



December 17, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for helping us celebrate this wonderful season of Advent! Our school band, led by Miss Mariela Cifuentes, opened our first Christmas Show which was followed by our K-3 singers. The Performing Arts Club also did a spectacular job in their performance of "Two Uncertain Shepherds" written and directed by Miss Erin Whittaker. We are so proud of our children and the special gifts that they share with us whether it is as a singer, instrumentalist or performer!

Thank you, for the many good wishes and treats that have been sent our way! We appreciate your kindness. May God fill your life with love, joy and peace this Holiday Season and throughout the New Year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mancuso

# PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

Loving God,

During this holy season of Christmas,  
we ask for your blessing on all families.

Let Mary's openness to your  
wondrous ways be an inspiration  
to place all trust in you.

Let Joseph's courage provide hope  
during times of anxiety and uncertainty.

Let Jesus's life ignite all families with  
a spirit of light and love.

May the grace that encircled the Holy Family  
widen to embrace all families.

For this we pray. Amen



# 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.**



# SAINT MARY SCHOOL

## JANUARY 2020



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<i>Please see Miss Whittaker's schedule for January Performing Arts practices.</i>	1 <b>No School</b> <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b>	2 <i>Welcome Back To School</i> Chess Club 2:45 – 4:00	3	4 Mass Schedule 4:00 p.m.
5 Mass Schedule 7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	6 Band	7 <i>Individual Absentee/Retake Pictures</i> Lab Week A SCRIP Orders Due Science Explorers 2:45 – 4:00	8 <i>Class Pictures</i> Ministry of Student Leadership 2:45-4:00 Science Explorers 2:45 – 4:00 Open House 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	9  Rosary Club 2:45 – 3:20	10 <b>1:00 Dismissal Faculty Meeting</b>	11 Mass Schedule 4:00 p.m.
12 Mass Schedule 7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	13 Band	14 Lab Week B SCRIP Orders Due  Science Explorers 2:45 – 4:00	15  Science Explorers 2:45 – 4:00	16 <i>8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Graduation Pictures</i> Chess Club 2:45 – 4:00 Buffalo Wild Wings Night 4:30-8:30	17  Kindness Club 2:45 – 4:00	18 Mass Schedule 4:00 p.m.
19 Mass Schedule 7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	20 <b>No School</b> <b>Martin Luther King Day</b> 	21 Band, Book Fair Lab Week C SCRIP Orders Due Science Explorers 2:45 – 4:00 Book Fair Night 5:00 -7:00 pm AH	22 Book Fair  Science Explorers 2:45 – 4:00	23 Book Fair  Rosary Club 2:45 – 3:20 Open House 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	24 Grandparents/Special Person Book Fair 9:00 - 10:00  End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Marking Period	25 First Penance 2A & 2B 9:30 am Church Mass Schedule 4:00 p.m.
26 Confirmation Retreat 12-5 AH Parents Mtg. 3 – 4 Mass at 4	27 Catholic Schools Week Band School Mass 9:15	28 Scrip Orders Due  Science Explorers 2:45 – 4:00	29 Registration Day in Science Lab Science Explorers 2:45 – 4:00	30	31 <b>1:00 Dismissal Faculty Meeting</b>	



# January Elem. Lunch Menu St Mary's Williamstown



**DAILY ALTERNATES:**  
Chex Cereal & Yogurt (GF)  
(Chicken Nuggets)  
PB & J Sandwich (V)

We Use  
Whole Grain  
Products!

**Daily Fruit Offerings:**  
Fresh, Cupped, 100% Juice  
All Salads Come With a Grain.

**Choose 1 Entrée.**  
(3 Daily Specials & 2 Daily Alternates for the Month)  
**Lunch Includes:**  
Protein ~ Grain ~ Fruit  
Veggie ~ Milk  
Choose at least 3 out of 5 components.  
You must choose at least 1 fruit or veggie.  
You may take 2 Fruit & 2 Veggie Choices!

(V) = Vegetarian Ingredients (GF) = Gluten-Free Ingredients

<b>NEW Meatless Monday</b>	<b>Fun Flavors Tuesday!</b> AKA: Taco Tuesday, Mexican, Asian, Italian	<b>Wacky Wednesday!</b> A School Favorite! The random category!	<b>Chicken Lover's Thursday!</b> Everything & Anything CHICKEN!	<b>Pizza Lover's Friday!</b> Cheesy Pizza By The Slice!
<p><b>Lunch Prices:</b> Regular Lunch \$2.95; Extra Entrée: \$1.75; Reduced: \$0.40; Water: \$0.60 Milk: \$0.60 *Menu subject to change Food Service Director: Debbie Spasari smw@nsfm.com Phone: 856-629-6419 <b>Milk:</b> Skim White, Skim Chocolate, Skim Strawberry, 1% White, Lactaid</p>		<b>Wednesday-January 1</b>	<b>Thursday-January 2</b>	<b>Friday-January 3</b>
		<b>Happy New Year</b>	<p><b>Chicken Tenders</b> w/ a Dinner Roll Hot Dog on a Bun</p> <p><b>Sides:</b> Rainbow Veggie Medley Broc Bites w/ Ranch</p>	<p><b>French Bread Pizza</b> By The Slice (V) Trix Yogurt &amp; Bagel Garden Salad w/Tuna</p> <p><b>Sides:</b> Vege-licious Garden Salad Mixed Patch w/Dip</p>
<b>Nat'l Shortcake Day!</b>	<b>Tuesday-January 7</b>	<b>Wednesday-January 8</b>	<b>Thursday-January 9</b>	<b>Friday-January 10</b>
<p><b>Green Ham &amp; Cheese</b> On a Bagel Turkey Bacon Cheeseburger Buffalo Chicken Salad</p> <p><b>Sides:</b> Fries-Strawberry Shortcake Swt. Potato Hummus w/ Chips</p>	<p><b>Nachos Grande</b> w/ Corn Chips &amp; Toppings Chicken Parmesan Sandwich</p> <p><b>Sides:</b> Super Sweet Corn Carrots w/ Swt. Potato Hummus</p>	<p><b>Waffles</b> w/ Sausage Ham &amp; Cheese Hoagie Fiesta Taco Salad</p> <p><b>Sides:</b> Blueberry Parfait Celery w/ Ranch</p>	<p><b>Popcorn Chicken</b> w/Breadstick Hot Dog on a Bun</p> <p><b>Sides:</b> Southwest Baked Beans Broc Bites w/ Ranch</p>	<p><b>Personal Pizza</b> By The Pie (V) Yogurt &amp; Bagel Tuna Hoagie</p> <p><b>Sides:</b> Julius Caesar Salad Mixed Patch w/Dip</p>
<b>Monday-January 13</b>	<b>Tuesday-January 14</b>	<b>Nat'l Bagel Day!</b>	<b>Nat'l Hot &amp; Spicy Food Day!</b>	<b>Friday-January 17</b>
<p><b>Three Cheese (V)</b> Grilled Cheese Sandwich Turkey Bacon Cheeseburger Buffalo Chicken Salad</p> <p><b>Sides:</b> Tomato Soup-Green Beans Swt. Potato Hummus w/ Chips</p>	<p><b>Chicken Fajita</b> w/ Rice Chicken Patty on a Bun</p> <p><b>Sides:</b> Broccoli-Fortune Cookie Carrots w/ Swt. Potato Hummus</p>	<p><b>Pizza Bagel</b> Topped w/ Pepperoni Turkey &amp; Cheese Hoagie Chicken Caesar Salad</p> <p><b>Sides:</b> Mixed Veggies Celery w/ Ranch</p>	<p><b>Oven Baked Chicken</b> w/BBQ sauce or Hot Sauce Hot Dog on a Bun</p> <p><b>Sides:</b> Mashed Potatoes Broc Bites w/ Ranch</p>	<p><b>Pizza Dippers</b> w/Dippin Cup (V) Trix Yogurt &amp; Bagel Garden Salad w/Tuna</p> <p><b>Sides:</b> Vege-licious Garden Salad Mixed Patch w/Dip</p>
<b>Monday-January 20</b>	<b>Celebrate Nat'l Popcorn Day!</b>	<b>Wednesday-January 22</b>	<b>Thursday-January 23</b>	<b>Friday-January 24</b>
<p><b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day- No School</b></p>	<p><b>Popcorn Chicken</b> w/Breadstick Chicken Parmesan Sandwich</p> <p><b>Sides:</b> Corn &amp; Popcorn Cup Carrots w/ Swt. Potato Hummus</p>	<p><b>French Toast Sticks</b> w/Turkey Bacon Ham &amp; Cheese Hoagie Chicken Caesar Salad</p> <p><b>Sides:</b> Tator Tots Celery w/ Ranch</p>	<p><b>Chicken Fries</b> w/ a Corn Muffin Hot Dog on a Bun</p> <p><b>Sides:</b> Rainbow Veggie Medley Broc Bites w/ Ranch</p>	<p><b>Pizzeria Pizza</b> By The Slice Trix Yogurt &amp; Bagel Tuna Hoagie</p> <p><b>Sides:</b> Julius Caesar Salad Mixed Patch w/Dip</p>
<b>Monday-January 27</b>	<b>Nat'l Blueberry Pancake Day!</b>	<b>Wednesday-January 29</b>	<b>National Croissant Day!</b>	<b>Thursday-January 31</b>
<p><b>Pizza Crunchers</b> w/Cheese &amp; Sauce Turkey Bacon Cheeseburger Buffalo Chicken Salad</p> <p><b>Sides:</b> Rainbow Veggie Medley Swt. Potato Hummus w/ Chips</p>	<p><b>Pancakes</b> w/ Blueberries &amp; a Yogurt Cup Chicken Patty on a Bun</p> <p><b>Sides:</b> Roasted Potatoes-Grapefruit Sample Carrots w/ Swt. Potato Hummus</p>	<p><b>Nachos Grande</b> w/Corn Chips &amp; Toppings Turkey &amp; Cheese Hoagie Chicken Caesar Salad</p> <p><b>Sides:</b> Seasoned Rice &amp; Beans Celery w/ Ranch</p>	<p><b>Hot Ham &amp; Cheese</b> On a Croissant Hot Dog on a Bun</p> <p><b>Sides:</b> Sweet Potato Crinkle Fries Broc Bites w/ Ranch</p>	<p><b>French Bread Pizza</b> By The Slice Trix Ypgurt &amp; Bagel Garden Salad w/Tuna</p> <p><b>Sides:</b> Vege-licious Garden Salad Mixed Patch w/Dip</p>





***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

# Picture Information

## Individual Pictures Absentee/Retakes

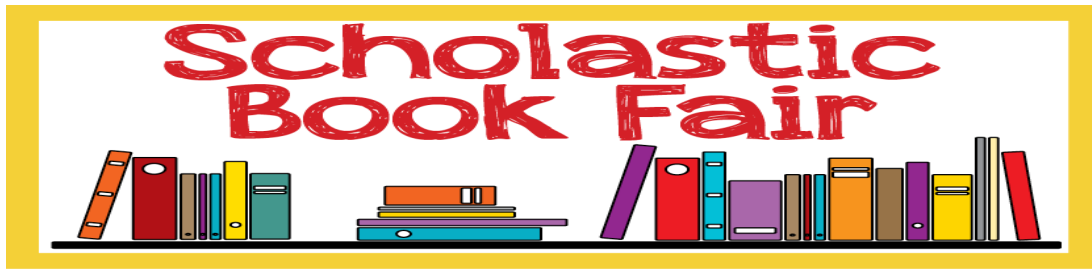
Individual absentee/retake pictures will be taken **TUESDAY, JANUARY 7TH**. For retakes, please be sure to return your original portraits with your student on Tuesday, January 7th. For absentee pictures, please make sure your child brings in order form with payment. If you need an order form for absentee 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. **The order forms will be sent home in student's communication folders on Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

## 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>.



## **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.

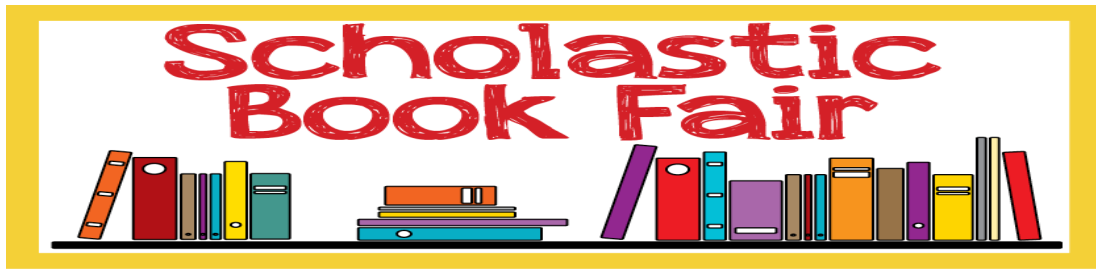
### **Teacher Gift Certificates:**

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)





# 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

# 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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# ***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!**

# Mothers' Retreat

To Know that She is Loved...



Please join us to spend time with the Lord in a day of prayerful reflection. The Retreat, led by Fr. Mazzarella, will begin with Mass in the main church and will include Adoration, Confession, spiritual talks, and time for discussion. Lunch will be provided. Nursing/lap babies are welcome.

Cost: \$30 if registration is received by December 18, 2019. After this date, the cost is \$35.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2020 | 8AM - 1PM**

**OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH  
32 CARROLL AVENUE | WILLIAMSTOWN, NJ**

Please mail the registration form below along with cash or check.  
Any questions, please contact Allegra Viola at [allegra.m.viola@gmail.com](mailto:allegra.m.viola@gmail.com)

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**MOTHERS' RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM**



Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed: Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_

Your Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost is \$30 by 12/18 or \$35 after

Checks made payable to Our Lady of Peace Parish  
In the Memo line, please note Mothers' Retreat

**Mail to:** Our Lady of Peace Parish  
Attn: Allegra Viola  
32 Carroll Avenue  
Williamstown, NJ 08094