 P.M. exactly. We have found later conference times not productive.

A form was sent home and was in the on line Weekly Communication asking you to indicate which time frame works best for your schedule. If you have not returned that form, please fill it out and return it to the teacher as soon as possible. See the next page for the form. Teachers will be available to meet in the order that you arrive. No teacher will schedule a specific time for any parent.

We have used this schedule for the past few years and the atmosphere of the conference time was less pressured, enabling parents to meet with their choice of teachers at the time that was most convenient to their schedule, not just the homeroom teacher. We look forward to seeing everyone during one of these time periods.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Patricia Mancuso
Principal



October 15, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The faculty will soon be preparing for Parent/Teacher Conferences. For your convenience, we will be holding conferences the evening of Wednesday, November 20th from 6:00 pm until 8:30 pm, Thursday, November 21st from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm and Friday, November 22nd from 8:30 until 11:30 am. Report cards will be available on-line in RenWeb on Tuesday, November 19th.

As you are aware, our upper grade classes are departmentalized and your child may have more than one teacher. Quite often many of our parents also want to meet with more than the homeroom teacher. In order to allow our parents to meet with each teacher, we will not schedule set appointment times for any grade level, Kindergarten-8th. Each teacher will be in their classroom and will be happy to meet with any of our parents. All conferences will be limited to 5-10 minutes. If additional time is required, the teacher will set aside a future date and time for you. We are hoping that this way of handling conferences will provide you with the opportunity to see each of your child's teachers if necessary.

For our planning, please complete the form below indicating whether you plan to come on the evening of November 20th, the day on November 21st or the morning of November 22nd. **Please return this form as soon as possible.**

We look forward to seeing you and hope that this will give you the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with each of his/her teachers. **Please note there is NO SCHOOL on Thursday, November 21st and Friday, November 22nd.**

Sincerely,
Mrs. Mancuso

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Student Name _____ Parent Signature _____

We plan on attending the conferences scheduled for:

_____ Wednesday, November 20th (6:00 pm – 8:30 pm)

_____ Thursday, November 21st (10:00 am – 12:00 pm)

_____ Thursday, November 21st (1:00 pm – 4:00 pm)

_____ Friday, November 22nd (8:30 am – 11:30 am)

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St. Mary's Coach Clinic

Wednesday,
November 13
6:00 – 9:00pm

8th Grade Classroom

Parent Like a Champion Workshop

Thursday,
November 14
6:30 – 7:30pm

Assumption Hall

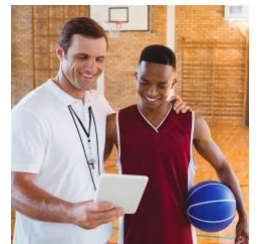
**All coaches and
sport parents are
expected to
attend**

Questions?

Contact Athletic Director
Rob at
athletics@smarys.com

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SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support St. Mary's School. Come in to the Chipotle at **629 Cross Keys Road Suite C** in Sicklerville on **Wednesday, November 13th** between **4:00pm** and **8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to St. Mary's School.



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Online orders will not be included in the fundraiser total. To ensure your purchase is counted in the fundraiser, be sure to order and pay in-restaurant. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.



WINTER



Emergency closings are an inevitable part of life in the Northeast due to inclement weather. Therefore, we need to explain our procedures.

EARLY MORNING SNOW/ICE CLOSINGS...Local transportation authorities determine when their buses can operate safely. **Therefore, when Monroe Township public schools are not open due to inclement weather, St. Mary School will also be closed.** You will receive a SchoolMessenger phone call with the information. **You may also call the school office at 856-629-6190 or check the school website at www.smarys.org to receive notification of the school closing.** Information will also be available on local television stations. Only Monroe Township Schools will be announced, St. Mary School will not be identified. **If school is cancelled due to the weather, all afterschool activities will be cancelled as well.**

Monroe Township occasionally announces a 2-hour delay. If that is the case, supervision at St. Mary School will not be available until 10:00 a.m. School will begin at 10:15 a.m. NO BEFORE CARE WILL BE AVAILABLE

For those outside Monroe Township, you will also need to check your school district on the TV stations. If the Monroe Township schools are open, St. Mary School will be open. However, if other township schools are closed/delayed, then it is the responsibility of parents/guardians to transport these students to St. Mary School, if the parents/guardians feel it safe to transport their children.

You may choose to keep these children home from school for that day, if transportation is a problem. These students will be marked “absent” because they are not here for the day.

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS AFTER THE CHILDREN ARE IN SCHOOL. If we receive word that the school districts will be sending the buses for an unscheduled early dismissal due to dangerous driving weather – we need to cooperate with their request. **In this event,** parents will receive a School Messenger phone call. In the beginning of the school year, we requested information from you regarding transportation plans in case of an emergency dismissal. These are the plans that we will direct the children to follow. **PLEASE DISCUSS THIS PLAN WITH YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN.**

IF SCHOOL CLOSSES EARLY, DUE TO WEATHER OR AN EMERGENCY, AFTER SCHOOL CARE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE.



Dear SMS Kindergarten and 1st Grade Parents/Guardians,

The St. Mary's Ministry of Student Leadership is hosting a **Holiday Story Hour**. All St. Mary kindergartners and first graders are invited!

It will be an evening of fun festivities for the children- stories, music, crafts, movies, and of course, yummy Christmas treats. To add to the fun, the children may wear comfy clothes (pajamas, if they'd like) and bring a favorite pillow or stuffed animal.

Parents can enjoy the free time for some Christmas shopping (or napping....) ☺

The cost is \$5.00 per child, but the holiday spirit is priceless!



The date is **Friday, December 13th from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm**. The place is St. Mary School. **(Please drop off children at the 2nd grade hallway doors.)** All activities will be assisted by the Ministry of Student Leadership, Class Representatives and Faculty Advisors. All monies not used for supplies for the evening will be donated to charity.

If you are interested, please cut off the bottom part of this sheet and **return the permission slip below with \$5.00 in an envelope marked "MOSL Holiday Story Hour"** with your child's name and grade. Please **return by Thursday, December 5th** so we have an accurate count for the evening and time to get supplies.

With warm regards, Mrs. Coffey, Ms. Brino, and the Ministry of Student Leadership



I allow my child to participate in the SMS Holiday Story Hour.

Child's name (and grade) _____ (_____)
(Please print)

Parent's signature _____

Also, please print YOUR name _____

Person(s) other than yourself **who will/may pick up your child** after the Holiday Story Hour (Please print!)

Emergency information: contact name/number _____

Allergies or other important information of which we should be aware:



November 5, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

You are cordially invited to hear our children sing, play, and act in 2 Christmas performances!

On Wednesday evening, December 4, 2019 at 7:00 pm in Assumption Hall our Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade students along with our Band will present the annual Christmas Concert. Our program this year features sacred carols as well as fun loving “standards” of the Holiday Season. What better way to find the true spirit of Christmas than through the beautiful voices and instrumental playing of our children? Students who are performing in the concert are asked to wear their finest Christmas Dress clothes and arrive no later than 6:45 pm so we can line up for the performance.

The second program will be the Christmas play presented by our Performing Arts Club students on Wednesday, December 11th also at 7 pm.

Since the concert involves the talents of so many children, it is important for us to know if you and your child will be able to join us. Kindly respond by completing and signing the form below on or before Wednesday, November 27th. Completed forms should be returned to your child’s homeroom teacher.

We look forward to sharing the children’s beautiful music with you.

Sincerely,

Mr. James Cheadle
Music Teacher

Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade parents kindly check below and return this form to your child’s homeroom teacher no later than Wednesday, November 27, 2019

Student’s Name _____ Grade _____ A B

_____ My child will be performing at the Christmas Concert on December 4th at 7:00 pm

_____ My child is unable to participate in the Christmas Concert on December 4th at 7:00 pm

St. Mary's Scrip Program

November 12, 2019

There are only 4 Scrip order days left before Christmas vacation. Please remember to use Scrip whenever you can.

Check out www.shopwithscrip.com for a full list of bonuses being offered. Consider registering for an online account as there are daily bonuses offered!

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

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

You can contact me anytime with any questions or issues.

Christine Eberhardt

Scrip Coordinator

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



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NOV 21, 2019

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REMINDER

**OUR INTRAMURAL CHEERLEADING SEASON BEGINS ON
SUNDAY 1/5.**

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO REGISTERED! WE ARE LOOKING
FORWARD TO A FUN SEASON AHEAD!**

2019-2020 INTRAMURAL CHEERLEADERS:

Reagan Allison
Giovanna Arango
Ella Beltran
Gabriella Burgos
Ava Canders
Ava DeRose
Khloe Dickerson
Katherine Grant

Vienna Hand
Sophia Hill
Audra Kummer
Ava Kummer
Liliana Lahr
Elena Lutz
Jenna Lyons
Luciana Mauriello

Isla McKnight
Alexis Mullen
Carlie Nees
Zoey Priestley
Isabella Procaccino
Mackenna Quinn
Cassidy Servus
Osathare Unuigbe

**Please join our REMIND group to receive important updates and information
about our intramural cheerleading season: Text @c8h2h6 to 81010**

**Please be sure to check the team email sent on 11/5 for important details about
our season. If you did not receive this email, please contact me immediately.**

**If you have any questions about our upcoming intramural season, please call or email:
Nicole Lenhardt (609-204-0782 or Nicole092405@aol.com)**

SPORTS NEWS

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:



November, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

For your planning and convenience, FACTS Tuition Assistance application is now available for the 2020-2021 school year. There is a \$20 application fee which will need to be paid online before submitting the application.

All applications must be completed electronically at <https://online.factsmtg.com/signin/3KGBP>. You will come to the home page and then be able to log on using your username and password for your FACTS account. You will then see a link that will take you to the tuition assistance application. The 2018 tax returns will be used for your application. All required documentation must be submitted for the application to be processed. **Only completed applications will be considered.** It is the responsibility of the family to supply all necessary paperwork.

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

Sincerely,

Mrs. Patricia Mancuso
Principal

SMS Celebrates Thanksgiving

Every November, we celebrate a special Thanksgiving Luncheon for our students. This year our celebration date is Wednesday, November 20th.

We also ask individual grades to contribute to this meal by bringing in a specific item. The memo with this information is on the next page. We are grateful for your contribution of food, time and help to prepare, serve, etc.

The SMS Ministry of Student Leadership is selling "Turkey Feathers". These feathers will be sold in the classrooms and cost \$.25 cents each or 5 for \$1.00. They will be glued to a turkey that will be placed on the door of each classroom. The money will be used to purchase food for the Thanksgiving Food Drive. The homeroom that sells the most will get a dress down day.

SMS also joins our parish community in donating non-perishable food to contribute to the Thanksgiving Dinner of families in need. Your contributions could include stuffing, soup, cranberry sauce, pasta, pasta sauce, gravy, boxed potatoes, boxed desserts, canned vegetables and canned yams. This food will be kept in the classrooms and gathered on November 22nd.

Please be sure to check expiration dates on these foods.

We are also in need of helpers on Saturday, November 23rd at 9:30 am in Assumption Hall to fill the baskets.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



At SMS we have a
GRATITUDE ATTITUDE! (REVISED)

Dear Parents/Guardians:

In an effort to reinforce the true spirit of Thanksgiving and to reenact the first Thanksgiving, we are asking that each child contribute to the dinner in a small way. We have planned a menu that we feel the children will enjoy and celebrate as a school family. This special luncheon will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 20th. This day will be a “Spirit Day”. Students may wear spirit wear with jeans or sweatpants. The day promises to be truly a joyous occasion.

We ask that each child contribute to the feast in the following manner:

Please bring into school by Friday, November 15th, the following (except cupcakes and rolls which will be brought in on Wednesday, November 20th) and please label these donations as “school luncheon” so they do not get mixed in with the other food donations.

K1 and K2 ... We ask that each child contribute twelve (12) cupcakes each.

Please bring the cupcakes in on Wednesday morning, November 20th.

1A and 1B ... We ask each child to bring in one (1) 12 oz. canister of Flexible Stove Top Stuffing Mix (**Chicken Flavor only**).

2A and 2B ... We ask each child bring in a **16 pack of Thanksgiving napkins**.

3A ... We ask each child to bring in one (1) can of Jellied Cranberry Sauce.

3B ... We ask each child to bring in one (1) jar of applesauce.

4A and 4B ... We ask each child to bring in one (1) large box of Hungry Jack Instant Mashed Potatoes.

5A and 5B ... We ask each child to bring in one (3) cans of turkey gravy.

6A and 6B ... We ask each child to bring in four (4) cans of corn - **no cream corn, please**.

7A and 7B ... We ask each child to bring in (1) pound of butter.

8A and 8B ... We ask each child to bring in a dozen (**12 pack**) **Kings Hawaiian Rolls**.

Please bring the rolls in on Wednesday morning, November 20th.

We thank you in advance for your generosity in making this special luncheon truly “spirited” for your children.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Patricia Mancuso
Principal

It's Turkey Feather Time!



Each year the St. Mary Ministry of Student Leadership sponsors a “friendly competition” among homerooms to see who sells the most feathers and earns the most money toward Thanksgiving baskets for parishioners in need.

It is a win-win situation. The Our Lady of Peace Social Concerns committee gets the much needed help for this huge undertaking, and the homeroom that raises the most money will get the much coveted Turkey Feather champion bragging rights for the year! In addition, the students from the homeroom selling the most feathers will get a dress down day.

Turkey feathers are being sold for 25 cents each or five for \$1.00. Money can be put in a labeled envelope and given to homeroom teachers.

As always, thanks for your help!



Christmas Shopping (Or Night Out) Babysitting Night!



sponsored by JP2 Youth Group

Sunday, December 1st

The JP2 High School Youth Group will be hosting a babysitting night so that you can get your Christmas shopping done (or have a holiday night out with friends)! It will be held in Marian Hall on Sunday, December 1st from 6:30-9:30pm.

The cost is a donation to the Youth Group of \$15/child or \$25/family (2-4 children) and it is for those children potty trained through 11 years old. Crafts, movies & snacks will be provided. Feel free to have your children wear their Christmas PJs!

Space is limited. Please pre-sign up with Kari to reserve your space: YouthMinisterKari@gmail.com



Pancake Breakfast with Santa & his friends!

Santa, Mrs. Claus, Rudolph, Elves and More!

Saturday, Dec. 7th 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)

COST INCLUDES:

- Pancakes, scrambled eggs bacon & sausage
- Coffee and drinks
- Meet and greet with Santa & friends (Bring your camera)
- Face painting
- Balloon animals
- Crafts and prizes!



To purchase tickets drop in collection basket at Mass or hand in to SMS or 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 please email: YouthMinisterKari@gmail.com

CRAFT SHOW

**WHEN: SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 24**

**WHERE: ASSUMPTION
HALL**

**ST. MARY'S SCHOOL
CARROLL AVE**

WILLIAMSTOWN, NJ

TIME: 8 A.M. – 2 P. M.

Come out and start your
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Handcrafted Wood,
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