

# Christmas At St. Mary School

On Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> we are having a school mass at 8:45 am in Church. We are also having Christmas celebrations in classrooms arranged by the teachers and room parents. Times are as follows:

K to 2nd - celebrations from 11:15 am to 12:15 pm with pizza at 11:30 am

3rd to 5th - celebrations from 11:45 am to 12:45 pm with pizza at 12:00 pm

6th to 8th - celebrations from 12:15 pm to 1:15 pm with pizza at 12:30 pm

**STUDENTS MAY WEAR JEANS or SWEATPANTS WITH A CHRISTMAS COLORED OR THEMED SHIRT.** (Clothes must be modest and appropriate for school and please NO headbands, hats or light up objects).

**Any early dismissals will have to be before 12:00 pm on this day. No other early dismissals will be permitted. All students staying for celebrations must dismiss by cars/walkers or bus at 2:45 pm.**

# Action Alert

In May, the New Jersey Legislature introduced a package of bills that would create a New Jersey version of the federal Affordable Care and Patient Protection Act of 2010.

Included in those bills is S3804/A5508, legislation that would eliminate the long-standing exemption in the current state law (P.L. 2005 c.251) that protects religious employers from having to provide health insurance coverage for family planning medications, devices, and procedures, including abortion inducing drugs and sterilizations.

If signed into law, S3804/A5508 would impact the ability of Catholic Dioceses, Catholic schools, and Catholic Charities Agencies to offer employees comprehensive health benefits without violating fundamental Catholic principles.

The New Jersey Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee will consider S3804/A5508 for a vote on Thursday, December 5, 2019. If S3804/A5508 passes the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee, we anticipate the full Senate to vote on these bills on Monday December 16.

Please contact your State Senator asking that they protect religious freedom.

Click the link below to log in and send your message:

<https://www.votervoice.net/BroadcastLinks/sGJZNKtK3qQ60XGsefiLdA>

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# Picture Information

## Individual Pictures Absentee/Retakes

Individual absentee/retake pictures will be taken **TUESDAY, JANUARY 7TH**. For retakes, please be sure to return your original portraits with your student on Tuesday, January 7th. For absentee pictures, please make sure your child brings in order form with payment. If you need an order form for absentee pictures, please request one from your child's teacher. Students may wear appropriate casual clothing or their school uniform.

## Class Pictures

Class pictures will be taken **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8TH**. All students should wear the official winter school uniform for class pictures. **NO NUT CARDS MAY BE USED ON THIS DAY**. If Wednesday is your child's usual gym day, please have your child wear the official winter school uniform and not their gym clothes.

## Graduation Pictures

Eighth Grade graduation pictures will be taken **THURSDAY, JANUARY 16TH**. Eighth grade students should wear the official winter school uniform. **NO NUT CARDS MAY BE USED BY EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS ON THIS DAY**. You will **NOT** receive an order form ahead of time. You will receive proofs and you will be able to order what you choose from the proofs. The absentee/retake day for graduation pictures is Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>.

# **Intramural Basketball**

## **Grades K & 1** (Introduction to BB)

Practices are on Sundays 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm.

Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, & 16<sup>th</sup>

### **Team 1:**

Luke Arzio

Maxwell Burns

Jonathan Corbett

Jack Wisniewski

Kendrick Toner

Brody Shisler

Logan Bonk

Ethan Lick

Eric Ouedraogo

### **Team 2:**

Veyah Zayas

Anthony Grant

Robert Gibney

Coda McKnight

Reis Johnson

Joseph Dickerson

Finneas Dussell

Jackson Souders

Nathan Trail

# **Intramural Basketball**

## **Grades 2 & 3**

**Coach Ryan Storey w/Asst. Coach Bonny Chezik (2-3 Instructional)**

Practices are on Sundays 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, & 19<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, & 16<sup>th</sup>

### **Team 1:**

Maximilian Chezik

Amelia DePaul

Adam Simon

David Francis

Christopher Onwuegbule

Nolan Allison

### **Team 2:**

Michael West

Jagger Raubertas

Madison DiScienza

Brayden Storey

Stephen Fehon

# ***SAVE THE DATE***



**Daddy/Daughter Dance**

**K – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Friday, February 7, 2020**

**6:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

**Assumption Hall**

**Dancing, photographer, food and fun**

**More information coming in January!**

# CANDY CANE GRAMS

St. Mary's PTA is sponsoring a Candy Cane Gram sale! Parents, Grandparents, Sisters, Brothers, Aunts, Uncles and even Pets can send a Christmas Message to students. The cost is \$1.00 per Gram which will include a candy cane and your Christmas Message. All grams must be purchased no later than **Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**. The grams will be delivered to the classrooms on **Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**. **Please cut them out on the dotted lines.**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class Room \_\_\_\_\_

Christmas Message:

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***Reminder Parents/Guardians: The deadline is quickly approaching for the tuition assistance application 12/31/19.***

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.

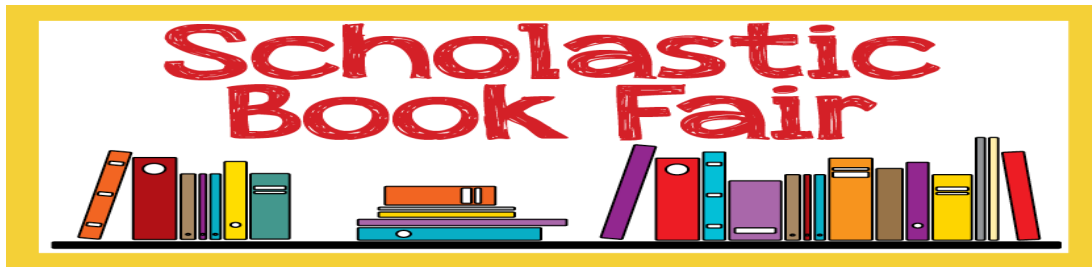
All applications must be completed electronically at <https://online.factsmgmt.com/signin/3KGBP>. You will come to the home page and then be able to log on using your username and password for your FACTS account. You will then see a link that will take you to the tuition assistance application. The 2018 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 31<sup>st</sup>.** If you have any questions regarding FACTS Tuition Assistance procedures please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Patricia Mancuso  
Principal





**Dear Teachers, Parents, and Guardians:**

It's time for the Book Fair! Please see below for important information.

**BOOK FAIR DATES: January 21<sup>st</sup> through January 24<sup>th</sup>**

Please see attached schedule for the date and time your child will be visiting the Book Fair. If you would like your child to purchase a book please send money in an envelope with child's name, homeroom, and Book Fair written on the front and send it into school the day your child is scheduled to attend.

**Family Night: Tuesday January 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 am to 7:00 am**

If you would like to shop but can't make it during the day please attend our Family Night. This is a great opportunity to shop with your child.

**Grandparents/Special Person Event: Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 10:00 am**

Your child will have the chance to shop exclusively with a grandparent or special person. You will be able to enter through the front doors and have your grandchild meet you at the Book Fair, so you will be able shop with him/her.

**Mrs. McGrane Drawing and Coloring/Contest:**

**Grade K-3** will have a coloring contest.

**Grade 4** will have the chance to create, draw, and color

**Grade 5** will have the chance to create, draw, and color

**Grade 6** will have the chance to create, draw, and color

**Grade 7** will have the chance to create, draw, and color

**Grade 8** will have the chance to create, draw, and color

The winner of each grade will win Scholastic Dollars to be used at the Book Fair!

**NEW THIS YEAR: STUDENT GIFT CERTIFICATES**

We are offering parents, families, and friends the opportunity to purchase a gift certificate for the students. It will make the perfect Christmas stocking stuffer or gift. Please print the attached form and send into school to the attention of Lori Reilly.

**Teacher Gift Certificates:**

We are offering parents the opportunity to purchase a gift certificate for their teachers from home. If you would like to purchase a gift certificate (can be for any teacher you would like) please print the attached form and send into school to the attention of Lori Reilly, Book Fair Gift Certificate. We will deliver all gift certificates to teachers to be used at the Book Fair.

PTA appreciates your help and support during this week. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at the e-mail listed below.

Sincerely,  
SMS PTA  
Lori Reilly – [lori669@yahoo.com](mailto:lori669@yahoo.com)

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## **Scholastic Book Fair Student Gift Certificate Order Form**

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ A B

Amount of gift certificate: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Gift certificates will be sent home with student in sealed envelope on Tuesday,  
December 17, 2019.

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## **Scholastic Book Fair Teacher Gift Certificate Order Form**

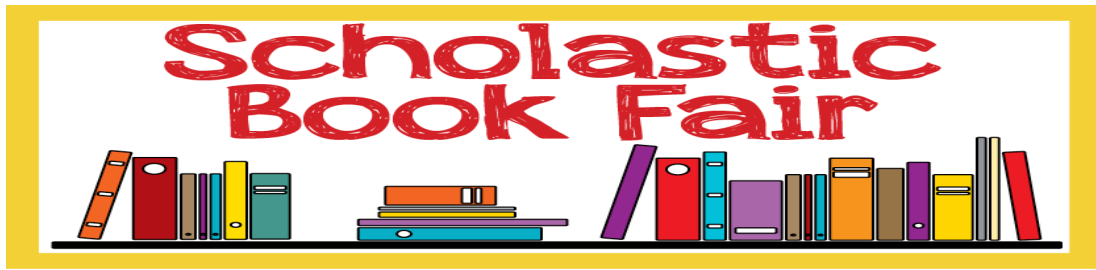
Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of gift certificate: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Gift certificates will be given to the teachers on Tuesday, January 21, 2020.



# SCHEDULE

January 21<sup>st</sup> thru January 23<sup>rd</sup>

<b>Time</b>	<b>Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup></b>
<b>8:30-9:00</b>	8A	5A	
<b>9:00-9:30</b>	PK3	PK3	2B
<b>9:30-10:00</b>	PK4	PK4	7A
<b>10:00-10:30</b>	8B	2A	6A
<b>10:30-11:00</b>		1B	
<b>11:00-11:30</b>			7B
<b>11:30-12:00</b>			6B
<b>12:00-12:30</b>		K2	1A
<b>1:00-1:30</b>	5B	3B	4A
<b>1:30-2:00</b>	K1	3A	4B



**Williamstown Ballet  
invites you to SMS Night at  
The Nutcracker!  
Friday, 12/20/19 @ 7:00  
The Grand Theatre**

**SMS students only pay \$10.00 (regularly \$18.00)  
Adults \$22.00 Seniors \$18.00**

**Students, Wear your SMS Spirit wear to receive a FREE raffle ticket for our Christmas Prize Basket or Giant Nutcracker! And you may attend the back stage meet and greet with our cast members. **Some of them are our very own SMS classmates!****

**Call/text orders to 856-304-4294**

**All proceeds from raffle ticket sales go to SMS!**

