

# Messages from the School Office



- The students had a great time at today's Race for Education. We are still \$5000.00 away from reaching our goal. If we reach our goal by Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> we will get to pie our principal, pastor and teachers. Thank you to everyone who has already donated!
- Trunk or treat wrist bands were sent home today with students.
- Our school picture days are scheduled for next week. Please see the next page for details.
- If your child is in Grades 3-8 and would like to join the band, we invite you to attend our virtual parent meeting on Monday 10/27 at 6:30pm. To join the meeting via Zoom please visit <https://nemusicprograms.com/parentmeeting>. **The first band lesson is scheduled for Monday, November 3.**
- SMS is proud to join our parish community in supporting families in need this Thanksgiving. We are collecting non-perishable Thanksgiving dinner items, and we invite our school families to donate by Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.



# *PICTURE DAYS AT SMS*

Students and Staff at St. Mary School will have individual pictures taken on the days listed below.

<p><u>Monday, October 27th</u></p> <p>Monday/Wednesday/Friday Preschool Students/Staff</p>	<p><u>Tuesday, October 28th</u></p> <p>Tuesday/Thursday Preschool Students/Staff</p> <p>Kindergarten – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students/Staff</p>
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**Students may wear casual school appropriate clothing (no shorts) or their school winter or summer uniform. Jostens recommends no “Green clothing” be worn. If your student has gym on Tuesday, October 28th they are to wear their “picture clothes” and not their gym clothes. Please have them bring in sneakers to wear for gym.**

GET READY FOR  
**picture day!**

SAINT MARY SCHOOL

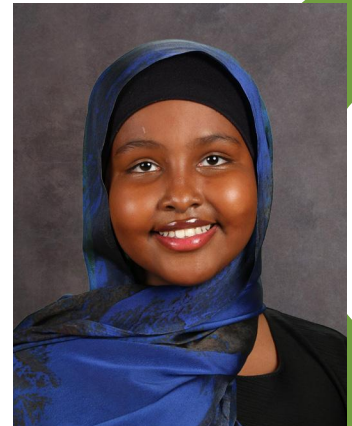
OCTOBER 27, 2025 - PRESCHOOL ONLY

OCTOBER 28, 2025

NOVEMBER 04, 2025 - CAP AND GOWN

NOVEMBER 18, 2025 - RETAKES INDIVIDUAL AND CAP AND GOWN

Multiple  
Background  
Options!



**TO-DO'S:**



Mark your  
calendar



Plan your  
outfit & hairstyle



**Please, don't wear green.**

Our green screen lets you choose your background when you order your photos, but it also makes green clothes disappear.

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## What's next?

A few days after picture day, you'll be able to customize and order your photos online at [jostenspix.com/shop](https://jostenspix.com/shop) — and photos will be shipped directly to your home.

**YOUR EVENT CODE IS: FE279425**

# Ordering photos is easy!

## SAINT MARY SCHOOL

**YOUR EVENT CODE IS: FE279425**



### **CHECK YOUR EMAIL**

- When your student's pictures are ready, JostensPIX will send you a link to order.



### **LOG IN OR CREATE AN ACCOUNT**

- If you register your account using the email address your school has on file, your student's photos will display in the gallery.
- If you use another email address, click **FIND YOUR STUDENT?** and enter your event code and information to link their photos with this account.



### **ORDER PHOTOS**

- **PERSONALIZE & ORDER:** Select your photo, choose a background and customize with text.
- **CONTINUE:** Select your package and any additional products.
- **ADD TO CART:** Confirm your cropping.
- **CHECK OUT:** Your photos will be delivered directly to your home.



**SCAN TO SHOP** OR GO TO [JOSTENSPIX.COM/SHOP](https://www.jostenspix.com/shop)

Questions? See website for FAQs or call **1 (877) 515-1447**.



**Thank you to everyone who helped with the  
Monroe Township Halloween Parade on  
Saturday.**

**Special thanks to the Thomas family for  
building our amazing float**

**“Yo ho ho a Crusaders life for me”**

**We won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the large float division!**

**Thank you to Alyssa and Kimmy for all their  
help with our wonderful cheerleaders who led  
us up Main Street.**

**Thank you to all those who donated candy and  
for participating in the parade.**

**Thank you to Kari Janisse for walking on stilts  
for us.**

**Thank you to the Lahr family for the pirate  
hats and the Colon family for the headbands  
and SMS eye patches.**



SAINT MARY'S CRUSADERS

# INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL

KINDERGARTEN TO 3RD GRADE

**SUNDAYS ONLY!**

January 4th to February 8th

 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM  
Kindergarten &  
1st Grade

 2:15 PM - 3:00 PM  
2ND & 3RD  
GRADE

**SIGN UPS/REGISTRATION:**  
October 22nd to November 21st



# HALLOWEEN AT SMS



October 14, 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On Friday, October 31st we will celebrate Halloween at St. Mary School. The specifics for the day are as follows:

- Any student, who wishes, may wear a costume to school for the day. The costume must reflect the philosophy and atmosphere of our school. Large costumes, face coverings and blow up costumes are not permitted.
- If the costume chosen has accessories such as guns, swords, knives, etc., please leave these accessories home.
- You should consider that the costume will need to travel on the school bus and spend the early morning in the usual academic schedule. This costume does not have to be the one that is used for Trick-or-Treating, but one that is more appropriate for a school day.

**The schedule for the day includes:**

**AM** – Regular schedule of classes

**1:30 PM** Total school **Halloween Parade** outside on our side parking lot. Parents/grandparents are welcome to come and watch the parade. Younger students will be teamed up with their “buddies” to insure the safety of our students. ***Please park in the large parking lot when you come to the parade. If we have inclement weather, students will parade in the gym.***

After the parade, the classroom celebrations will begin. ***Only Homeroom Parents helping with the celebrations will be permitted in the building.***

***Early dismissals will only be allowed before 1:00 PM on this day. If you are in the school and helping with the celebrations your student(s) will not be dismissed early but may be dismissed with cars riders at 2:45 if a note is sent in to the teacher. No exceptions will be made.***

Thank you,

Mrs. Patricia Mancuso  
Principal

# 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 and a pizza party.

**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!

*St. Mary School PTA*  
*Beef & Beer Basket Auction*  
*Featuring the band*  
*High Noone*

When: Saturday November 15<sup>th</sup>

7pm-11pm

Where: St. Mary School Assumption Hall

\$30 per ticket

\*Must be 21+ to attend\*

Please fill out the form below and send in with payment for tickets!

Please send in ticket form by 10/31

Any questions please reach out to [pta@smarys.org](mailto:pta@smarys.org)

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Request a table? Yes or No

Childs Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ A or B

# PhotoVision

## St Marys Fall Picture Schedule

### K2 Classroom

Date: Saturday, November 15, 202

Start Time: 9:00 AM

Time	Team Name
9:00 AM	Co-ed Soccer Team
9:15 AM	Intramural Soccer Red
9:30 AM	Intramural Soccer Blue
9:45 AM	Intramural Soccer Green
10:00 AM	Intramural Soccer Yellow
10:15 AM	Volleyball Y
10:30 AM	Volleyball O
10:45 AM	JV Cheer
11:00 AM	Varsity Cheer



## **PICTURE DAY IS Saturday, November 15th**

Please see the attached schedule for your scheduled time slot.

### **HOW TO ORDER PICTURES:**

- Visit <https://www.teamphotonetwork.com/track/e.aspx?2377134-81048-5E48CCA13B>
- Choose your category (Team & Division).
- Enter your **child's** first & last name, then click "**Continue**"
- Make your product selections by clicking "**Add to Cart**"
- Enter the customizations required.
- You can then click on 'Continue Working' to choose more items. You can also click 'Checkout' if you are finished ordering, or 'Order for Another Individual'.

When you are ready to checkout, please create an account, checkout as a guest, or complete your purchase using PayPal.

Then enter your billing & shipping address (please note that your orders will be shipped directly to you), and your payment information.

Once you are done, click "**Complete Order**"

Please ensure that you receive the email with your confirmation (with Order ID Number).

**We look forward to seeing you on picture day!**

Text: 856-308-5461

Email: [PhotoVisionInc@gmail.com](mailto:PhotoVisionInc@gmail.com)

Website: [www.photovision-nj.com](http://www.photovision-nj.com)

St. Mary School

# Vintage

Daddy/Daughter Dance



*Get your poodle skirts, saddle shoes, red lipsticks, and neck scarfs ready!*

SAVE THE DATE

**JANUARY 30, 2026**  
**ASSUMPTION HALL**





# Champion Coach Note

Forming Champion Coaches Since 2006

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## Giving Ownership

**Ownership** is the third element of *Play Like a Champion's* GROW approach and represents the key to developing leadership in young athletes while fostering a love of the game. We are all more motivated to try our hardest, embrace challenges, and *GROW* when we have ownership of an activity or group. For kids of all ages, it's important that they view their athletic experience or team as their own, not something dictated by adults. Only then will a young athlete be able to increase motivation, take accountability and maximize the benefits that sports offer.



**In the video above**, *Play Like a Champion's* Kristin Sheehan speaks to the ways that coaches and parents can instill ownership by *giving the game back to the kids*. Simple, practical steps can have a significant impact, such as asking kids to select a drill at practice or having them select team goals for the season. Even having kids lead prayer at the beginning and end of practice can be a tremendous way to set tone and remind athletes that this team belongs to them.

This week, consider 3 concrete ways that you can give athletes ownership over their experience. As Sheehan explains, doing so will help them to gain *responsibility*, which builds *accountability* and ultimately develops *leadership* skills. As *Champion* coaches, we know that a team full of leaders is destined for success.

*"And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." ~ Mark 10:42-45*

## A Prayer for Coaches

Thank you Lord for all the gifts that coaching young people provides to me. Thank you for the energy and joy of young athletes as they learn and grow as part of my team. When my team has success, help me to not boast about our accomplishments in your service. Help me to remember that all good we do is due to your help, grace, and inspiration. Let us be aware of your assistance on our team in providing us with desire, drive, courage, and hope. Help me to be at peace with my team and my coaching, dedicating all I do and all our team does to play for God's glory. Amen.



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