

Messages from the School Office



- During morning drop off, please do not pass cars that are dropping off students. Please wait patiently in line.
- **Save the Date:** Monday May 12th we are having an Art Show themed America the Beautiful from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm in Assumption Hall. Every student will have art in the show. The Spring Band Concert will follow in Assumption Hall at 6:30 pm.
- Please read the next pages for important tuition information for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Have a blessed Easter vacation!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you and your family in good health and ready to enjoy the upcoming Spring Break. We have already started thinking ahead to next school year and are so grateful that you have chosen St. Mary School for your children.

At St. Mary School, we believe that education is about more than just academics. It's about nurturing the whole child—mind, body, and spirit. Catholic schools are uniquely positioned to offer an education that blends rigorous academic standards with spiritual and moral development, creating a foundation that supports lifelong learning and character formation.

Here are a few reasons why families continue to choose Catholic schools:

1. Faith-Based Environment

Our students grow in a Christ-centered community where values like compassion, integrity, service, and respect are lived out each day. Faith is woven into every aspect of school life—not just in religion class, but in how we treat one another and serve our communities.

2. Academic Excellence

Catholic schools are known for strong academic programs, high graduation rates, and preparation for success in higher education and beyond. We set high standards and support each student to meet their full potential through dedicated teachers and a caring, disciplined environment.

3. Personalized Attention

With smaller class sizes and a close-knit community, every student is known by name and nurtured as an individual. Our teachers and staff are committed to building strong relationships with students and families to help children thrive.

4. Moral and Character Formation

Beyond academics, Catholic education places a strong emphasis on forming ethical, responsible citizens. Students are encouraged to think critically, act justly, and live lives of purpose guided by Gospel values.

5. A Legacy of Leadership and Service

Our graduates go on to become leaders in their communities—academically prepared and spiritually grounded. Many Catholic school alumni credit their faith-based education with shaping who they are today.

As you know, the tuition that is charged each year does not cover the cost of educating each child at St. Mary School which is \$7,980.00. We thank you for your participation in our fund raisers and encourage you to continue to do so. These funds that are raised offset the cost of educating each child. The PTA is tasked with raising approximately \$75,000.00 to help supplement the budget. This group of very dedicated parents has done an incredible job raising funds this year! We are so grateful for the many ideas they come up with to not only raise funds but to build community. Along with fundraising efforts, 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 \$130,121.00 to the ICSF for the current school year. The monies that each of the parishes contribute is then disbursed to the schools. Each school receives a percentage of the funds. We do not receive the entire amount donated by OLOPP. We received \$105,000.00 in ICSF this school year. During the next school year, we will receive the same amount which goes towards our budget. Tuition and fees account for approximately 78% of revenue for the school year, development/advancement/fundraising/grants account for 11%, fees, certain fundraisers/miscellaneous income account for 9% and ICSF is 2%.

Each year we receive guidance from the diocese regarding the percentage of tuition increase for the new school year. We work very carefully on our budget so that we can keep increases to a minimum. A rise in tuition also allows for increased costs for salaries and benefits. Re-enrollment through FACTS has already taken place and this information helps us make informed decisions when developing our budget. Our Open House events have been well attended and we pray for an increase in enrollment. We are budgeting for 345 students next year in grades K-8. Our current enrollment number in grades K-8 is 341 which is a slight increase from the previous year.

Tuition assistance continues to be available to those who qualify. We distributed approximately \$102,000.00 in tuition assistance from the school budget and \$22,175.00 from scholarships/grants from outside sources to our families for this current school year. Tuition for the 2025-2026 school year will increase by \$245.00 for the first child (\$24.50 per month). There will be an increase of \$185.00 for the second child (\$18.50 per month). The increase for the third child or more children is \$140.00 (\$14.00 per month). The Non-Catholic rate will increase by \$305.00 (\$30.50 per month).

Tuition rates for the 2025-2026 school year:

Catholic Students:

1st child - \$6,420.00

2nd child - \$4,860.00

3rd child (and each additional child) - \$3,790.00

Non-Catholic Students:

\$7,980.00

We will also be charging a \$140 technology fee per child which will go toward technology upgrades, Lanschool, Google Extension, STAR testing, Brain Pop, Kessler, Fitness Gram, FACTS SIS (RenWeb), as well as continuous improvements and upgrades in technology throughout the school for both students and teachers. In addition, we are blessed to have a full-time technology teacher not only as an instructor but also to assist us with technology needs throughout the day.

Thank you for entrusting us with your most precious gift—your child. We recognize that choosing a Catholic education is a significant decision for your family, and we are honored to partner with you in nurturing the hearts and minds of our students. Together, we can inspire a generation of young people who embody the values of faith, knowledge, and service.

God Bless,



Father Sanjai Devis



Mrs. Patricia Mancuso



Dear Parents/Guardians:

This week we remember the passion and death of our Lord. On Monday each class had a lesson on the significance of Palm Sunday. Today each class participated in the Agape while learning about the Last Supper and shared bread and juice. Tomorrow the third grade will present the Living Stations. I hope that you and your family will take the time this week to reflect on the blessings that God has given us through His son. Below is the Holy Week schedule for Our Lady of Peace Parish.

Wishing you a wonderful, peaceful Easter season! Mrs. Mancuso.

Holy Week

Lenten Confessions:

Wednesday, April 16th 6pm-7pm

Thursday, April 17th 3pm-4pm & 8:30pm -10pm

Friday, April 18th 11am-12pm

Holy Thursday – April 17th

Morning Prayer 8:00am

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7pm

Visits to Repository until 10:30pm

Good Friday – April 18th

Morning Prayer 8:00am

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion: 3pm

Stations of the Cross: 7pm

Holy Saturday – April 19th

Morning Prayer 8:00am

Blessing of Easter Food Baskets: 1 pm

Easter Vigil Mass: 7:30pm

Easter Sunday Masses – April 20th

6:15am, 7:30 am, 9:00am, 10:30am and 12:00pm


There will be NO 6PM MASS on Easter Sunday



Saint Mary School

May 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 <i>Last Chess Club Parents/Guardians welcome to attend 2:45-4:00</i>	2 12:15 Dismissal Faculty Mtg. (Lunch Served)	3 <i>First Holy Communion 2A & 2B 10:00 am Mass Schedule 4:00 p.m.</i>
4 <i>Mass Schedule 7:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.</i>	5 <i>SCRIP Orders Due</i>	6 <i>Lab Week B Science Explorers 2:45-4:00 Open House</i>	7 <i>School Choir 2:45-4:00</i>	8 <i>Rosary Club 2:45-3:20</i>	9	10 <i>Mass Schedule 4:00 p.m.</i>
11 <i>Mass Schedule 7:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.</i>	12 <i>SCRIP Orders Due STAR Testing Week Art Show 5:30 pm AH Spring Band Concert 6:30 pm AH</i>	13 <i>Lab Week C May Crowning 9:00 Science Explorers 2:45-4:00</i>	14 <i>Craft Club 2:45-4:00 Ministry of Student Leadership 2:45-4:00</i>	15 <i>School Mass 9:00 followed by academic assembly</i>	16 <i>SMS Golf Outing</i>	17 <i>Clothing Drive 8:30 am - 10 am drop off at 8th grade doors Mass Schedule 4:00 p.m.</i>
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25 <i>Mass Schedule 7:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.</i>	26 Memorial Day No School 	27 <i>Science Explorers 2:45-4:00</i>	28	29	30	31 <i>Castaway Cove Ocean City 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm</i>

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We declare a

PENNY WAR



WIN A ICE CREAM CELEBRATION!

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ HOW IT WORKS ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

It's time for a penny-pinching showdown! Each class will have its own designated jug to collect money. To climb the leaderboard, fill your class jug with pennies and bills – every one counts as a point towards victory!

But watch out! Sneaking silver coins (dimes, nickels, quarters) into another class's jug is a strategic way to sabotage their score. The class with the most points at the end of the competition will receive a ice cream celebration courtesy of SMS PTA!

POINTS

PENNIES = +1 POINTS

NICKELS = -5 POINTS

\$1 BILL = +100 POINTS

DIMES = -10 POINTS

\$5 BILL = +500 POINTS

QUARTERS = -25 POINTS

\$10 BILL = +1000 POINTS



HELP YOUR CLASS WIN TODAY!



May 1st – May
23rd



Winner will be
announced
May 30th!

All proceeds will help fund St. Mary School



State of New Jersey
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS
NEW JERSEY VETERANS MEMORIAL HOME
524 NORTH WEST BOULEVARD
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YVONNE L. MAYS
Brigadier General
The Adjutant General

March 20, 2025

St. Mary School
32A Carrol Ave
Williamstown, NJ 08094

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Residents of the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Vineland, we would like to thank you for the generous donation of Wish List items for our residents to use and enjoy.

We value your interest in our residents and appreciate your continued support to our Home.

Sincerely,

RJ Morrison
Volunteer Services Assistant

Very truly yours,

Allyson Bailey, RN, BSN, MBA, LNHA
Chief Executive Officer

RM: AB: GG



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!



ST. MARY SCHOOL
ANNUAL GOLF
GOLF OUTING



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

**SPONSORSHIP
PACKAGES**

TOP TIER SPONSORSHIPS:

PLATINUM SPONSOR: \$10,000

GOLD SPONSOR: \$8,000

SILVER SPONSOR: \$6,000

BRONZE SPONSOR: \$4,000

GIVEAWAY SPONSORSHIPS:

POLO SPONSOR: \$3,500

HAT SPONSOR: \$3,500

GOLFER KIT GIVEAWAY SPONSOR: \$2,500

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO SECURE
YOUR SPONSORSHIP TODAY!**



MORE GREAT OPTIONS ON THE BACK!

ST. MARY SCHOOL

**ANNUAL GOLF
GOLF OUTING**



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

SPECIAL HOLE SPONSORSHIPS:

LONG DRIVE SPONSOR: \$2,000

CLOSEST TO THE PIN SPONSOR: \$2,000

PUTTING CONTEST SPONSOR: \$1,500

HOLE IN ONE CONTEST SPONSOR: \$2,000

FOOD SPONSORSHIPS:

LUNCH SPONSOR: \$1,500

BEER SPONSOR: \$1,000

HOLE SPONSORSHIPS:

SMALL BUSINESS HOLE SIGN SPONSOR: \$150

SMS FAMILY + CLASS OF 2025 HOLE SIGN SPONSOR: \$50

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO SECURE
YOUR SPONSORSHIP TODAY!**





CLOTHING DRIVE

date: Saturday, May 17

drop-off time: 8:30am – 10:00am

location: 8th grade doors SMS

Items Collected

Clothing & Accessories

Shoes (in separate bags)

**Towels, Sheets, Pillowcases
Curtains**

Small Toys (under 2ft)

Stuffed Animals, Bikes/Scooters

Strollers

**Please ensure ALL donation items are in
TIED PLASTIC BAGS**



ITEMS NOT COLLECTED: quilts, comforters, pillows, blankets, sporting equipment, board games, books, puzzles, pots, car seats, electrical devices, glass, large toys, highchairs, furniture of any type, VCR tapes, outdoor play sets

Please keep **SHOES** in **SEPARATE** bags

Any **QUESTIONS** please call or text Liz Duxbury 609-602-1913



CHEER REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!!

2025-2026

REGISTRATION IS DUE NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025

JUNIOR VARSITY (3rd-4th Grade)

*** Practice Schedule:**

- One practice/week from September – October
- Two practices/week from November – February

- * Perform at Fall and Winter Pep Rally
- * Sideline Cheer at Home Basketball Games
- * Compete in two to three winter competitions
- * Participate in school/community spirit events

VARSITY (5th – 8th Grade)

*** Practice Schedule:**

- Two practices/week from September – February

- * Perform at Fall and Winter Pep Rally
- * Sideline Cheer at Home Basketball Games
- * Compete in two to three winter competitions
- * Participate in school/community spirit events

All registration forms and fees will be due at the time of registration. If you need the registration and required forms, please reach out to the coaches.

All 5th – 8th Grade cheerleaders will be required to have an Athlete Physical Form on file prior to the start of practice.

****We will register Minis (K-2nd grade cheerleading) in the fall****

Any questions, please email us!

Kimmy Thomas – E: kimmythomas158@gmail.com

Alyssa Colon – E: alyssavcolon@gmail.com

GO CRUSADERS





Happy Birthday!



Does your child have a birthday coming up?

We want to make it extra special!

Wish your child a happy birthday on our screens around the school!

\$5 Each

Please fill out the form below and send it back **a week before** you wish to have your message appear.

We will take dates in advance

Any questions? Reach out to Kate McDermott at pta@smarys.org

September Birthdays & Summer Birthdays accepted as well!

Childs Name: _____

Date of message: _____

Message:



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Yearbook Order Information

Capture the memories with a yearbook!

A YEARBOOK

AS UNIQUE AS your student

The memories. The friendships. The achievements. This yearbook is like no other, because your student is like no other. Save this year's special moments with a yearbook.

ORDER YEARBOOK ›

JOSTENS PAYMENT PLAN

Spread out the cost of your order with interest-free payments.*

GET STARTED ›

*Minimum purchase requirements and eligibility restrictions apply.

Free CPR Training

Hosted by Cooper Health's
Center for Resuscitation and
Community Engagement

Arranged through the Healthcare
Ministry of Our Lady of Peace Parish

**MONDAY, MAY 12
5-8PM IN MARIAN HALL**

- Come learn and observe lifesaving skills that are vital to the health and safety of our Parish Family and yours!
- OLOPP Emergency Operation Plan encourages all Parish Ministry Members to learn CPR in order to respond accordingly to emergent issues.



To attend, please register by contacting the Parish
Office at 856-629-6142 or email
parishnursning@olopp.org.

RSVP by **Monday, May 5th.**

Refreshments will be available.

****This CPR training is not AHA approved.***

****TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!!****

"Revised Form"



**SAVE THE DATE –
DESIGNER BAG BINGO & Raffle Baskets**

**Friday, May 2nd 6-10pm
(Doors open at 5:00pm)**

Ladies!!! Come join us for a night of **Bingo for Coach Bags and 50/50**. Get all your girlfriends together for a **FUN GIRLS NIGHT OUT!!** Bring your favorite drinks & appetizers for you and your friends to share, and come to the Assumption Hall at St. Mary's School Gym of Our Lady of Peace Parish for a fabulous evening of Designer Bag FUN!

We will be playing 10 games of Bingo plus Specials—winner of each game will receive a Beautiful Designer Bag. Also try your luck at our 50/50.

Tickets are \$35 per person which includes 10 games of bingo plus 1 special. Additional games can be purchased along with dabbers.

Make your check payable to: Our Lady of Peace Parish (OLOPP). Tables are forming fast! Tickets will be sold until it sells out!! If you want to sit with a group/table – when ordering please put Name of Table.

Stop by the Parish Center to get tickets or send your money into St. Mary's School with DESIGNER BAG BINGO tickets on envelope.

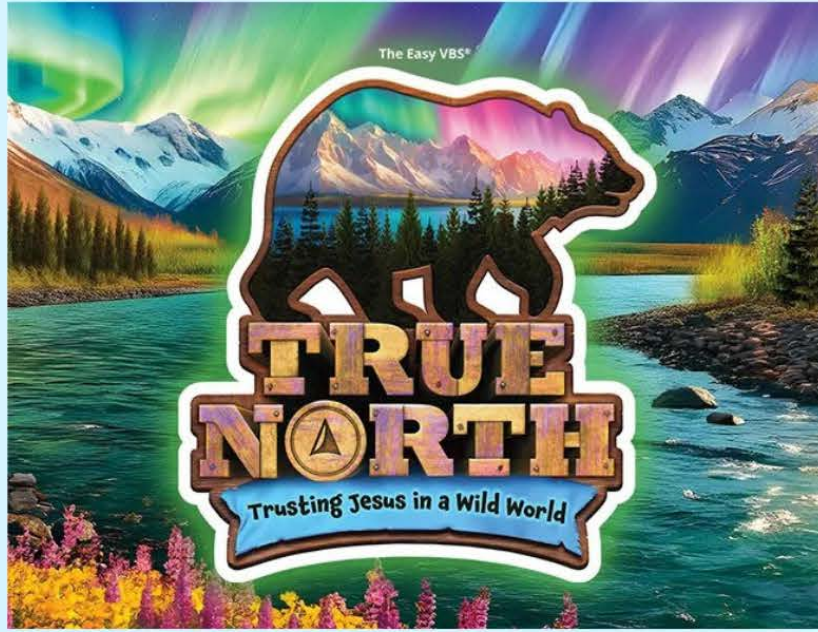
Any questions, please contact Loren Laughlin at the Parish Center 856-629-6142. Looking forward to seeing you there!!

Name: _____

of tickets: _____

Table name: _____

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025



JULY 21ST-25TH

9AM-12PM

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

**SCAN THE QR CODE FOR THE REGISTRATION
FORM OR PICK UP A FORM AT THE PARISH OFFICE**



**PLAY LIKE
A CHAMPION
TODAY**

Character Education Through Sports

Champion Coach Note

Educating and Forming Champion Coaches

Ownership



Coaches, do you remember the “pick-up” games we played when we were children? We, the players, choose teams, assigned positions, called plays, changed rules, enforced rules, and resolved disputes. Today’s sport leagues can be so heavily adult-organized that they take away the athlete’s control. *Play Like a Champion* seeks to reclaim the lessons lost from pick-up games by reminding coaches that children are the

owners of their games. Parents, coaches and league administrators are *requests*; if no adult attended, the hosts — the children — could still play. If adults created no leagues, their sons and daughters might go without league standings, playoffs, all-star teams, championship trophies, and similar touches... but the children could still choose sides and play games.

Ownership is often the forgotten element in *Play Like a Champion*’s GROW approach. However, it is **KEY** to the athlete’s whole development and trauma-informed coaching. Coaches should give your athletes *choices* and a *voice* (making sure you *LISTEN* to them); this will empower players to be responsible for the welfare of the team as a whole and allow them share in the responsibility of making team decisions and enforcing team rules and policies.

Play Like a Champion thinks of **Ownership** as having successive steps:

- Athletes feel responsible...
- They become invested in their team and...
- Grow into leaders who learn to make...
- Positive decisions (cardinal virtue of *Prudence*)

[Watch Play Like a Champion Program Director Kristin Sheehan in the video above](#) as she gives some specific examples of how you can give athletes Ownership. Then make a commitment of two tangible ways you will give control to your athletes this week in practice. By giving our kids ownership of the games they play, they will experience more fun and greater long-term benefits from the experience, GROWing in to leaders and well-rounded athletes.

“You call me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him.” ~ John 13:13-16

A Prayer for Holy Week

Jesus, in these last few days leading up to Easter, as I recall your passion and death, let me remember that, above all, I am called to feed your sheep. You have given me a model of how to live; may I strive to be all that you created me for, spreading the love of God and the truth of our Catholic faith wherever I am able. You are the way, the truth, and the life. Amen.



Prayer from Dynamic Catholic's Best Lent Ever. Image is "Jesus Washing the Feet of the Apostles" by Giovanni Danedi.

Access Resources & Learn More at www.playlikeachampion.org

Play Like a Champion Today Educational Series
PO Box 72, Notre Dame, IN 46556 information@playlikeachampion.org
www.playlikeachampion.org

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Hello Warm Weather! ***It's Time for Williamstown's*** ***Spring II & Summer Tennis Programs***



14th Successful Year! Train With & Learn From the BEST

MITCH WINKLER, Coach

Premier SJ/Phila Professional Coach
SJ Tennis Hall of Fame 2021
Phila Inquirer HS Coach of the Year
Haddonfield HS Developmental Coach
Only SJ Girls Coach to Win Sectional
Championships at 2 Different Schools

BRITTANY REEDMAN, Founder

#1 Singles Player The College of NJ
NJAC Rookie of the Year
ITA Northeast Regional Finalist
4 Year WHS #1 Singles Player
SJ Times Tennis Player of Year
Winner SJ Times GC Tournament

And Our Wonderful Assistant Coaches!

Spring II Tennis Program, Williamstown Middle School Courts

7 Thursdays Starting May 15th, \$105

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

Summer Tennis Program, Williamstown Middle School Courts

6 Thursdays Starting July 10th, \$90

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

(Followed by Fall Tennis for 7 Saturdays starting September 6th!)

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

Any Questions Contact TennisAce926@comcast.net, Office 856-307-1230

Payment Methods: 1. **Venmo Business** Mitch Winkler Tennis (@MWTennis)

2. **Zelle** Connie Reedman, 215-429-5170

3. **Check** Payable/Mailed to Connie Reedman, 1400 Woodland Ct, Williamstown, 08094

Following info required for new players via payment notes, mail, or email to TennisAce926@comcast.net

Player Name _____ Grade _____

School _____ Tennis Experience _____

Parent Name _____ Email _____

Home Address _____ Parent Cell _____

Session: Spring II Elem Spring II Middle Spring II HS Summer Elem Summer Middle Summer HS