

Messages from the School Office



- Food donations for the Faithfull Food Drive are due into school Friday, March 14th.
- This is the last week to reserve tables for Casino Night.
- St. Patrick's Day, Monday, March 17th, students may dress down in St. Patrick's Day/Green shirts with jeans or sweatpants.
- Come and support our Performing Arts play Beauty and the Beast Jr. Friday, March 21st at 6:30 pm and Saturday, March 22nd at 12:00 pm in Assumption Hall.
- **Read-a-thon Update:** We are happy to announce that we reached our \$10,000 goal for our annual Read-a-thon. We will have a school-wide N.U.T. Card day for ALL STUDENTS (grades Kindergarten-8th grade) on **Wednesday, March 26th**. Please see our St. Mary School handbook for guidelines regarding N.U.T. card days. Our Preschool students will receive a popcorn and movie day.



March 11, 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our Lenten traditions continue at St. Mary School. At our Ash Wednesday mass, we buried our Alleluia's since this word is completely absent from the liturgy during Lent. It is our way to put the Alleluia into the "tomb," only to discover it again at Easter when the stone is removed and the Alleluia is "resurrected." We buried our Alleluias in a gold box which the children see at announcement time each morning and afternoon as a reminder. The children will also be praying the Stations of the Cross several times during the Lenten season and grades 3-8 will be receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation. If you or anyone in your family would like to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation our parish offers the following times: Saturday - 8:30-9:30am & 3:00-3:45pm and Thursday - 6:00-6:20pm.

Please be patient at dismissal time as you are trying to exit the lot. You must follow the correct traffic patterns, drive down the correct lanes and do not cut through the lanes or the green lines near the exit. The parking spots in the lot are diagonal and easily indicate the correct way to travel down each lane. Please do not drive in the wrong direction. In addition, when we take down our barriers at the end of dismissal, more cars can exit to Carroll Ave. by traveling in front of the 8th grade doors. We worry about the safety of those who are car riders and for those who are the drivers. Be sure to get out of your car and come forward to get your child. I also ask that you share this information with other relatives who may be the person who picks up your child regularly.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Patricia Mancuso

"There are three elements that are almost always part of Lent: prayer, giving something up, and giving something back." — Elizabeth Hyndman

**Thank you to all those helped make our
Grandparent/Special Person Candy Bar
Bingo a great success!**

Sally Ortiz

Roseann De Leo

Fran Bottino

Bottino's Shop Rite

Our SMS PTA parent helpers

SMS student alumni helpers

Ortiz Family

Bottino Families

Dairy Fresh

Bernadette for the balloon arch

Not Just Pizza

Last Tangle Hair Salon

Joe Kern

Kari Janisse and Creative Juices by Kari, LLC

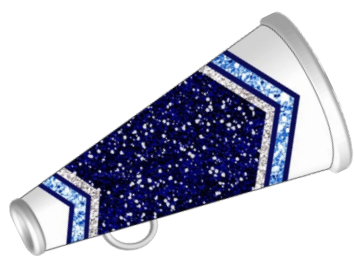
Our St. Mary School principal Mrs. Mancuso

St. Mary School Faculty and staff

Fr. Sanjai, Fr. Jose and Fr. Naveen,

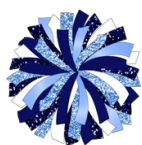
**Donna and the SMS cafeteria staff and Gerry, Rich, and Joe Brocco
who helped set up the gym**

***Thank you for all of the support of our SMS families and grandparents
and special persons – we couldn't do it without all of you!***

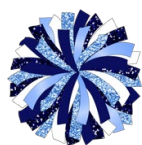


ATTENTION ALL CURRENT 2ND TO
7TH GRADE FAMILIES INTERESTED IN
CHEERLEADING
FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR!!

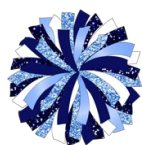
We are holding a **PARENT MEETING** for all St. Mary's families interested in
our **JV** (Current 2nd – 3rd graders) and **VARSITY** (Current 4th – 7th graders)
Cheerleading Squads!



DATE: Wednesday, March 26, 2025



TIME: JV at 6:30 PM / VARSITY at 7:00 PM



LOCATION: Gym

We are excited to discuss the fun things ahead for the 2025-2026 season!
If you are interested in our cheerleading program, please plan to attend!
If you have any questions, please reach out to:

Kim Thomas: kimmythomas158@gmail.com

Alyssa Colon: alyssavcolon@gmail.com



Our Lady of Peace
CARNIVAL

We need volunteers!

This year St. Mary School will be running the food booth in
honor of our own
Miss Debbie Spasari

Come out and volunteer with your Family & Friends
for a great cause!

JUNE
23RD- 28TH

32 CARROLL AVE
WILLIAMSTOWN

6PM-
10PM

Stay tuned for more information!

Warm Weather Uniform

Students are permitted to wear their warm weather uniform beginning Tuesday, April 1st. This uniform consists of short sleeve light blue monogrammed knit shirt, crew socks, (at least two inches above the top of sneaker), navy blue twill walking shorts and school shoes. For gym, students may wear mesh gym shorts with Crusader logo t-shirt or white, blue or gray spirit wear t-shirt and sneakers.

Reminders:

Girls in grades 6th – 8th are still required to wear tights with their skorts all year.

The last day to use NUT cards is Monday, March 31st.

Students may wear the winter uniform in the spring.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food"
Matthew 25:35



Our Lady of Peace Parish and St. Mary School are participating in the Camden Diocese "FaithFull" Food Drive.

We are collecting non-perishable goods from now until Friday, March 14th.

What we are collecting:

Canned Chicken

Boxed Rice

Canned Fruit

Macaroni and Cheese (box)

Dried Mashed Potatoes (box)

Canned Chef Boyardee

Canned Beef Stew & Chili

Cereal

Coffee and Tea

Please be careful of expiration dates.

Thank you for your generosity!

TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR



a presentation offered by the students of St. Mary School

A part of the BROADWAY JUNIOR COLLECTION

Music by
Alan Menken

Lyrics by
Howard Ashman and Tim Rice

Book by
Linda Woolverton

**Friday, March 21st at 6:30 pm
and
Saturday, March 22nd at 12:00 pm**

In Assumption Hall

Refreshments will be available during intermission

*Please complete and return the form below. Make checks payable to St. Mary School
Tickets are \$10.00 for an adult and \$8.00 for a student/child*

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Name _____ Class _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Quantity (Friday, 3/21) Adult _____ Student/Child _____

Quantity (Saturday, 3/22) Adult _____ Student/Child _____

**ST. MARY SCHOOL
PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT
PLAYBOOK PATRON DRIVE
FOR THE 2025 PRODUCTION OF
“Beauty and the Beast Jr.”**

STUDENT NAME _____

PRICE: SINGLE LINE (Please check the appropriate line)

_____ **\$5.00 PREFERRED PATRON AD (LARGE TYPE PRINT)**
(Limit 20 words or less)

_____ **\$10.00 DELUXE PATRON AD (EXTRA LARGE TYPE PRINT)**
(Limit 25 words or less)

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please return back to school by Friday, March 14th.

PLEASE FILL IN EACH LINE AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR IN THE BOOK.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

ST. MARY SCHOOL PTA PRESENTS



BLACKJACK, POKER, ROULETTE, CRAPS
BASKET AUCTION, 50/50 AND MORE!

EVENT: Casino Night

DATE: Saturday March 29, 2025

TIME: 7pm-11pm

LOCATION: St. Mary School Assumption Hall
32A Carroll Avenue, Williamstown NJ 08094

PRICE: \$50 per ticket

Ticket includes: \$25 in start-up Casino Chips, Buffet Dinner, Dessert and Soft Drinks!

***B.Y.O. B*- Must be 21+ to attend**

PAYMENT METHODS: CASH OR CHECK MADE OUT TO ST. MARY SCHOOL

Return the form below with payment in an envelope labeled "Casino Night"

Casino Night

Name: _____

Phone & Email: _____

Childs Classroom (IF applicable): _____ A/B

Individual Ticket(s): # _____ Qty x \$50 each Total Amount Enclosed \$: _____

RESERVED TABLES OF 8 & 10 ARE AVAILABLE. TABLES ARE LIMITED

RESERVE A TABLE: Y OR N # OF GUESTS: _____

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT SMS PTA: PTA@SMARYS.ORG

CASINO NIGHT DONATION REQUEST



We continue to ask for your support in donating items for our Basket Auction!

Please send all items to school by Friday March 21st

If you have any questions, please contact

pta@smarys.org

Examples of items requested:

GIFT CARDS: (RESTAURANT, RETAIL, SPA, ENTERTAINMENT, FUN EXPERIENCE)

TICKETS TO SPORTING EVENTS

TICKETS TO AMUSEMENT/WATER PARKS

PROFESSIONAL SPORTS TEAM AUTOGRAPHED ITEMS

GAMING SYSTEMS

ELECTRONICS

SMALL KITCHEN APPLIANCES

DESIGNER BAGS

**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR SUPPORTING
ST. MARY SCHOOL!**

CASINO NIGHT TABLE SPONSOR FORM

\$100



Become a table sponsor and your name/business will be advertised at our event!

Feel free to send in flyers or business cards to be displayed.

Sponsor a table on behalf of your business!

Sponsor a table on behalf of your child's class or grade!

Sponsor a table on behalf of an individual or group!

RETURN THE FORM BELOW TO ST. MARY SCHOOL IN AN ENVELOPE MARKED

"Casino Night Table Sponsor"


Casino Night Table Sponsor

Name: _____

Name to be Displayed: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$_____

ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT SMS PTA AT PTA@SMARYS.ORG



ST. MARY SCHOOL

WILLIAMSTOWN

Annual Golf Outing

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025 | 1:00 P.M. | WHITE OAKS COUNTRY CLUB

**CALLING ALL GOLF ENTHUSIASTS AND SUPPORTERS
OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION!**

**ST. MARY SCHOOL ANNUAL GOLF OUTING IS BACK
FOR ANOTHER EXCITING YEAR!**

Event Highlights:

1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start
Lunch and Post-Golf Dinner Banquet
SWAG bag
On-course contests
50/50 and Prizes Baskets

INDIVIDUAL: \$150 | FOURSOME: \$600

To secure your spot,
scan the QR code and
register today!



**PLAY LIKE
A CHAMPION
TODAY**

Character Education Through Sports

Champion Parent Note

Educating and Forming Champion Parents

Guidelines for Sidelines

Parents Play a Pivotal Role in Creating a Positive Youth Sports Culture

Parents play an important role in the youth sports experience. From driving to practice to being in the stands on game day, our support means the world to our children.

Unfortunately, the sports parent today is often vilified, with too many having behaved poorly and contributed to a toxic environment for young athletes, coaches and officials. Even if we're not guilty of the most extreme examples, we've all witnessed the parent screaming from the sidelines or seen the online clips of parents throwing punches in the stands. These actions



ruin the game for our children and have no place in youth sports. As parents, it's our responsibility to create a positive environment and work diligently to eliminate these issues.

[The video above](#) provides tips to promote positive sideline behavior and strategies for working with coaches to develop an exceptional culture within our teams. While it may be tempting to think the problem lies only with the extreme behavior other parents, the reality is that all of us can likely improve our own approach in a way that benefits our children. Examine your words, actions and demeanor based on the *Guidelines for Sidelines* in the above video, then make a commitment to improving in one area during your child's next game. In addition, consider other ways that you can create a supportive environment for your child, his or her coach, and officials. Are there ways that you can set a positive example, promote the desired environment, or hold others accountable for the expectations set by the team?

Our children need us to be leaders in the effort to establish a fun and enjoyable experience in youth sports. By working together, parents can become an important part of the solution, building an environment where our kids' favorite games provide an opportunity to laugh, play and grow.

“Parents have the grave responsibility to give good example to their children.” ~ Catechism of the Catholic Church, Paragraph 2223

A Prayer for Parents

Father in Heaven, help me to do your will in my role as a sports parent. May I be for my young



athlete a source of encouragement and strength. May I help my child to grow in their faith while supporting their development in skill. May I be a positive partner to my child's coach, supporting them in their effort to teach and develop all the children on the team. May I be positive in my support at practices and games, even when this is difficult, and may my example lead other parents to do the same. In all things may I strive to imitate the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint

Joseph, in their devotion and care for the child Jesus. Through their intercession and in Jesus name I pray, Amen.

Access Resources & Learn More at www.playlikeachampion.org

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