

Messages from the School Office



- No School – Monday, January 19th – MLK Jr. Holiday



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

***ST. MARY SCHOOL
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK***

JANUARY 25, 2026- JANUARY 30, 2026

Sunday, January 25, 2026 - Celebrate Our Parish Community

Students are encouraged to attend 9:30AM or 11:30 AM Mass and wear their SMS uniform!

Monday, January 26, 2026 - Celebrate Our School Community

Please join us for our Catholic Schools Week Liturgy at 9:00AM

Students will participate in the Zaner Bloser Handwriting Contest.

Tuesday, January 27, 2026 - Celebrate Our Nation

Assembly K-8, 9AM - Forces in Motion - students will be introduced to the world of physics and how it affects our everyday lives.

Read a Thon kickoff

Say a decade of the Rosary for the Nation.

Wear your favorite Red, White, and Blue

Wednesday, January 28, 2026 - Celebrate Our Families

Open House for parents/grandparents 9:00AM - 10:00AM - arrival through gym doors

Spelling Bees - Grades 3-8 will be held in each classroom

Grades K-2 will play games

Thursday, January 29, 2026 - Celebrate Vocations

Color Day - Each class will choose their favorite Liturgical color to wear

Vocation Talks

Faculty Lunch

Treat for students

Friday, January 30, 2026 Celebrate Our Students, Faculty and Staff

Students may wear their SMS Spirit wear.

Pep Rally - 10:30 AM

Half Day - 12:15 dismissal

SERVICE PROJECT - Collection of items for Vineland Veterans Home - see Communication Folder for details

The St. Mary Ministry of Student Leadership

is hosting a “win-win” opportunity

to participate in a Corporal Works of Mercy project:

“Soup for the Soup-er Bowl”



Beginning now until Friday, February 6th each student who brings in two cans of soup (or more) will receive a NUT card (one dress down day).



All collections will go to the Our Lady of Peace food pantry.



It's a cold winter. Let's show how warm our hearts are!



Catholic Schools Week Assembly

January, 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are planning an assembly for Catholic Schools Week. The Mobile Ed Productions assembly, Forces in Motion, is an interactive science program for grades K-8. Students will be introduced to the world of physics and how it affects our everyday lives.

We are requesting that every student in grades K-8 please contribute \$5.00 to help with the cost of this assembly.

Please fill out the bottom of this form and return it to your child's teacher by Wednesday, January 21st. Thank you for helping provide this assembly for your students. We know they will enjoy it and also learn some valuable lessons.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Patricia Mancuso
Principal

Catholic Schools Week Assembly

Student Name

Class



St. Mary's Catholic School- Vineland Veterans Home Collection

As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week this year, we will be living out our Service motto by supporting the Vineland Veterans Memorial Home to honor the men and women who have served our country. All items are stocked in their Red, White, and Blue store, where residents can shop free of charge.

We will be collecting the following **new** items:

- Body wash- scents that can be used for men or women
- Deodorant- scents that can be for men or women
- Tissues (Boxes)
- Colored Pencils and/or Colored Markers
- Adult Coloring books (easier to color pictures)
- Large print word search book

- Diabetic Socks and/or Socks with non-slip tread on bottoms
- Sweatshirts & Sweatpants (S – 5XL)
- Button-down cardigans (S-5XL)
- Pre-shave, Aftershave, and Cologne for men; Perfume for women
- Lip Balm
- Electric razors
- Denture adhesive and Denture Cleaning Tablets
- Suspenders and Belts- larger sizes
- Undershirts (white) sizes S-5XL
- Batteries (new only: AA, AAA, and C)
- Refreshments- individually wrapped (Please check expiration dates)
 - Tastykakes, Chips, Pretzels
- **Gift Cards**
 - Wal-Mart, Target, Visa, Amazon

Monetary donations. Cash or check (**NJVMH of Vineland**) These monies go towards trips out to restaurants, events, etc.

Please send in donations by *Thursday, January 29, 2026.*

Thank you for your help!

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St. Mary School Winter/Spring Sport Picture Schedule

Location: K2 Classroom

Date: **Saturday, January 24, 2025**

Start Time: **9:00 AM**

Please note: If your student is interested in signing up for

Track in the Spring. They may come for the picture dressed in their gym uniform.

Please see the next page for ordering instructions

Time	Team Name
9:00 AM	Cheer Minis Grades 1&2
9:10 AM	Cheer Minis Grade K
9:20 AM	Cheer Varsity
9:30 AM	Cheer JV
9:40 AM	Track
9:50 AM	Basketball Intramural Red Grades 2&3
10:00 AM	Basketball Intramural Blue Grades 2&3
10:10 AM	Basketball Intramural Green Grades K&1
10:20 AM	Basketball Intramural Yellow Grades K&1
10:30 AM	Basketball Cadet Grades 3&4
10:40 AM	Basketball JV Grade 5
10:50 AM	Basketball JV Grade 6
11:00 AM	Basketball Varsity Grade 7
11:10 AM	Basketball Varsity Grade 8
11:20 AM	Baseball Grades 5-8

SPORTS PICTURE DAY IS SATURDAY, JANUARY 24TH

HOW TO ORDER PICTURES:

- Visit <https://www.teamphotonetwork.com/track/e.aspx?2390129-81048-4BE1FF8475>
- Choose your team (your team is listed where your game/practice is and coach or team #).
- 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 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 direct 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

PhotoVisionInc@gmail.com



St. Mary School Presents the
Daddy/Special Person & Daughter

SOCK HOP CARNIVAL!

30 January, 2026

Free Carnival games
with ticket purchase

Raffles

DJ/Dancing

**Assumption Hall 6:00pm
to 9:00pm**

Reservations:
See Attached Page



Great Food and Fun for All!

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SOCK HOP CARNIVAL!

30 January, 2026

\$25.00 Per Adult \$15.00 Per Child

Please detach and return to the main office no later than January 23, 2026.

No Tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets will be sent home with your child on Tuesday, January 27, 2026.

Detach Here:

Parent/Special Person Attending Name & Phone Number:

Child(s) Name(s) and Homeroom(s):

Total Amount Enclosed:



Champion Parent Note

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American Development Model

Designed to help athletes reach their full athletic potential, the **American Development Model (ADM)** was originally published in 2009 by USA Hockey before being adopted by the full United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee in 2014. A decade later, it's the model used by nearly all National Governing Bodies - i.e. USA Volleyball, USA Basketball, etc. - to guide coaches and administrators in program and athlete development. Composed of 5 Stages and guided by 5 Key Principles, the model is based on research in long-term athlete development and focuses on appropriate activities for both age and skill level.



5 Key Principles of the American Development Model

1. Universal access to create opportunities for all athletes
2. Developmentally appropriate activities that emphasize motor and foundational skills
3. Multi-sport participation
4. Fun, engaging and progressively challenging atmosphere
5. Quality coaching at all age levels

The model's **Key Outcomes** include growing "both the general athlete population and the pool of elite athletes from which future U.S. Olympians and Paralympians are selected" and providing a pathway to "fulfill an individual's athletic potential." Put simply, the model is designed to help every single athlete perform at his or her highest level while helping coaches to foster this development.

The ADM is key to the *Play Like a Champion* approach, which seeks to provide opportunities for *all* children to play sports while maximizing each child's potential as both human and athlete. The model also encourages multi-sport participation. **In the video to the left**, long-time *Play Like a Champion* trainer and high school educator



Trish Stout provides further context and explains how the ADM helps youth and high school coaches and parents. If parents understand the ADM, follow recommendations for age-appropriate development, and utilize the many resources available based on this research (ex. [USA Basketball's Player Development Curriculum](#)), they will help young athletes to GROW to the best of their ability.

This week, take a moment to watch Trish's comments and click the image of the 5 Stages above to see the full American Development Model. Then consider where your athlete(s) falls on this pathway. Dive deeper by researching the detailed models available for individual sports. Becoming familiar with the ADM will help you to become more knowledgeable about expectations for development while helping your young athlete(s) to foster a healthy, lifelong relationship with physical activity.

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." ~ 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

A Prayer for Parents

Dear Lord, I praise you for the dormancy of wintertime. May I use these days to reflect upon my many blessings, namely the incredible gift of my children. Guide me Lord in being a positive role model for my children. In particular help me to model respectful relationships within the sport arena. Help me to encourage all the athletes on my child's team and the other team; remind me to be respectful of the officials; guide me in welcoming our opponents to the contest. Lord, you are within me and within all around me. Give me the grace to be kind, loving and giving to all those in the athletic arena as I live and model justice for my child athlete. Amen.



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