

Messages from the School Office



- Holiday shop envelopes were sent home with students today.
- We look forward to our Performing Arts Christmas Show, Christmas Through the Pages, tomorrow night at 6:30 pm in Assumption Hall. Please send in ticket money tomorrow.
- Crab cake pick up is Friday, December 12th from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm in Assumption Hall/Gym. We cannot store the crab cakes so they must all be picked up on Friday.
- Re-enrollment is due on Wednesday, December 17th. After the 17th the re-enrollment fee will increase and the amount for the Kindergarten Grant will decrease.
- For the safety of our students, car rider parents/guardians should follow the traffic patterns.
- Dismissal changes should not be emailed to the office or to teachers. Please send in notes with students or call the main office before 1:00 pm.
- The deadline for Tuition Assistance applications for the 2026-2027 school-year is quickly approaching. The applications are due to FACTS by December 31, 2025.
- Christmas vacation is Monday, December 22rd – Friday, January 2nd. Students return to school Monday, January 5th.

PTA
N.U.T. CARD
FLASH SALE

Wednesday and Thursday,
December 10th & 11th Only!

You may purchase ONE more N.U.T. Card per student in the amount of \$10.00 per card. Please send in your order in an envelope marked “N.U.T. Card Flash Sale”. All orders must be sent in by **Thursday, December 11th**.

Thank you for your support.
SMS PTA

NUT CARD FLASH SALE

Child: _____ Class: _____

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ST. MARY SCHOOL—50/50 SERIES

We will be having four 50/50 raffles this year to help support St. Mary School and Catholic education.

Our SECOND one will be... **CHRISTMAS---50/50 RAFFLE**

In celebration of Christmas (and the need for a little extra cash during the holidays!), we will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets beginning now until Noon on Thursday, December 11th

Cost:

1 ticket for \$3.00

3 tickets for \$5.00

15 tickets for \$10.00

40 tickets for \$25.00

You can also purchase tickets during the Christmas concert on December 3 and the Performing Arts show on December 10

The 50/50 Raffle will be drawn on Friday, December 12th at 3 pm. We will contact the winner of the raffle after it is drawn.

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PLEASE RETURN THIS BOTTOM PORTION ONLY ALONG WITH THE MONEY TO ST. MARY SCHOOL NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11TH AT NOON --ATTN: JACKIE KERN, ADVANCEMENT OFFICE

Name: (to be placed on tickets) _____
Child's Name _____ Homeroom _____
Email _____ Cell Phone _____
Number of tickets _____
Amount enclosed _____ (cash please)

NO TICKETS WILL BE SENT HOME—WE WILL WRITE YOUR NAME ON THE TICKETS AND PLACE THEM IN THE BASKET FOR THE DRAWING!



**St. Mary School is proud to present
our Performing Arts Club as they perform
“Christmas Through the Pages”**

**The performance will be held on
Wednesday, December 10, 2025
in Assumption Hall at 6:30 pm.**

Tickets - \$6.00 per adult and \$4.00 per child

To purchase tickets please complete the order form below.

“Christmas Through the Pages”

Name: _____ **Grade:** _____ **A B**

Number of Tickets: Adult _____ **@\$6.00 per ticket**
Child _____ **@\$4.00 per ticket**

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____



**Our school will be hosting our annual holiday shop on
December 16th and 17th.**

Each child will have the opportunity to shop independently for gifts for their entire family.

Budget envelopes will be distributed as we get closer to the shop dates.



Christmas Shop

Time	Tuesday, December 16th	Wednesday, December 17th
8:30-9:00	6B	8B
9:00-9:30	5B	8A
9:30-10:00	6A	2B
10:00-10:30	1A	5A
10:30-11:00		4A
11:00-11:30	3A	3B
11:30-12:00	1B	7A
12:00-12:30	K1	K2
1:00-1:30	7B	
1:30-2:00	2A	



October 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

For your planning and convenience, FACTS Tuition Assistance application is now available for the 2026-2027 school year. There is a \$45 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 2024 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



**ST. MARY AUTISM
AWARENESS CLUB**

**CHRISTMAS
FUNDRAISER**

**ACCEPTING DONATIONS NOVEMBER
4TH TO DECEMBER 19TH**

**HELP US SPREAD AUTISM
AWARENESS AND CHRISTMAS
CHEER THIS YEAR BY HELPING US
RAISE MONEY AS A SPECIAL GIFT FOR
ARCHBISHOP DAMIANO SCHOOL!**

Please send all cash donations to your homeroom teacher. Parents may Venmo to @francis-pulipati. The Venmo Verification code is 4302. All donations will be collected and sent to Archbishop Damiano school.



PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

AN EVENING OF
SCRIPTURE & MUSIC IN
PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS
DEDICATED IN MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED
LONGTIME MUSIC DIRECTOR, JON AGRESTA

Presented by the Music Ministry of
Our Lady of Peace Parish and featuring our
Adult Choir, Folk Group, Children's Choir,
Filipino Choir, & instrumentalists

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12
AT 7PM IN THE CHURCH





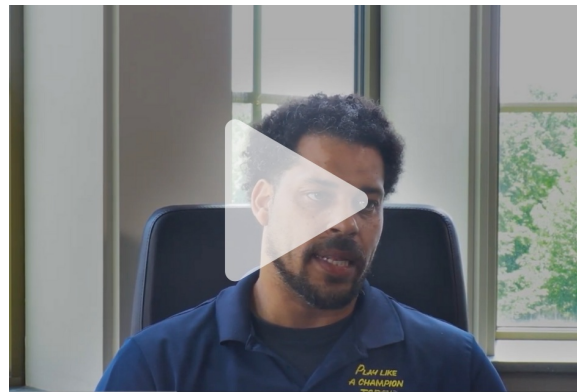
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Brain Development

Did you know that 90% of your child's brain development takes place by the age of 5? While knowledge and reasoning might take longer to develop (teenagers just *think* they know everything) the brain itself is nearly full size and making most of the key neural connections it needs before the average child reaches grade school. On a practical level, this makes early childhood a critical time for physical, mental, emotional and social development, as much of what happens during this period will impact their ability to become healthy, successful adults.



Sports play an important role in this development. [As Jason Daniels explains in the video above](#), both positive and negative experiences can have a lasting impact on our children. For many kids, sports offers an opportunity for positive reinforcement, confidence building, and to build resilience in the face of trauma. Daniels is a Program Director for UCAN in Chicago and a Board Member of the North Lawndale Athletic and Recreation Association (NLARA), as well as a *Play Like a Champion* Trainer. He shares some of the important ways that sports can help kids develop.

As parents, our commitment to creating a positive and nurturing youth sports environment can play a critical role in the development of the children involved. Remember that each child on a team (and your opponents) has a unique story that may include serious adversity. Through our encouragement and support, parents and coaches can work together to make sports a platform for growth.

"Let all that you do be done in love."~ 1 Corinthians 16:14

Meet the Group

As parents, we all just want what's best for our children. But what happens when our best laid



plans get in the way of what's actually good for them? We recently came across [this video](#) from *Sport Nova Scotia* that puts an entertaining spin on something that's all too real. Do you identify with any of these parents? *Special thanks to Bill Matthews for passing this along!*

A Prayer for Parents

O God, the Father of humankind, who has blessed me with these my children and committed them to my charge to raise them and prepare them for eternal life:

Grant me the graces I need to fulfill this most sacred duty and stewardship. Teach me both what to give and what to withhold; when to reprove and when to forbear; make me to be gentle, yet firm; considerate and watchful;

deliver me equally from the weakness of indulgence, and the excess of severity.

Help me also to teach them to play. That I might instill them with the joy and benefit of participation in the gift of sport and recreation. And grant that, both by word and example, I may be careful to lead them in the ways of wisdom and true piety, so that at last I may, with them, be admitted to the unspeakable joys of our true home in heaven, in the company of the blessed Angels and Saints. Amen.



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