

Need financial assistance for school?

*Apply for a
Francis, Elizabeth and Edward Roger Welsh Scholarship*

Eligibility requirements

Applicants must:

- Be residents of Camden County, New Jersey.
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Demonstrate academic achievement.
- Attend or plan to attend a Catholic elementary, middle or high school located in Camden County, New Jersey.

Scholarship specifics

- This scholarship is for one year only; however, current recipients may reapply and be considered for additional funding along with other new applicants. Scholarship recipients must be enrolled full-time.

Eligible applicants can apply at
www.csascholars.org/welsh

Deadline

To be considered for a scholarship, applications and all supporting documentation must be received by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on **March 22, 2022.**



St. Mary's Catholic School- Vineland Veterans Home Collection

As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week this year, we will be living out our Service motto by supporting the Vineland Veterans Memorial Home to honor the men and women who have served our country.

We will be collecting the following **new** items:

High Priority:

- **Body wash- universal scents for men or women**
- **Tissues (Boxes)**
- **Colored Pencils**
- **Colored Markers**
- **Adult Coloring books**
- **Large print word search books**

Other Items:

- Lip Balm
- Deodorant – universal scents for men or women
- Diabetic Socks and/or Socks with non-slip tread on bottoms
- Sweatshirts & Sweatpants (S – 5XL)
- Button-down cardigans (S-5XL)
- Pre-shave, Aftershave, and Cologne for men; Perfume for women
- Electric razors
- Denture adhesive and Denture Cleaning Tablets
- Suspenders and Belts- larger sizes
- Undershirts (white) sizes S-5XL
- Batteries (AA, AAA, and C)
- Refreshments- individually wrapped (Please check expiration dates)
 - Tastykakes, Chips, Pretzels
- Gift Cards
 - Wal-Mart, Target, Visa, Amazon

Please send in donations by *Friday, February 4, 2022.*

Thank you for your help!

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, February 4th 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!



Student of the Month

December 2021

Congratulations to the following students:

Robert Juliano	K1	Christiano Salib	K2
Justin Ouedraogo	1A	Charles Schreffler	1B
Louis Spasari	2A	Caroline Quigley	2B
Dylan Falconi	3A	Jacob Soto	3B
Julianna Turchi	4A	Anthony Nordberg	4B
Riley Rae Cercioglu	5A	Chloe Marino	5B
Lara Correa	6A	Christian Lawrence	6B
Lyla Bottino	7A	Ashley Dodd	7B
Jackson Alcott	8A	Jacob Engel	8B





HOUSE POINTS WINNERS 2021 – 2022

House of Saint Patrick

Jace Young

House of Saint Valentine

Matthew Arndt

House of Saint Joseph

Robert Gibney

House of Saint Francis

Gabriella Burgos

House of Saint Theresa

Vincent Bottino

House of Saint Elizabeth

David Chando

House of Saint Dominic

Dominic Davi

House of Saint Joan of Arc

Christian Kulach

House of Servant Maria Esperanza

Christal Onwuegbule

The division winners for highest points

Division 1 House of Saint Joseph

Division 2 House of Saint Theresa

Division 3 House of Maria Esperanza





2021-2022

Dear Business Owner,

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 2021-2022 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 2021-2022 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, 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,

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.

You may also drop it in our drop box located outside the main office on Carroll Ave.

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 2021-2022 school year.

Your business name will also be listed in our 2021-2022 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.



St. Mary School 70th Anniversary Shirts for Sale

We have a limited supply left of the 2019 St. Mary School 70th Anniversary t-shirts available for sale!

COST: \$ 5.00 EACH

These shirts may be used as gym shirts as well!

Available sizes/t-shirts:

Youth Small—3 available

Youth Medium—5 available

Youth Large—8 available

If you would like to purchase one or more of these shirts, please send in the form below with your payment by December 17.

Thank you!

Student's Name: _____

Homeroom _____

Number of shirts: _____ Sizes: _____

Amount enclosed: _____ (X \$5.00 each)

CHECK OR CASH

Check Number: _____

Email: _____

St. Mary School PDQ Gift Card Sale!



Please help support St. Mary School !!

We are offering \$10.00 PDQ gift cards for \$8.00.

Place your order today!

Please enclose the completed form below with your payment -- cash or check (made payable to St. Mary School) Attention: Advancement Office. There is a limited supply of gift cards. Don't delay order yours today!

Please return just this bottom half with your payment

Student Name: _____ Class: _____

Number of cards: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ (Please circle-- cash or check)

Check Number: _____

**PLAY LIKE
A CHAMPION
TODAY**

A Team for Every Child

Champion Coach Note

Educating and Forming Champion Coaches

Building Relationships

Relationships is a Critical Element of the GROW Approach

Positive relationships are crucial to the growth of both individual athletes and a team. In fact, *Play Like a Champion* believes this area is so important, we're devoting the next two *Coach Notes* to strategies for building relationships between athletes, coaches and parents. We begin today with a focus on the coach's role and will consider interactions between athletes in our second note.



The GROW Approach: Goals + Relationships + Ownership = Winning

The first step in developing positive relationships at any age is getting to know your athletes and letting them get to know you. Young athletes need to know that you care about them as individuals before they can commit to following your lead and giving full effort to the team. Create an environment that is friendly and begin to develop trust by asking questions; find out what they want out of the season ahead and what motivates them. Here are a few ideas to keep the winter sports season moving on a positive note:

- If you haven't already, hold a meeting for everyone - parents and kids - to get to know one another. Introductory meetings are a great way to start the season, but even now a meeting (or perhaps dinner) is a good time to share your expectations and lay the foundation for a positive remainder of the season.
- Prayer is a powerful way to build relationships on a team. Set a habit of praying together before each practice and ask children to include their personal intentions. Attend Mass as a team.
- Assign team "buddies" - pair players on the team with one another for the season, or rotate on a weekly basis with the expectation that buddies learn 1-2 new things about each other during that time and are responsible for providing encouragement and support during practices and games.
- Have players work together to set team rules and expectations. Write them on a posterboard and display that throughout the season.
- Host a team retreat. *Play Like a Champion* offers a template for this at the middle and high school levels ([email](#) for more information).
- Utilize team-building exercises such as relay-races, icebreakers, or [other activities](#).



Share with the team your own reasons for coaching and let them know your expectations for the year. To foster positive relationships, these expectations should include elements such as **respect** for all teammates, opponents, officials and coaches, as well as a focus on positive and open **communication** within the team. It's important that each team becomes a "family", a place where each child feels a

unique and valued role within the team. With this in mind, use inclusive language when talking about the team, emphasizing words such as "we", "us" or "our". Creating a team with strong cohesion will not only create a positive experience for everyone involved, it will improve results on the field or court as well.

As a coach, you should maintain a focus on relationships during each practice and game,

asking yourself what you can do to continue building trust and cohesion as the season progresses. Here are a few more ideas as the season progresses:

- Hold a weekly team meeting to check-in with athletes. How are relationships on the team? How are they progressing toward their goals? This doesn't have to be long, but a consistent "check-in" will emphasize the importance of these areas.
- Write weekly notes to parents to highlight the team's progress and communicate important achievements, team goals, or simply the upcoming schedule. Including parents regularly will help to develop those relationships as well.
- Engage in a team service project during the season.
- Player "Shout-Outs" - After each practice, have the players go around and say (at least) one positive thing they saw a teammate do during the practice. Be specific! Kids love to be praised by their peers. Activities such as this encourage players to look for positive attributes in each other and build comraderie on the team.

Building strong, positive relationships on a team is an on-going process. Use the strategies above to create a foundation for positive relationships. Next time, we'll discuss additional strategies for developing positive interactions between athletes and addressing issues that can become significant obstacles to these relationships.

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. ~ John 15:12-13

A Prayer for Teams

Loving God, the followers of Jesus were filled with zeal to lead others to Christ. Help us to grow in faith and love, so that we as teammates zealously proclaim the Gospel through our joy in play. Inspire our words and our actions so that others may see our love for you and long to know you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Play Like a Champion's "Daily Prayers for Champions" page has been updated! Visit www.playlikeachampion.org/daily-prayers 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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