



January 14, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our Catholic Schools Week agenda is in our on line Communication Folder. Our week begins with a great big thank you to Our Lady of Peace Parish for their consistent support of our school. We are asking for student volunteers to participate in each weekend mass (January 25th and 26th). Please see student's Communication Folders for a hard copy of the sign- up sheet and send it in by tomorrow. Also note that our Open House for parents/guardians and grandparents is Thursday, January 30th from 9:00 am – 10:00 am.

Some of the activities we are planning for Catholic Schools Week are the Science Tellers presentation titled "Aliens: Escape from Earth" for grades K-5 and a Walnut Street Theater performance titled "No Easy Road to Freedom" for grades 6th- 8th. They will be with us on Wednesday, January 29th. To help with the cost of these activities, we are requesting that every student in grades K–8th contribute \$2.00.

Re-registration for the 20-21 school year is underway! For our planning, we ask that all students be reregistered by Wednesday, January 29th. This will provide us with information needed as we schedule recruitment events. Remember that the best form of promoting our school is word of mouth...tell your family and friends about St. Mary! Have them schedule a tour or attend an open house!

Our Science Exhibit will be held on Wednesday, March 25th. Information went home today with student's in their communication folders. Thank you in advance to our school board who organizes this experience for our students!

Each morning we pray for school families as indicated on the Prayer Calendar in our on line communication folder. You are welcome to send us special intentions as well. The prayers of our children are very powerful!

God Bless,

Mrs. Mancuso



A reminder: As you know each year at this time we are in the process of admitting new students to St. Mary School. This process involves a number of various details. Foremost, is determining available space in each classroom. For those families who have not re-registered your child/ren, please do so on or before Wednesday, January 29th. Your prompt response to this request is appreciated.

Please remember if you need to register any new students in Preschool, Kindergarten or grades 1st – 7th our registration is scheduled for Wednesday, January 29th from 8:45 am – 10:45 am in the Science Lab, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm and 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm in the Science Lab.

ST. MARY SCHOOL
RE-REGISTRATION FORM FOR CURRENT STUDENTS ONLY
for the school year 2020-2021

Family Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____ Parish in which you are registered _____

Child's Name
(CURRENT STUDENTS ONLY)

Grade for 2020/
 2021 school year

For School Use Only

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Student 1	\$ _____
Student 2	\$ _____
Student 3	\$ _____
Student 4	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____

Re-registration fee is \$100.00 Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Check # _____
 Per child **(NON-REFUNDABLE)**

**FOR OUR ENROLLMENT PLANNING PURPOSES, PLEASE ADD ADDITIONAL NEW STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES K-7
 (ONLY) INFORMATION BELOW – PLEASE DO NOT SEND REGISTRATION FEE FOR THESE STUDENTS AT THIS TIME**

GRADE	FIRST NAME OF STUDENT	LAST NAME OF STUDENT	<i>For Office Use Only</i>
			\$ _____
			\$ _____

If you have an additional student/s to register for Pre-School, Kindergarten, or Grades 1st to 7th, you must come to our New Student Registration on Wednesday, January 29th or at one of our open houses, see school website for dates.

The registration fee for new 3 and 4 year old preschool students and kindergarten thru 7th grade students will be collected at the new student registration on Wednesday, January 29th.

Please check:

_____ I will not be registering my child/ren in SMS for the next school year.

Please list the reason on the other side. Thank you!

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT BY WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2020 AT THE LATEST. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PROMPT RETURN OF THIS INFORMATION.



Dear Parent/ Guardians,

Catholic Schools Week will soon be upon us! We would like to begin the week long celebration by thanking the parishioners of Our Lady of Peace Parish on Saturday, January 25th and Sunday, January 26th. We are looking for student volunteers for each mass. There will also be a faculty member assigned to each mass to assist the student volunteers.

Your child may be asked to help by acting as a greeter, walk in the entrance procession, join in the offertory procession or distribute bulletins at the end of mass. We hope that you and your family will be available that weekend.

If this is a possibility for your family, please sign the bottom of this form and return it to school. Because so many students will want to be involved, we ask that you commit to the time you choose below. Students who are participating as well as those who choose not to have a specific task are asked to wear their school uniform to all the masses that weekend to represent SMS. Please return the form below by **Wednesday, January 15, 2020**. We will be organizing the masses and will be in touch with you the following week regarding your child's responsibilities for the mass.

Sincerely,
Catholic Schools Week Committee

Catholic Schools Week

My child _____ in grade _____
would like to represent our school at Our Lady of Peace Parish during Catholic Schools Week.

Please indicate the time of the Mass you wish to attend:

Saturday – 1/25/2020 4:00 pm _____

Sunday – 1/26/2020 7:30 am _____ 9:00 am _____ 10:30 am _____
12:00 noon _____ 6:00 pm _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____



ST. MARY SCHOOL

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

JANUARY 26, 2020- FEBRUARY 1, 2020

Saturday, January 25 and Sunday, January 26 - Celebrate Our Parish Community

We will be looking for student volunteers to participate in the masses. Students who volunteer will be asked to wear their uniforms to mass to represent our school. This is a small way in which we can say thank you to the parishioners who support our school.

Monday, January 27 - Celebrate Our Faith

Please join us for Liturgy at 9:15 AM

K, 1, 2 - will participate in fun, academic classroom activities in the afternoon

Spelling Bee - Grades 7 and 8 1:20 PM

Tuesday, January 28 - Celebrate Our Students

Spelling Bees:

Grades 3 and 4 - 8:30 AM

Grades 5 and 6 - 9:30 AM

8A/8B Volleyball Game 1:15 PM

Wednesday, January 29 - Celebrate Our School

Wear your favorite sweatshirt with gym pants or jeans!

Walnut Street Theater Assembly - Grades 6-8

Science Tellers Assembly - Grades K-5

New Student Registration throughout the day.

Thursday, January 30 - Celebrate Our Parents and Grandparents

Open House for parents and grandparents 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM - more information to follow

Friday, January 31- Celebrate Our Students, Faculty and Staff

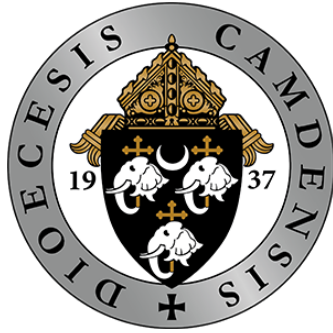
Students may wear their SMS Spiritwear and Bandanas - more info to follow on this fundraiser for the Victorious Foundation in which the proceeds will be donated to CHOP in Aidan Eberhardt's name.

Fun Friday for grades K-3

Pep Rally - 9:00 AM -10:00 AM

1:00 PM Dismissal

Teacher Appreciation Lunch after school



MEMORANDUM

To: All Parishes/Schools
From: Father Robert Hughes, V.G.
Date: January 10, 2020
RE: **LEGISLATIVE ALERT – ACTION URGED**

Accompanying this memorandum is an action alert from the New Jersey Catholic Conference encouraging the Catholic faithful across New Jersey to contact Governor Murphy in regard to a bill that has been sent to his desk for signature.

The bill expands insurance coverage for abortion and removes the religious exemption thus requiring church organizations to provide services and/or drugs which are contrary to God's law.

It is of the utmost importance that the Catholic faithful make themselves heard on this issue by writing to the Governor and asking him to veto the bill. The loss of this religious exemption could lead to further restrictions being placed on the Church and its institutions. There are number of battles looming – especially in the area of funding to students who attend religious schools. The loss of those funds would be crippling.

Please do your best to circulate the NJCC alert with its link that allows the faithful to write directly to the Governor's Office as soon as possible. This is a time-sensitive request since the Governor could sign the bill as early as next week.

Your cooperation and assistance are appreciated.

Action Alert

On January 9, 2020, the New Jersey Senate passed **S3804/A5508**, legislation that would expand insurance coverage for abortion inducing drugs and eliminate the religious employers' exemption contained in New Jersey law (P.L. 2005, C.251).

Now, the legislation heads to Governor Murphy's desk for his signature.

Please contact Governor Murphy and ask that he conditionally veto S3804/A5508 to protect the religious employers' exemption.

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

<https://www.votervoice.net/BroadcastLinks/UeXB27ekFIF8PqQEjTZ1EA>

The St. Mary Ministry of Student Leadership
is hosting a “win-win” opportunity
to participate in a Corporal Works of Mercy project:

“Soup for the Soup-er Bowl”



Beginning now until Friday, January 31st each student who brings in two cans of soup (or more) will receive a NUT card (one dress down day).



All collections will go to the Our Lady of Peace food pantry.



It's a cold winter. Let's show how warm our hearts are!



Science Tellers and Walnut Street Theater

January, 2020

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Patricia Mancuso
Principal

Science Tellers/Walnut Street Theater

Student Name

Class



January 14, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of the SMS School Board we are happy to continue with the annual St. Mary's Science Exhibit. We are inviting our students to participate in a project-based activity that supports the educational goals of the school. Science, technology, and research are three key areas that our students continue to learn more about on a day to day basis and will remain at the forefront of their schooling as they move well beyond St. Mary's School. This will prove to be an exciting opportunity for all our students!

We are opening this opportunity to our students in two ways. Our K-3 students will be completing their Science Exhibit entry during the school day and will submit one per class to display on the night of the Exhibit. For students in Grades 4-8, we are asking any interested students to sign up to complete an individual project or two student projects for students who are in the same grade level. This is *optional* and only students wishing to participate should sign up. The Science Exhibit will be held the evening of **March 25, 2020 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm** in Assumption Hall. Students who are interested in participating will need to submit their completed projects (including all supplies) on the morning of **March 24, 2020**. Please sign and return the permission slip below by **January 28, 2020** if your child is interested in participating.

Below is some helpful information for 4th-8th grade students who are interested in participating. There will be more information/guidance to come via the Communication Folder.

Projects should be driven by student interest.

All projects will need to be presented using the scientific method.

All projects will need to be displayed on a presentation board that you can purchase at any local office supply store.

The 4th-8th grade students will be provided with feedback on their projects by judges who work in the fields of Science and Technology.

If you have any questions about the Science Exhibit, please feel free to reach out to Education Committee Member, Berra G. Murdah at Bgmurdah@Yahoo.com

Thank you,

The SMS School Board

Science Exhibit

Student Name _____ Grade Level _____

_____ Yes, my child will be participating in the annual St. Mary's Science Exhibit and working alone.

_____ Yes, my child will be participating in the annual St. Mary's Science Exhibit and working with
_____.

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ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

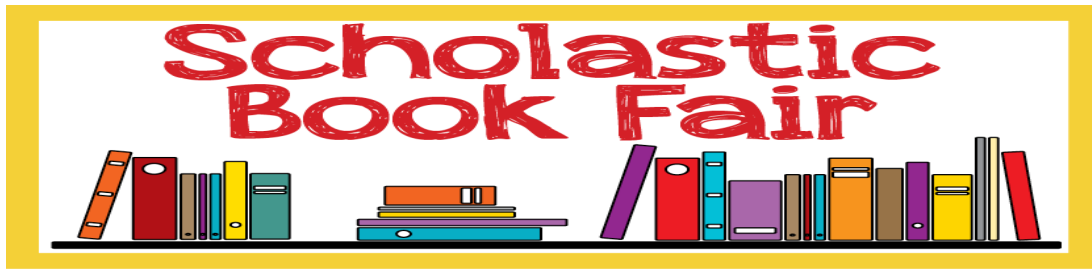
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ADMIT ONE



Dear Teachers, Parents, and Guardians:

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

BOOK FAIR DATES: January 21st through January 24th

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 21st 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 24th 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. 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

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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 Friday,
January 17, 2020.

Scholastic Book Fair Teacher Gift Certificate Order Form

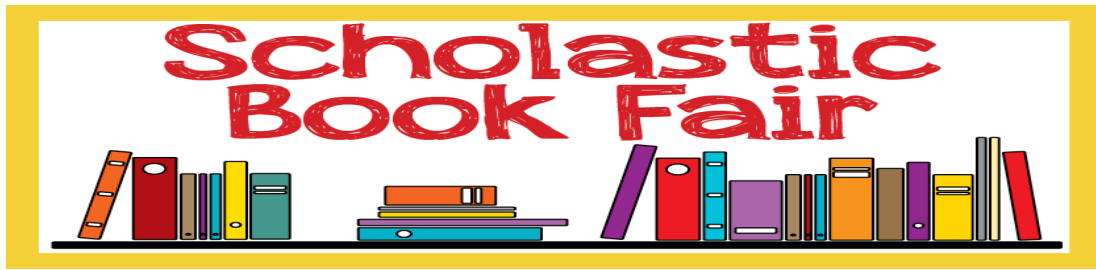
Family Name: _____

Teacher Name: _____

Amount of gift certificate: _____

Check Number: _____ Cash _____

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



SCHEDULE

January 21st thru January 23rd

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

St. Mary School 2nd Annual



Girls in grades K-8 please come join us for a special evening where Dads and Daughters will make memories that will last a life time! Dads and daughters are welcome to dress up for this occasion. A photographer will be there so you can order photos.

When: Friday, February 7th ~ 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Where: St. Mary School, Assumption Hall

*Cost: \$13.00 Dads
\$10.00 Daughters*

Cost Includes: DJ, pizza, soft pretzels, cupcakes, cookies, water and soda

Please send money in to school on or before Wednesday, February 5th.

Daddy/Daughter Dance

Print Family Last Name: _____

Student Name(s): _____

Amount enclosed: _____



No tickets will be sent home we will have a list at the door.



INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL FOR 3RD AND 4TH GRADE GIRLS

St. Mary School will hold an Intramural Basketball league for girls in 3rd and 4th grade. It will begin on January 19, 2020 from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm and run through March. (additional dates and times TBD) Mr. Joe Foley will be the basketball coach for the girls. To register please complete the forms on the front page of the school website under athletics. The girls will not be able to participate until all registration forms are completed. Please send the forms to the main office before January 17th. There will be no registration fee since this is an intramural league.



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.

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

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