



RACE FOR EDUCATION UPDATE!

THANK YOU!

Our 8th Annual Race for Education was a great success!!!

We want to express a very big THANK YOU to the following:

- Our Race for Education committee—Mrs. Ortiz, Mrs. Reilly, Mrs. Collazzo, and alumni parent Mrs. Campolieto—who spent many hours planning, folding, stamping, writing out labels, and counting to help make our Race for Education such a wonderful event.
- Mrs. Ortiz for her donation of popsicles
- Mr. and Mrs. Baron for all their help in counting donations
- Deacon John for helping to set up
- Our music teacher, Mr. Cheadle for his great DJ skills
- Our Youth Minister, Kari Janisse for her stilt walker entertainment
- Our faculty, staff and parish staff who helped with race before, during and after
- All of our Donors who generously helped support our school with their financial donations

Our total raised thus far is \$22,396.00!

We have just over \$17,000 more dollars to go to reach our goal of \$40,000!

Donations are still being accepted—by mail, dropped off at school, sent in with your child or online via our website, www.smarys.org under Donate on Line at the bottom of the home page.

When we reach our goal, all students will receive 2 N.U.T. Card days!


Thank you again!



Saint Mary School

November 2020



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 <i>Winter Uniform Begins Today Scrip Orders Due</i>	3 <i>Lab Week A</i>	4 <i>Individual Student and Staff Pictures Taken Today</i>	5	6 <i>12:15 Dismissal Faculty Mtg. End of Marking Period</i>	7 <i>Mass Schedule 4:00 p.m.</i>
8 <i>Mass Schedule 7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.</i>	9 <i>SCRIP Orders Due</i>	10 <i>Lab Week B</i> <i>Virtual Open House 7:00 pm</i>	11	12	13	14 <i>Mass Schedule 4:00 p.m.</i>
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22 <i>Mass Schedule 7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.</i>	23 <i>No Scrip Orders this week</i>	24	25 <i>12:15 Dismissal (No lunch, No Aftercare) School Mass 9:00</i>	26 <i>No School Happy Thanksgiving</i>	27 <i>No School Thanksgiving Holiday</i>	28 <i>Mass Schedule 4:00 p.m.</i>
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Choose 1 Entrée.
(3 Daily Specials & 3 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!


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

NOVEMBER

Elem. Lunch Menu

St Mary's
Williamstown



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Monday-November 2 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Cheeseburger on a Bun Autumn Harvest Salad <u>Sides:</u> Carrots w/ Hummus /Chips Fresh or Cupped Fruit	Tuesday-November 3 Nachos Grande w/Corn Chips & Toppings Chicken Cheese Steak <u>Sides:</u> Seasoned Rice 100% Fruit Juice	Wednesday-November 4 French Toast Sticks w/Sausage Turkey & Cheese Hoagie Fiesta Taco Salad <u>Sides:</u> Hash brown Potato Round Fresh or Cupped Fruit	Thursday-November 5 Pizza Dippers w/Dippin Cup Hot Dog on a Bun <u>Sides:</u> Celery w/Hummus 100% Fruit Juice	Friday-November 6 Faculty Meeting 12:15 Dismissal No Lunch Served
Monday-November 9 Macaroni & Cheese Homemade Cheeseburger on a Bun Autumn Harvest Salad <u>Sides:</u> Mixed Veggies Fresh or Cupped Fruit	Tuesday-November 10 Oven Baked Chicken w/BBQ Sauce & Roll Chicken Patty on a Bun <u>Sides:</u> Carrots w/Hummus 100% Fruit Juice	Wednesday-November 11 Mini Waffles w/Bacon Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Buffalo Chicken Salad <u>Sides:</u> Tator Tots Fresh or Cupped Fruit	Thursday-November 12 Popcorn Chicken w/Garlic Breadstick Chicken Cheese Steak <u>Sides:</u> Celery w/Ranch or Hummus 100% Fruit Juice	Friday-November 13 Pizzeria Pizza By the Slice Yogurt & Bagel w/Cheese stick Tuna Hoagie <u>Sides:</u> Dark Green Veggie Fresh or Cupped Fruit
Monday-November 16 Pizza Crunchers Filled w/Sauce & Cheese Cheeseburger on a Bun Autumn Harvest Salad <u>Sides:</u> Carrots w/Hummus & Pudding Fresh or Cupped Fruit	Tuesday-November 17 Chicken Quesadilla w/Salsa & Sour Cream Chicken Patty on a Bun <u>Sides:</u> Seasoned Rice 100% Fruit Juice	Wednesday-November 18 Thanksgiving Meal Sponsored By PTA Turkey & Gravy w/Mashed Potatoes <u>Sides:</u> Golden Corn Fresh or Cupped Fruit	Thursday-November 19 French Bread Pizza By the Slice Hot Bog on a Bun <u>Sides:</u> Celery w/ Hummus 100% Fruit Juice	Friday-November 20 No School Parent Conferences
Monday-November 23 Mini Pancakes w/Yogurt Cheeseburger on a Bun Autumn Harvest Salad <u>Sides:</u> Carrots w/Hummus & Tator Tots Fresh or Cupped Fruit	Tuesday-November 24 Personal Pizza By the Pie Chicken Cheese Steak <u>Sides:</u> Steamed Mixed Veggies 100% Fruit Juice	Wednesday-November 25 12:15 Dismissal NO LUNCH Served	Thursday-November 26 No School HAPPY THANKSGIVING	Friday-November 27 No School 
Monday-November 30 Mozzarella Sticks w/Dippin Cup Cheeseburger on a Bun Autumn Harvest Salad <u>Sides:</u> Carrot Gems Fresh or Cupped Fruit				<p>Lunch Prices: MEALS ARE FREE TO ALL STUDENTS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020! *Menu subject to change Food Service Director: Debbie Spasari smw@nsfm.com Phone: 856-629-6190 ext 317 Milk: Skim White, Skim Chocolate, Skim Strawberry, 1% White, Lactaid</p> <p>This institution is an equal opportunity provider.</p>

BOO GRAMS

St. Mary's PTA is sponsoring a **Halloween Boo Gram Sale!** Parents, Grandparents, Sisters, Brothers, Aunts, Uncles and even Pets can send a Halloween Message to students. The cost is \$1.00 per Gram which will include a lollipop and your Halloween Message. All grams must be purchased no later than **Wednesday, October 28th**. The grams will be delivered to the classrooms on **Friday, October 30th**.
Please cut them out on the dotted lines.

Child's Name _____ Class Room _____

Halloween Message:

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SMS PTA

"Halloween Gift Basket Raffle"

Take a chance on one of three baskets filled with candy, gift cards and other goodies!

Grades K-2, Grades 3-5 & Grades 6-8

Tickets \$0.25 or 6/\$1.00

Send money in an envelope marked

"Halloween Raffle"

Drawing: October 30, 2020

Tickets purchased will be placed directly into the drawing with the child's name

Halloween at SMS

October 30, 2020 

Thank you so much to all of our school families for donating candy for our goody bags!

Students are welcome to wear simple costumes or their favorite Halloween theme or colored clothing on Friday, October 30th. Examples might be a Halloween T-shirt, sports team jersey or sweatshirt, superhero shirt etc... Costumes must be uncomplicated and comfortable to wear all day. Large costumes and blow up costumes are not permitted. We also understand that many of our families may not be trick or treating this year and we do not expect a costume to be purchased. Please note that teachers are unable to help students with costumes and costume pieces. Regular face masks must be worn. Costume masks will not take the place of the face masks. We are unable to have the parade this year.





PICTURE DAY AT SMS

Students at St. Mary School will have individual pictures taken on the days listed below. Order forms are being sent home today in Communication Folders.

<p><u>Tuesday, November 3rd</u></p> <p>Tuesday/Thursday Preschool Students</p> <p>Remote Learning Students (Marian Hall from 10:30 am – 12:00 pm)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, November 4th</u></p> <p>Monday/Wednesday/Friday Preschool Students</p> <p>Kindergarten – 8th Grade</p>
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Students may wear either casual school appropriate clothing or their school uniform. Lora recommends colorful clothing. If your student has gym on Wednesday, November 4th they are to wear their “picture clothes” and not their gym clothes. Please have them bring in sneakers to wear for gym.

SMS Celebrates Thanksgiving

Every November, we celebrate with a special Thanksgiving Luncheon for our students. This year our celebration date is Wednesday, November 18th. The luncheon will be different this year. The cafeteria will prepare the meal for the students to eat in their classrooms. It will be the only meal available through the cafeteria that day. If your student does not want to eat the turkey lunch that day please be sure to pack them a lunch.

The SMS Ministry of Student Leadership is selling "Turkey Feathers". These feathers will be sold in the classrooms and cost \$.25 cents each or 5 for \$1.00. The money will be used to purchase food for the Thanksgiving Food Drive. The homeroom that sells the most will get a dress down day.

SMS also joins our parish community in donating non-perishable food to contribute to the Thanksgiving Dinner of families in need. Your contributions could include stuffing, soup, cranberry sauce, pasta, pasta sauce, gravy, boxed potatoes, boxed desserts, canned vegetables and canned yams. This food will be kept in the classrooms and gathered on Wednesday, November 18th. **Please be sure to check expiration dates on these foods.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

It's Turkey Feather Time!



Each year the St. Mary Ministry of Student Leadership sponsors a “friendly competition” among homerooms to see who sells the most feathers and earns the most money toward Thanksgiving baskets for parishioners in need.

It is a win-win situation. The Our Lady of Peace Social Concerns committee gets the much needed help for this huge undertaking, and the homeroom that raises the most money will get the much coveted Turkey Feather champion bragging rights for the year! In addition, the students from the homeroom selling the most feathers will get a dress down day.

Turkey feathers are being sold for 25 cents each or five for \$1.00. Money can be put in a labeled envelope and given to homeroom teachers.

As always, thanks for your help!



November, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

For your planning and convenience, FACTS Tuition Assistance application is now available for the 2021-2022 school year. There is a \$25 application fee which will need to be paid online before submitting the application.

All applications must be completed electronically at <https://online.factsmgt.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 2019 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 31st. If you have any questions regarding FACTS Tuition Assistance procedures please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Patricia Mancuso
Principal

July 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are writing to you on behalf of **St. Mary School, a mission of Our Lady of Peace Parish, Monroe Township**. Our mission is to teach and inspire our students as they discover and develop their talents, enabling them to attain their God-given potential. In turn, they contribute to a vibrant parish and community now and in the future.

Our 2020-2021 St. Mary School Annual Fund is currently underway and we would like to invite you, a local business owner, to participate in our campaign in a very special way.

St. Mary School is offering a program called the **"SMS 100 Club"**. This program enables local businesses to donate a tax-deductible gift of \$100 to this year's Annual Fund. Your business' generosity will be acknowledged on our website, in our Annual Report, on social media and in a variety of written communication to our school families during the 2020-2021 school year. Your business name will be seen by close to 400 school families as well as the hundreds of visitors to our website. We welcome our local businesses to take part in this new initiative which greatly supports our school. Our goal is to have at least 100 local businesses participate in our new program.

Gifts in support of the St. Mary School Annual Fund are used for programs that allow our parish school to carry on their mission and motto of ***Learning and Living in Christ***. Donations will be used for supplemental materials to enhance our math and language arts curriculum, additional technology resources, hands-on equipment for our science lab, professional development for our teachers, purchase of classroom furniture and other essential educational needs. Through your support we can continue to enrich academic life by providing critical resources for new technology and academic initiatives for 21st century learning, which allows our students to develop the necessary skills to succeed now, in high school and beyond.

As St. Mary School continues to educate our students during these unprecedented times, both in school full-time and remotely, we at St. Mary School are committed to faith formation and education in the Catholic tradition. We invite you to join us in showing your commitment to the future of St. Mary School and to please consider St. Mary School among your philanthropic priorities. On behalf of our school community and especially our children, thank you for helping to invest in the minds of tomorrow as we are Preparing Today's Students for Tomorrow's World.

Gratefully,

Rev. Cadmus Mazzarella
Pastor, Our Lady of Peace Parish

Mrs. Patricia Mancuso
Principal, St. Mary School

Attached you will find the form needed to participate in our "SMS 100 Club" program. Please complete the form and send it with your \$100 donation to SMS 100 Club, St. Mary School, 32A Carroll Ave., Williamstown, NJ 08094. Please make all checks payable to St. Mary School Annual Fund.



SMS 100 Club Application:

(Please print)

Company Name (as you would like it to be listed):

Address: _____

Phone Number (as you would like it to be listed):

Company Website: _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact Person's phone number:

Office: _____

Cell: _____

Contact Person's E-mail: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Thank you for your support of St. Mary School

Your company name and phone number will be listed on the St. Mary School website (as you have indicated above) upon receipt of your donation and application form and will remain there for the 2020-2021 school year.

Your business name will also be listed in our 2020-2021 Annual Report as well as periodic communications, including social media and with our school families throughout the year. Also a reminder, that your donation is tax-deductible.

On behalf of our school community and especially our children, thank you for helping to invest in the minds of tomorrow as St. Mary School continues, for another 70 years, Learning and Living in Christ.

YEARBOOKS

September 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The 2019 – 2020 St. Mary School yearbooks arrived in late August. The eighth grade yearbook staff worked very hard and diligently on this project.

If you are interested in purchasing a yearbook 2019-2020 yearbook, please fill out the bottom of this form and return it along with your cash or check made payable to St. Mary School in an envelope marked “Yearbook”. The price is \$21.00 per yearbook. **The yearbooks will be sent home the week of September 14th.**

Thank you!

YEARBOOK ORDER FORM

Student's Name _____ Class _____

Student's Name _____ Class _____

Student's Name _____ Class _____

Number of Books _____ Amount enclosed _____

**PLAY LIKE
A CHAMPION
TODAY**

Character Education Through Sports

Champion Athlete Note

Educating and Forming Champion Athletes

Take Ownership & Play with Pride

Core values are the foundation for all great teams. Commonly defined as the beliefs or principals that guide the behavior of a group, core values tell the world what *matters* to your team while serving as a constant reminder to athletes and coaches how the team will measure success. Often, these core values promote themes such as attitude, effort, respect for teammates, or other virtues important to developing as athletes and persons. They provide a way to focus a team on what's important and an important standard that all members of the team are expected to uphold.



With two national championships in the past four seasons, the Villanova men's basketball program is one of the very best in the nation. So you can be sure they have a set of core values that are the foundation of their team. However, it's not the coaches who are primarily responsible for upholding these values, but rather the athletes. [As Head Coach Jay Wright explains in the video above](#), it's up to the athletes on a team to take ownership and maintain core values. In particular, Wright notes that older members of the team should take pride in the team and embrace the responsibility of teaching younger team members about the team's values. Having sent several players to the NBA, Wright is quick to remind them that on a team, "everyone's role is different, but everyone's status is the same."

What are your team's core values? If these aren't already established by your coach, ask if you can take the lead and work with other members of the team to create them. Once established, return to these values frequently and use them to evaluate your performance as individuals and a team following practices and games. Doing so will develop a team identity and create habits that will help you to grow into *Champions*.

He who is greatest among you shall be your servant; whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted. ~ Matthew 23:11-12

Creating a Captain's Council

Last week's *Champion Coach Note* discussed [selecting and developing team captains](#) for coaches. Athletes can also play an important part in developing the role that captains play by understanding this important position and considering how to increase the effectiveness of captains with the team and in the school. One of the ways that *Play Like a Champion* encourages partners to do this is to create a Captain's Council. This unique



group involves getting team captains together as a group on a regular basis to meet with school leadership, who provide the athletes with a platform to discuss issues, develop leadership skills, and enable teams to work together effectively. The [video above details an example from St. Mary's High School](#) in Annapolis, Maryland; they named their council **S.A.I.L.** which stands for **Student Athletes in Leadership**.

If your school does not have a Captain's Council, talk to your coach and athletic director about creating one. *Play Like a Champion* is happy to help you setup the group and provide resources. Email us at information@playlikeachampion.org and we can work together to create this opportunity at your school!

Sport Mysteries of the Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. *Play Like a Champion* provides a resource for teams to participate in praying the Rosary with Athletic Reflections. You can download the entire resource here: [Play Like a Champion Sport Mysteries of the Rosary](#)

Here is one example that reflects on Team Culture: From the Joyful Mysteries, 3rd Decade, The Birth of Jesus (Luke 2: 1-21)



"Mary gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them." (2:7)

Reflection: Pope Francis reminds us that sports should be an opportunity for friendly encounters between peoples and contribute to peace in the world. Together with your team, praise God for the opportunity to play sport and make a commitment to create a team culture that is positive, joyful and contributes peace to all whom you encounter.

Play Like a Champion's "Daily Prayers for Champions" page has been updated! Visit www.playlikeachampion.org/prayer for more than 200 prayers plus resources that can help you and your team grow closer to God while participating in sports.

Access Resources & Learn More at
www.playlikeachampion.org

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www.playlikeachampion.org

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