

St. Mary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The third marking period is under way and the season of Lent has begun! Our children have accomplished so much this year and we look forward to being a part of their future achievements. St. Mary School is enriched by Catholic tradition and lived Gospel values and is enhanced by the celebration of liturgy, sacraments, and prayer. We at St. Mary are dedicated and will continue to provide the best educational experiences possible to your children.

As we have stated in the past, the tuition that is charged each year does not cover the cost of educating each child at St. Mary School which is \$6,890.00. Participation in our fundraisers is strongly encouraged not only to bring together our community but to raise funds that offset the cost of educating each child. Along with the fundraising efforts of our PTA and Advancement Committee, Our Lady of Peace Parish makes tremendous investments to support the school in operational expenses as well as academic programs and is thereby helping to lower your tuition costs. As per the Bishop's Report: A Plan for Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Camden the parish continues to support the school through the Interparochial Catholic School Fund (ICSF). This fund supports all Catholic Schools in the diocese thus our parish will continue to support our school and other schools in the upcoming school year. Our Lady of Peace Parish contributed \$142,525.00 to the ICSF for the current school year. That dollar amount will increase for the 2020-2021 school year. The monies that each of the parishes contribute is then disbursed to the schools. Each school receives a percentage of the fund based on need. We do not receive the entire amount. The diocese gives us guidance regarding the percentage of tuition increase for the 2020-2021 school year. We work very carefully on our budget so that we can keep increases to a minimum and will continue the practice of not charging additional fees. Enrollment in Catholic Schools across our diocese and country has decreased and we are not immune to this decrease. We have budgeted for 380 students next year and have had to make some hard decisions in order to balance the budget.

We will continue to make tuition assistance available in the budget. We distributed approximately \$136,500 in tuition assistance to our families for this current school year. Tuition for the 2020-2021 school year will increase by \$160 for the first child (\$16.00 per month). There will be an increase of \$120.00 for the second child (\$12.00 per month). The third + child increase will be \$100.00 (\$10.00 per month). The Non-Catholic rate will increase by \$20.00 per month (\$5.00 per week).

Tuition rates for the 2020-2021 school year:

Catholic Students:

- 1st child \$5,540.00
- 2nd child \$4,250.00
- 3rd child (and each additional child) \$3,415.00

Non Catholic Students:

\$6,890.00

It is important to us that our school families get first priority to register. Thank you to those who have already submitted their registration form and fee. We will continue to hold many Open House events for those interested in our school. We appreciate you getting the word out there about our wonderful school. Word of mouth is the best form of marketing!

St. Mary School offers many opportunities for our students to grow not only academically, but spiritually, physically and emotionally. SMS is a place rich in tradition and heavily invested in faith and family. Ours is a nurturing, supportive environment that thrives from the contributions of all of its members. Our students are a valued treasure and the future leaders of our church. With the help of faculty, staff, and parents, St. Mary's is a place where children grow as students, in God's love. Thank you for your dedication to St. Mary School. We truly appreciate all of the sacrifices you make in order to provide a Catholic education to your child(ren).

God Bless,

Father Mazz

Mrs. Mancuso

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STUDENT OF THE MONTH FEBRUARY 2020

Congratulations to the following students:

Maxwell Burns	K1	Ariana King	K2
Madelyn Hutton	1A	Gabriella Burgos	1B
Zoey Priestley	2A	Katherine Grant	2B
Christopher Rice	3A	Marissa Klepac	3B
Isabella Tran	4A	Mark Hutton	4B
Isabel Palaganas	5A	Blake Bottino	5B
Valerie Ashong	6A	John Pagano	6B
Michael Audio	7A	Paul Palaganas	7B
Juliana King	8A	Ryan Vennell	8B





HOUSE POINT WINNERS 2019-2020

House of Saint Patrick Aubrey Godfrey

House of Saint Valentine Jenna Lyons

House of Saint Joseph Aubrey Carlamere

House of Saint Francis Connor Guers

House of Saint Theresa Godwill Nkemneme

House of Saint Elizabeth Chase Dayton

House of Saint Dominic Sophia Balog

House of Saint Joan of Arc Gabriella Heitz

House of Servant Maria Esperanza Tyler Histing

The division winners for highest points

Division 1 House Saint Joseph

Division 2 House of Saint Theresa

Division 3 House of Maria Esperanza



SAINT MARY SCHOOL FAMILY PRAYER CALENDAR MARCH 2020



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING ST. MARY SCHOOL FAMILIES EACH DAY DURING THIS MONTH. THESE FAMILIES WILL ALSO BE REMEMBERED DURING OUR MORNING PRAYERS.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Prokapus Family	3 Pyfrin Family	4 Quinones Family	5 Reilly Family	6 Rice Family	7
	Prokopiak Family	Quinn Family	Raubertas Family	Rende Family	Ricevuto Family	
8	9 Richardson Family Rodriguez Family	10 Rollender Family Romarino Family	11 Rouse Family Russell Family	12 Russell Family Salamone Family	13 Salib Family Sanford Family	14
15	16 Sawaya Family Scales Family	17 Scharlach Family Scheiblein Family	18 Schultz Family Semiraglio Family	19 Servus Family Shannon Family	20 Shenk Family Shisler Family	21
22	23 Silvestro Family Simon Family	24 Smith Family Soldevila Family	25 Smith Family Souders Family	26 Spasari Family Spencer Family	27 NO SCHOOL TEACHER INSERVICE DAY	28
29	30 Sta.Ana Family Staskin Family	31 Stellato Family Storey Family				

TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR



a presentation offered by the students of St. Mary School

A part of the BROADWAY JUNIOR COLLECTION

Words and Music by Leslie Bricusse and Anthony Newley

Adapted for the Stage by Leslie Bricusse and Timothy A. McDonald

Based on "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" By Roald Dahl

March 20th at 7:00 pm and March 21st at 1:00 pm in Assumption Hall

Refreshments will be available during intermission

Please complete and return the form below. Tickets are \$10.00 for an adult and \$7.00 for children

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Name	Class
Quantity (Friday, 3/20)	Amount Enclosed
Ouantity (Saturday, 3/21)	

PARENT MEETING







FOR ANY <u>CURRENT</u> $2^{ND} - 7^{TH}$ GRADE FAMILIES INTERESTED IN **CHEERLEADING** FOR THE 2020 - 2021 SCHOOL YEAR



DATE: Monday, March 23rd



TIME: 7pm



LOCATION: Science Lab

Please contact Nicole Lenhardt (Nicole092405@aol.com) if you have any questions.



Need a few more items to get you through Winter? Want to stock up on uniforms for Spring?

Good News! It's time for our next Uniform Exchange and we hope you'll help us find good homes for all of the generously donated, gently-used uniforms!!



DATE: Wednesday, March 11th

TIME: 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

LOCATION: Science Lab

If you would like to donate uniforms, you may drop them off in the school drop box between 8:00 am and 3:30 pm.

Please NO socks, tights, shoes or hair bows. If you have any Uniform Exchange questions, please email: Karen Garber kbbell@comcast.net, Nicole Lenhardt Nicole092405@aol.com





Check or Cash NO REFUNDS

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

Total Amount enclosed:

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*.

ne: Special Person Name/s:	Homeroom/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	0.00 each pie:
# of pies X \$10.00 each pie	Amount: \$
Slices ONLY will be available th	e night of the event.

OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH MUSIC MINISTRY PROUDLY PRESENTS

"YOU ARE THE CHRIST" A MUSICAL CANTATA

Directed by Jon Agresta

A live Tableau, under the direction of Nancy Fleck and Irene Kacy, together with the music will reflect the Easter story of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28[™], 2020 7:30 PM

Our Lady of Peace Parish/St Mary's Church
32 CARROLL AVENUE
WILLIAMSTOWN, NEW JERSEY
856-629-6142

We invite you to attend!

Admission is free, however, donations of non-perishable food items for our food pantry are requested.

Handicap access is available



Evening Lenten Reflection







Come Join the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal (CFR) for an Evening of Lenten Reflection with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and Lenten Talk. Confession will also be available.

Where: Our Lady of Peace Parish/St. Mary's Church 32 Carroll Ave, Williamstown, NJ

When: Monday March 30, 2020 at 7pmRSVP by March 25th to Irene at 856-629-6142 x10

There will be baskets at the entrance and side doors of the church for a good will offering.

PLAY LIKE A CHAMPION TODAY

Champion Coach Note

Educating and Forming Champion Coaches

Character Education Through Sports

Getting Involved in Your Community

Community involvement can be an important part of any sports team. By working together to be of service to others, student-athletes can build an awareness of their role in the broader society and better understand the positive impact they can have on the world around them. Service projects are a great way to develop compassion, humility and fairness in athletes, qualities that will help them to become better people and more complete athletes.



Getting involved in the community is also a tremendous way to build the virtue of *justice*. Recall that justice is the virtue tied to *relationships* - the "R" in the GROW approach. Perhaps this is why many coaches report that serving their community as a team can have a dramatic impact on forging strong bonds between teammates. <u>Watch the video above</u> to hear what Notre Dame Cheerleading Coach Delayna Herndon has to say about the impact of service on her team and the surrounding community.

We invite you to engage your team in a discussion on how they can serve the community around you. A wide variety of opportunities exist for teams of all ages: teams can visit the elderly, find ways to help children who are sick or in need, or serve food to the hungry. We've heard powerful stories of teams rallying around an individual or family in their school or league community following tragedy.

How will you make service and involvement in the community an important part of your team culture?

Do you have a unique or uplifting story of service that you're willing to share? Send us an email at information@playlikeachampion.org! Your example may inspire others in our community!

Scripture of the Week: Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. (Hebrews 13:16)

Play Like a Champion's Quarterly Webinar Series Tackles Officiating

Join us on Thursday, March 12th at Noon EDT for the latest edition of our Quarterly Webinar Series. Officiating Solutions: Make the Call & Make a Difference

This edition will feature retired NFL Official and ESPN Officiating Analyst John Parry along with



Dr. David Pierce, Director of the IUPUI Sports Innovation Institute. John will share his journey, discussing how educators and coaches changed his life while challenging attendees to implement one simple and easily sustainable process to find future sports officials. David will share his experience collaborating with students on projects dedicated to officiating solutions, including innovative means of developing officials and improving the retention of officials. Join us to learn how your school and league can take a fresh look

at officiating and improve the future of sports. The webinar is completely FREE to attend, simply click below to register now and you'll be emailed with instructions to access the webinar on March 12th!

Register for this FREE Webinar Today!

March 3: Feast of St. Katharine Drexel

Today is the feast of St. Katharine Drexel. Declared a Saint in 2000, she was the second American to be canonized and the first one born a US citizen. She was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in 2011.

Katherine came from a wealthy family that dedicated themselves to sharing their gifts through service to the world. Three times a week, the Drexel family distributed food, clothing, and rent assistance from their family home in Philadelphia. When widows or single women were too proud to come to the Drexels for assistance, the family quietly sought them out. Her mother taught her that, "Kindness may be unkind if it leaves a sting behind."



When her family traveled to west in 1884, Katharine saw the plight of Native Americans. She wanted to do something specific to help. On February 12, 1891, Drexel professed her first vows as a religious, dedicating herself to work among the American Indians and African-Americans in the western and southwestern United States. She took the name Mother Katharine and joined by thirteen other women, soon established a religious congregation named the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. In total, Drexel established 145 missions, 50 schools for African Americans, and 12 schools for Native Americans. Xavier University of Louisiana, the only historically black Catholic college in the US, also owes its existence to Drexel and the Sisters.

Share St. Katharine Drexel's story with your team as inspiration on how you can grow in kinship with your local community!

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