



Dear Parents and Guardians,

From March 2, 2020 to March 6, 2020, students in grades 3-7 will take the *Iowa Assessments*™. The purpose of this letter is to inform you about the tests so that—with your support and encouragement—your student will do his or her best on the tests.

About the *Iowa Assessments*

The *Iowa Assessments* help determine how students are performing on nationwide standards. These assessments measure achievement in several important content areas including Reading, English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. The exact tests that your student takes will depend on his or her grade level.

The *Iowa Assessments* help teachers identify a student's strengths and areas that may need additional emphasis. The *Iowa Assessments* also measure student growth and progress in the content areas assessed from year to year and may provide information about college readiness for older students. The assessments produce information that enables sound decision making and provides a focus for teachers to evaluate instruction.

Each test includes sample questions to help students become familiar with the content and format of the tests. Samples help students understand what to do—how to mark answers and move from question to question.

For most tests, students read the questions and mark their answers by filling in a circle for each question. All test questions are multiple choice, and the tests last about 10 to 35 minutes.

How your student can prepare for test taking—and what you can do to help

A student who is well rested, well fed and has a positive attitude about testing is best prepared for testing. You can help your student do his or her best by considering these tips:

- Make sure that your student is in school and on time on test days. Reschedule dentist appointments and other out-of-school time on non-testing days.
- Make sure your student gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast before each day of testing.
- Remind your student that these tests are only **one** measure of what he or she has learned. Emphasize that you have confidence in his or her ability to do the best job possible.
- Remind your student to listen to the directions and read each question carefully during testing. Encourage your student to ask the teacher for help if he or she does not understand the directions.

Score reporting and how we use test results

The school will receive test scores in about 6 weeks. These scores will indicate how your student performed on the tests compared with students across the nation in the same grade. Discuss the test results with your student, and if you have any questions, contact your student's classroom teacher. St. Mary School uses test results to measure individual student growth from year to year and to monitor the progress of class groups.

Thank you very much for encouraging and supporting your student during testing. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Patricia Mancuso
Principal



ACTION ALERT

COMPENSATORY EDUCATION

ISSUE: Chapter 192 (Compensatory Education) provides remedial instruction in Reading, Language Arts, and Mathematics for students in nonpublic schools. However, the program service been reduced as a result of an increase in enrollment in the program and the freeze in funding at \$995.33 since the 2008-2009 school year. The amount of time provided for the service has also been decreased since the 2008-2009 school year as a result of costs incurred by the providers of the service.

OUR POSITION: The New Jersey Catholic Conference and the New Jersey Network of Catholic School Families fully support this issue in order to remediate children in compensatory education and to increase their success for the future.

ACTION: Call, write or email the Office of Governor Phil Murphy and indicate that it has been over 10 years since this program has received a statutory increase. The amount listed in the Budget language should be at least \$1,100.00 per service in order to provide additional time for the teaching of these three subject areas. See the enclosed Talking Points for additional details.

Mailing Address The Honorable Phil Murphy
Governor of the State of New Jersey
The State House
P.O. Box 001
Trenton, NJ 08625

Phone: (609) 292-6000

Email: <https://nj.gov/governor/contact/all/>

You can also contact Governor Murphy through the NJCC Voter Voice System

<https://www.votervoice.net/NJCC/campaigns/70946/respond>



ACTION ALERT

Nonpublic School Transportation

ISSUE: Nonpublic school transportation continues to be problematic for many students with the result being that parents receive aid-in-lieu payments instead of transportation. Parent's aid-in-lieu does not help in getting their children to and from a nonpublic school because many parents have no alternative other than busing. Our parents are at the mercy of private bus contractors who provide over 85% of nonpublic transportation.

OUR POSITION: The New Jersey Catholic Conference and the New Jersey Network of Catholic School Families fully support an increase in the statutory ceiling of \$1,000 per pupil for transportation. The increase should at least be \$50.00 per pupil in order to have transportation routes run for our students.

ACTION: Call, write or email the Office of Governor Phil Murphy and ask for the requested increase to \$1,050. See Talking Points on nonpublic school transportation enclosed with this Alert.

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ST. MARY'S SCHOOL
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20
4PM-10PM



10%
DONATION NIGHT

for **St. Mary's School.**

Present this flyer at the Turnersville location and Texas Roadhouse will donate **10%** of your total food purchases to **St. Mary's School!**

856-740-4388
631 CROSS KEYS ROAD
SICKLERVILLE, NJ



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

CANDY BAR BINGO

WHEN: Friday, March 13, 2020

6 p.m. --Doors Open
6:30 p.m.-Bingo Begins

WHERE: Assumption Hall (the gym)

WHO: St. Mary School students and their grandparents (or adult special person)

COST:

\$5.00/ Adults \$6.00 at the door
\$2.00/students \$3.00 at the door

**Admission includes: 10 games/1 card per game. Additional cards will be available for purchase
Pizza, drinks and desserts will also be on sale. Dabbers will also be available for purchase.**

We will also have a 50/50 and Raffle Baskets

All proceeds to benefit St. Mary School Annual Fund

**For more information or to get on our grandparent email/ mailing list, please contact
Christine Galindo at 856-218-2946 or chrissyg19@verizon.net**

ADVANCE TICKET PURCHASE

To purchase tickets in advance, please return this form with your payment by Wednesday, March 11, 2020. Names will be at the door. **NO tickets will go home. Please keep the top portion of this flyer for your information.**

Student/s Name: _____ Homeroom/s: _____

Grandparent/Special Person Name/s: _____

_____ # of Adult Tickets X \$5.00 each Amount: \$ _____

_____ # of Student/s Tickets X \$2.00 each Amount: \$ _____

_____ Advance order ONLY for a whole pizza \$10.00 each pie:

_____ # of pies X \$10.00 each pie Amount: \$ _____

Slices ONLY will be available the night of the event.

Please make checks payable to St. Mary School. **Please send in the money for the pizza SEPARATELY from the ticket money and CASH ONLY for the pizza money.**

Total Amount enclosed: _____

Check or Cash NO REFUNDS



“Jenny’s Garden”

Our school garden was made possible by contributions from families in memory of Jennifer Lowry. Jennifer’s service and dedication to her children and our school will be remembered by all who tend this garden and sit on the memorial bench at this site.

If you’d like to donate to this project or serve on the garden committee, we welcome the help and contributions.

The mission of Jenny’s Garden is to nurture an appreciation of God’s creation as stewards of the land, enhance classroom lessons in science and health by growing a sustainable organic vegetable garden and in time, contribute to our community by sharing fresh vegetables to those in need through our parish food pantry, which helps more than 80 families weekly.

SMS Garden Club

Meetings for Spring will begin with one meeting in March on Tuesday, March 3rd. We will begin again on Tuesday, April 7th having meetings every other Tuesday for grades 1-8 from 2:45—4:00 pm.

NEED CHANGE OF CLOTHES, SIGNED PERMISSION SLIP

If your student did not sign up in the Fall and they would like to participate, please fill in below permission slip. We are also asking participating students to contribute \$10 to support our programming and to purchase supplies.



Yes, my student has permission to attend the SMS Garden Club:

Name: _____

Grade: _____

\$10 fee for participation enclosed: CASH _____ CHECK _____

SIGNED: _____

SMS Garden Club

GARDEN CLUB IS IN NEED OF ADULT HELPERS, AND GARDENERS!

We are seeking parents and grandparents who would like to join our club & committee by helping with gardening lessons and working with students! Helpers can sign up on a rotating basis. Help is needed every other Tuesday beginning April 7th from 2:45 p.m. to 4 p.m. **Bi-weekly** or **monthly** or as much as you are able to do! No experience necessary, but we would love to hear from parents who have skills to share!

If you can help, please fill out and return slip below.

Yes, I would like volunteer to help at Garden Club:

Name(s): _____

Phone _____

Email Address _____

SPORTS NEWS

Save the Date: Sports pictures will be taken on Sunday, February 23, 2020. Please see next two pages for schedule and ordering information.

**We are now accepting registrations
for Spring Sports:**

Track grades K -2 Micros

Track grades 3-8

**Co-ed Intramural Volleyball
grades 6th thru 8th**

Please fill out the registration forms and all required paperwork that is listed on the school website under Athletics.

**Please send these registrations in by Friday,
February 28th.**

Note: Not accepting any registrations for Girls Fall Volleyball at this time. Athletics will notify you in May of tryouts then forms can be sent in.

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St. Mary School Schedule

Location: Assumption Hall

Date: Sunday, February 23rd

Start Time: 1:00 pm

Time	Team Name	Coach		
1:00 PM	Intramural Cheer	Lenhardt	Pink	1
1:40 PM	JV Cheer	Lenhardt	Blue/Wht.	2
2:00 PM	Varsity Cheer	Lenhardt	Blue/Wht.	3
2:20 PM	Int. BB K-1	Dickerson	Team 1	4
2:30 PM	Int. BB K-1	Dickerson	Team 2	5
2:40 PM	Int. BB 2-3	Storey	Team 1	6
2:50 PM	Int. BB 2-3	Storey	Team 2	7
3:00 PM	JV Boys A BB	Clavardone	Blue/Wht.	8
3:10 PM	JV Boys B BB	Madden	Blue/Wht.	9
3:20 PM	4th Grade Boys Bb	Totten	Blue.	10
3:30 PM	Varsity Boys BB	Totten	Blue/Wht.	11
3:40 PM	Varsity Girls BB	Madden	Blue/Wht.	12
3:50 PM	Track K-2	McBride	Blue/Wht.	13
4:00 PM	Track 3-8	Shannons	Blue/Wht.	14
4:10 PM	Open			15

PhotoVision Sports Pictures

HOW TO ORDER PICTURES:

For Cheerleading pictures,

visit: <https://preorder.groupphotographers.com/?wo=705266>

For Basketball pictures,

visit: <https://preorder.groupphotographers.com/?wo=705267>

For Track pictures,

visit: <https://preorder.groupphotographers.com/?wo=705268>

- Click **START ORDERING NOW**
- Fill in **PARTICIPANTS** information (your **child's name**)
- Select Products (packages are shown under "Featured Items" and other products are shown under "Additional Items")
- Click the **VIEW/ADD green button** to see a sample of the item

Online ordering guarantees **NO SPELLING MISTAKES!**

Once you receive EMAIL CONFIRMATION of your order, please PRINT OUT YOUR PAID RECEIPT and bring it with you on Picture Day.

If you happen to have printer issues, don't worry. We will have a printed list of all that paid.

Call / Text 856-308-5461

PhotoVisionInc@gmail.com

St. Patty's Day Auction Dinner

Assumption Hall

Saturday, March 7th, 2020

Tickets: \$25 per person/\$40 per couple

Includes: Buffet Dinner, Water, Soda, Hot Beverages & Dessert

BYOB



Please complete the reservation form below & return to school in an envelope marked: "Auction Dinner Tickets". All tickets need to be requested on or before March 3rd, 2020s

Name & Classroom: _____

Phone #: _____ # of Tickets: _____

Amount Enclosed (checks payable to Saint Mary School PTA): _____

Tickets may be purchased individually or by tables of 8, 10 or 12

Tables will be reserved for parties of 8 on a 1st come, 1st serve basis

Tables seating 10 or 12 are limited & will also be reserved 1st come, 1st serve

For any questions, please contact: Dana Conte @ (856)237-6542
or dana.conte0923@gmail.com



Dear Parents and Friends of St. Mary School:

Our PTA Auction Committee is currently collecting prizes and donations for our St. Patty's Day Auction Dinner which will be held on Saturday, March 7th, 2020 at St. Mary School in Williamstown, NJ. We would greatly appreciate any contributions that you and/or your business can donate. The Auction has various levels of prizes, from gift certificates on up, so no prize/donation is too small or too large! We gladly accept gift cards and monetary donations that the committee will use to purchase prizes.

Please send or drop off your contributions to the school office by Friday, February 28th, 2020. If necessary, arrangements can be made to have your donations picked up by a member of the committee.

It is only through the generous participation of the parents, families and friends of St. Mary School that we are able to make this wonderful fundraiser a success. We thank you most sincerely for your donations.

Please attach the slip below with your donations

Prize: _____

Monetary/Gift Card Contribution: \$ _____

Name: _____

Classroom: _____

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST. MARY SCHOOL!

If you or anyone you know would like to be a
TABLE SPONSOR
at
SAINT MARY SCHOOL
2020 ST. PATTY'S DAY AUCTION DINNER



Please fill out the form below & send into school to the attention of: SMS PTA
Your name/business will be prominently displayed at one of our casino tables

Cost: \$50.00 per table

Deadline: March 2nd, 2020

TABLE SPONSOR FORM

Business Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Contact Number: _____

Amount Enclosed (checks payable to Saint Mary School PTA): _____

Please attach photo or advertisement to this form

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR CHILDREN AT SAINT MARY SCHOOL

+ **JOIN US ON SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST** +

FOR

INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC SPEAKER

PAUL J KIM



INTERACTIVE MUSIC, MESSAGE, & PRAYER

SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST

7:15-8:45_{pm} (Following the 6pm Mass)

HELD AT OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH

32 CARROLL AVE. WILLIAMSTOWN, NJ (IN THE CHURCH)

Paul J. Kim is one of the most sought after Catholic youth speakers in America. The way he presents is a rare gift to witness and has impacted people of all ages in 45 states & several countries over the past decade. Paul utilizes music, beatboxing, comedy, and inspirational talks to communicate the Gospel message of Christ (to over 30,000 people a year) in a way that is engaging, entertaining, and altogether life-changing.

His background includes a bachelor's degree in Philosophy (Franciscan Univ. of Steubenville), a master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy (Hope Int'l Univ), and religious formation with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (NYC). In his free time, he enjoys long walks on the beach, surfing, and speaking to strangers in random accents. He resides in Southern California with his lovely wife and three children.

+ **FAMILIES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!** +

**PLAY LIKE
A CHAMPION
TODAY**

Character Education Through Sports

Champion Coach Note

Educating and Forming Champion Coaches

Celebrating Black History Month

February is designated as Black History Month, a time to celebrate the rich heritage of African Americans and honor their achievements throughout United States history. In sports, today's generation owes a great deal to trailblazing legends like [Jackie Robinson](#), [Wilma Rudolph](#) and [Jesse Owens](#).

Another remarkable, although typically unknown figure in championing the rights of all children regardless of "race, creed or color" was Bishop Bernard Sheil. Bishop Sheil founded the Catholic Youth Organization on the South-side of Chicago in 1930 with a goal to integrate the city's youth. The original mission of the CYO was to serve all children without regard to race, creed or color through sports programs for boys and girls that promoted character development and taught young athletes to be engaged citizens. Sheil's CYO was an exercise in interracialism nearly three decades before the civil rights movement was recognized. It was fitting that during February 2017, *Play Like a Champion* co-hosted an event discussing these historical roots and considering how Catholic youth sports championed for the rights of every child to play sports in a positive environment.



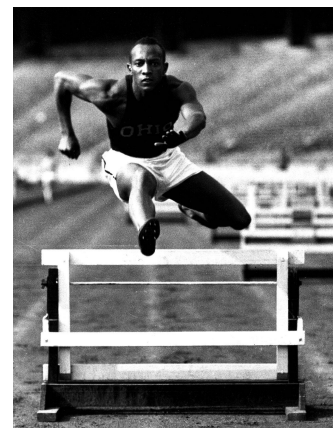
Unfortunately one does not have to look far in today's world of sports to see examples of racism, hatred or a lack of charity. The latest study by the University of Central Florida's Institute for Diversity and Ethics indicates that there were 52 reported acts of racism in sports in the United States during 2018, a 27% increase over the previous year. Internationally, racist incidents in sports were up 73%. Research by the same institute also gave a failing grade to [racial and gender diversity when it comes to hiring coaches](#). Clearly, we still have lots of work still to do in order to assure an equal playing field for all.

As coaches in the *Play Like A Champion* community, you share in our goal to assure that

all children have the opportunity to participate in a positive athletic environment, one where each child can GROW and develop physically, mentally and spiritually without fear or injustice. As we celebrate Black History Month, we invite all coaches to have a discussion with your team and reflect on how your community can commit to creating a welcoming culture and a better society. The following questions may help guide your discussion:

1. What prejudices do we struggle with on our team?
2. Does our team language and actions promote justice and equality or do we tear others down?
3. What can we do to commit to building diversity and inclusion on our team, in our school/league and in our broader community?

Together, we can all work to continue the movement started by those we celebrate during this month. Let's make sports a place where all children can experience the joy of competition, friendship and community.



Scripture of the Week: *“Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these. ~ Mark 12: 28-31*

2020 Sports Leadership Conference: Register Now for an Early Bird Discount!



Join us June 26-27 for the 15th annual **[Play Like a Champion Sports Leadership Conference!](#)** Held at the University of Notre Dame, the conference unites youth and high school athletic administrators and coaches from across North America for two days designed to **connect, educate and inspire!** [Watch the video](#) or [visit the website](#) to learn more.

This year's theme is ***Kinship through Sports: GROWing a Community of Hope.*** Rooted in the GROW approach that has been the core of *Play Like a Champion's* coach & parent training for the last 15 years, the 2020 Conference features new and exciting sessions that will develop our community in kinship. This is a can't miss event for both first-time and long-time attendees! Check out just a few of our [featured speakers](#):

Brian Mitchell - Former NFL All-Pro & Super Bowl Champion, now an analyst & speaker.

Jennifer Baker - Johns Hopkins Athletic Director has established high level leadership training for student-athletes.

Dr. Jason Richardson - World Champion athlete is now a renowned Olympic Psychologist working to maximize athlete performance.

Click the link below to learn more about the event and **register by March 1st** to get the lowest rate before prices increase! See you in June!

Learn More & Register Today at the Early Bird Rate!

A Prayer for Coaches

Dear God, as these kids put on their practice clothes and step into this gym, let us put on the belt of justice and faithfulness. Let us be champions of the children we coach today. Let them see justice and kindness. Help our gym to be a place where all children feel welcome and included. Let it be a place where all children can meet without fear of being left out or bullied. Let our gym be a place where children look after each other and feel safe and encouraged. Let our gym be a place where our children grow strong and compete fiercely, like lions, but each with warmth and acceptance like lambs. Amen.



Access Resources & Learn More at [PlayLikeaChampion.org](https://www.PlayLikeaChampion.org)

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www.playlikeachampion.org

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**Williamstown's Youth
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Year-Round Tennis Programs in its 9th Successful Year!
Spring, Summer, Fall at Williamstown Middle School Courts
(Winter at St. Matthew's Recreation Center Indoor Courts!)

Mitch Winkler, Premier Professional SJ/Philly Tennis Coach
Brittany Reedman, WHS '14 and TCNJ '18 #1 Tennis Player

Spring I Tennis Program, WMS Courts

7 Saturdays Starting March 21st, \$99

Elementary 3:15-4:15, Middle School 4:15-5:15, High School 5:15-6:15

Spring II Tennis Program, WMS Courts

7 Thursdays Starting May 14th, \$99

High School 4:30-5:30, Middle School 5:30-6:30, Elementary 6:30-7:30

Summer Tennis Program, WMS Courts

7 Thursdays Starting July 9th, \$99

High School 4:30-5:30, Middle School 5:30-6:30, Elementary 6:30-7:30

Times/Grades/Groupings Tentative and Subject to Change Based on Final Enrollment

**Tennis Flyers posted in Community News Section on
Monroe Township Public Schools website: monroetwp.k12.nj.us
For more info contact us at TennisAce926@comcast.net or 856/307-1230**

Please mail check payable to: Connie Reedman, 1400 Woodland Court, Williamstown, NJ 08094

Circle Session Requesting: Spring I Spring II Summer

Player Name: _____

Player Age: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____ Cell#: _____