

# Messages from the School Office



- **Reminder:** Re-Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year is due tomorrow, Wednesday, December 17th. If you have not yet completed re-enrollment, please see your email from Nov. 19 & Dec. 2 for your personal code to re-enroll.

Please note: After December 17th, the re-enrollment may increase.

Also, after December 17th, the Kindergarten grant amount offered may decrease to \$500.

We ask that you please complete re-enrollment -- via the Finals site platform--by December 17th.

Thank you for being a part of our St. Mary School family!

- School mass will be held on Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. **Students may wear jeans or sweatpants with a Christmas colored or themed shirt. No pajama pants.** Clothes must be modest and appropriate for school and mass. Please no large headbands, hats or light up objects.
- No students will be permitted to leave after the celebrations on Friday. They must dismiss by car riders or bus at 2:45 pm.
- Congratulations to the Haag family who won \$353.00 in our Christmas 50/50 raffle.
- 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 22<sup>rd</sup> – Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Students return to school Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Save the date: Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> Winter Sports Pictures. The schedule will be posted on Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.



December 16, 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for helping us celebrate this blessed season of Advent! Our K-3 Christmas show, led by Mrs. Robin Busch, was a wonderful way to start the season. Our Performing Arts Club did a great job in their performance of “Christmas Through the Pages” written and directed by Miss Erin Whittaker. We are so proud of our children and the special gifts that they share with us whether it’s as a singer or performer!

Parents and guardians were extremely generous with all the donations for our Christmas families. We have made many families very happy this Christmas season. Thank you for your amazing generosity!

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We appreciate all the good wishes and treats that have been sent our way! May God fill your life with love, joy and peace this Holiday Season and throughout the New Year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mancuso



# Saint Mary School

## January 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> No School	2  <b>No School</b>	3 Mass Schedule 4:00 p.m.
4 Mass Schedule 7:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	5 <b>Welcome Back To School</b>  SCRIP Orders Due	6 Lab Week B  Science Explorers 2:45 – 4:00	7  School Choir 2:45 – 4:00	8  Rosary Club 2:45-3:20	9  <b>12:15 Dismissal Lunch Served Faculty Mtg.</b>	10 Mass Schedule 4:00 p.m.
11 Mass Schedule 7:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	12 SCRIP Orders Due	13 Lab Week C  STAR Testing Reading	14 Ministry of Student Leadership 2:45 - 4:00 Craft Club 2:45-4:00 Open House	15 STAR Testing Math  Chess Club 2:45 – 4:00	16	17 Mass Schedule 4:00 p.m.
18 Mass Schedule 7:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	19 <b>No School MLK Jr. Day</b>	20 Lab Week D  Science Explorers 2:45 – 4:00	21  School Choir 2:45 – 4:00	22 Activity/Club Pictures Rosary Club 2:45-3:20	23 End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr.	24 Winter Sports Pictures Mass Schedule 4:00 p.m.
25 <b>Catholic Schools Week Begins</b>	26 Scrip Orders Due  CSW Mass 9:00	27  Science Explorers 2:45 – 4:00	28	29	30 <b>12:15 Dismissal Lunch Served No Aftercare Pep Rally Daddy/Special Person Daughter Dance 6:00 pm</b>	31



Meet Your Nutritious Friend:  
Brown Rice Besties

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	What is a Meal? Students must choose at least 3 of the 5 components available for the school lunch price.  - Choice of Whole Grain - Choice of Protein - Choice of Vegetable - Choice of Fruit - Choice of Milk  A minimum ½ cup serving of fruit or vegetable must accompany a reimbursable lunch.  <b>Choice of Vegetable</b> Hot vegetable, leafy salad, composed bean salad, seasonal fresh vegetables  <b>Choice of Fruit</b> Seasonal fresh fruits, canned fruit in light syrup, 100% fruit juice  <b>Choice of Milk</b> 1% white, chocolate, and strawberry  <b>Daily Alternates</b> Pizza Crunchers Chicken Nuggets w/ Goldfish Bagel w/ Yogurt and Cheese Stick Cereal w/ Yogurt and Cheese Stick  <b>(V) Vegetarian</b> These items do not contain meat, poultry, or seafood, but may contain dairy and/or egg  <b>(VG) Vegan</b> These items do not contain any animal products
			1  NO SCHOOL  HAPPY NEW YEAR!!	2  NO SCHOOL	
5  Italian Meatball Sub Chicken Tenders w/ Garlic Bread Crispy Chicken Salad  <b>FEATURED VEGGIES</b> Green Beans Applesauce Cup	6  Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla Nacho Grande w/ Sour Cream and Salsa  <b>FEATURED VEGGIES</b> Steamed Corn 100% Apple Juice	7  Bacon, Egg, and Cheese on an English Muffin Turkey and Cheese Hoagie Taco Salad  <b>FEATURED VEGGIES</b> Steamed Broccoli Peach Cup	8  Bacon Double Cheeseburger Buffalo Chicken Wrap  <b>FEATURED VEGGIES</b> Baked Beans 100% Apple Juice	9  12:15 Early Dismissal  Hot Dog on a Bun  <b>FEATURED VEGGIES</b> Veggie Patch 100% Apple Juice	
12  Pizza Dippers w/ Dipping Cup Chicken Patty on a Bun Grilled Chicken Salad  <b>FEATURED VEGGIES</b> Steamed Carrots Mixed Fruit	13  Beef Soft Tacos  Chicken Fajita over Rice  <b>FEATURED VEGGIES</b> Seasoned Rice 100% Apple Juice	14  Mini Pancakes Hot Ham and Cheese Taco Salad  <b>FEATURED VEGGIES</b> Tater Tots Pear Cup	15  Hot Turkey over Mashed Potatoes Chicken Tenders with Soft Pretzel  <b>FEATURED VEGGIES</b> Mashed Potatoes 100% Apple Juice	16  Pizzeria Pizza Bagel, Yogurt, and Cheese Stick Grilled Chicken Salad  <b>FEATURED VEGGIES</b> Veggie Patch Fruit Cup	
19  NO SCHOOL  MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	20  Chicken Patty on a Bun Mini Corn Dogs  <b>FEATURED VEGGIES</b> Buttered Corn 100% Apple Juice	21  Chicken and Waffles w/ Syrup Breakfast Wrap Buffalo Chicken Salad  <b>FEATURED VEGGIES</b> Hash Browns Mixed Fruit	22  Pasta w/ Meatballs and Garlic Bread Popcorn Chicken w/ Garlic Bread  <b>FEATURED VEGGIES</b> Sweet Peas 100% Apple Juice	23  Pizzeria Pizza Bagel, Yogurt, and Cheese Stick Buffalo Chicken Salad  <b>FEATURED VEGGIES</b> Veggie Patch Fruit Cup	
26  French Bread Pizza Grilled Cheese Sandwich Crispy Chicken Salad  <b>FEATURED VEGGIES</b> Tomato Soup Apricot Cup	27  Big Mac Cheeseburger Walking Taco w/ Fixings  <b>FEATURED VEGGIES</b> Golden Corn 100% Apple Juice	28  French Toast Sticks with Sausage Links Turkey and Cheese Hoagie Taco Salad  <b>FEATURED VEGGIES</b> Tri Patty Taters Green Beans	29  Cheesesteak Sub Mac & Cheese  <b>FEATURED VEGGIES</b> Steamed Carrots 100% Apple Juice	30  12:15 EARLY DISMISSAL  Cheeseburger on a Bun  <b>FEATURED VEGGIES</b> Veggie Patch 100% Apple Juice	

**Your Team**  
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**Meal Prices**  
Student Lunch \$3.40  
Reduced Lunch \$0.00  
Faculty Lunch \$4.10



**Saint Mary School  
Family Prayer Calendar  
January 2026**



*Please pray for the following St. Mary School families  
each day during this month. These families will also be remembered during our  
morning prayers.*

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
				1	2	3
4	5 <i>Mazure Family</i>  <i>McDermott Family</i>	6 <i>McDermott Family</i>  <i>McHugh Family</i>	7 <i>McIlvaine Family</i>  <i>Meddings Family</i>	8 <i>Meehan Family</i>  <i>Miller Family</i>	9 <i>Miller Family</i>  <i>Moore Family</i>	10
11	12 <i>Morgan Family</i>  <i>Mosher Family</i>	13 <i>Moss Family</i>  <i>Mullen Family</i>	14 <i>Mulligan Family</i>  <i>Mulvihill Family</i>	15 <i>Nardone Family</i>  <i>Nees Family</i>	16 <i>Neimeister Family</i>  <i>Newman Family</i>	17
18	19 <i>No School</i>  <i>MLK Jr. Day</i>	20 <i>Nkemneme Family</i>  <i>Nwalozie Family</i>	21 <i>Oberg Family</i>  <i>Obiukwu Family</i>	22 <i>O'Brien Family</i>  <i>Okereke Family</i>	23 <i>O'Malley Family</i>  <i>Onwuegbule Family</i>	24
25	26 <i>Ouedraogo Family</i>  <i>Pagano Family</i>	27 <i>Papp Family</i>  <i>Peacock Family</i>	28 <i>Pennisi Family</i>  <i>Piccone Family</i>	29 <i>Pou Family</i>  <i>Powell Family</i>	30 <i>Priestley Family</i>  <i>McKnight Family</i>	31



**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

**MAY 8, 2026  
FROM 6-8PM**

**For our First**  
*Mother/Special “Motherly”*  
*Person and Son Dance!*

For those interested in being part of the planning committee please join our GroupMe by scanning the QR code or go to:

[groupme.com/join\\_group/111980391/BG6G2EFJ](https://groupme.com/join_group/111980391/BG6G2EFJ)

Or contact Kari Janisse:

[YouthMinisterKari@gmail.com](mailto:YouthMinisterKari@gmail.com)

Our first planning meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 7th at 6pm in the St. Mary School’s Science Lab.  
(Come in the 8th grade doors.)



# PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

Loving God,

During this holy season of Christmas,  
we ask for your blessing on all families.

Let Mary's openness to your  
wondrous ways be an inspiration  
to place all trust in you.

Let Joseph's courage provide hope  
during times of anxiety and uncertainty.

Let Jesus's life ignite all families with  
a spirit of light and love.

May the grace that encircled the Holy Family  
widen to embrace all families.

For this we pray. Amen





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 31<sup>st</sup>.** 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.



# Champion Coach Note

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*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." ~ Isaiah 9:6*

Christmas is a time when children wait in wonder, a season of anticipation and joy. At *Play Like a Champion*, we're beyond grateful for you, our partners, and the tireless work each of you are doing to create meaningful opportunities and experiences for children in your community. Your support of our mission and commitment to helping children realize their potential is an incredible gift.

**From all of us at *Play Like a Champion*, we wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a blessed and Happy New Year!**



*With the holidays upon us, Play Like a Champion's weekly Coach Notes is taking a "winter break" alongside many of our partners! **We'll return on January 6, 2026** with more weekly goodness for coaches, parents and student-athletes. See you next year!*

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