



June 16, 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Another successful school year has flown by! God has given us the opportunity to learn, celebrate, and pray together this year. What a blessing!

Many thanks to our devoted faculty and staff who give of themselves every day. Thank you to our parents/guardians for your continued support! And thank you to our students for their continued enthusiasm, effort, and smiles!

This year we say goodbye to Mrs. Kathy Gilkin, Mrs. Rebecca Graber, Mr. Christopher May, Mrs. Regina Schaffer, and Mrs. Lorie Shannon. As they begin a new chapter of their lives, we ask God to bless them abundantly with joy, peace, and fulfillment. They will always hold a special place in our hearts, and we pray that their next adventure is filled with many blessings and much happiness. We will recognize them at our end of the year prayer service tomorrow.

Congratulations to our 8th grade graduates! We will truly miss them! The 8th grade students celebrated with a dinner/dance last Friday. Last night they received their diplomas at their graduation mass. We wish them all the best as they journey into high school!

Also, congratulations to our kindergarten and preschool students who had their closing ceremonies this week. What a treat to see what they have accomplished throughout the year!

Our summer newsletter will be emailed to you in mid August. This will contain information regarding the first few weeks of school.

Our teachers in grades 2nd - 7th sent home math practice work for the summer in addition to reading assignments. Also there are a variety of games that review basic math facts, grammar and spelling online. IXL is available until July 31st.

Tomorrow, June 17th, we end our school year with a prayer service and academic assembly. We will begin at 9:00 am in the church. Dismissal time is 10:30 am.

The mass schedule for Our Lady of Peace parish is Saturday 4:00 pm, Sunday 7:45 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am and 6:00 pm. The parish carnival is Monday, June 22nd – Saturday, June 27th. Hope to see you there!

The faculty and staff wish you and your family a safe and peaceful summer. Keep God close!

God Bless,
Mrs. Mancuso



The internet can help us learn, connect, and be creative—but it's important to use it safely and responsibly, especially during the summer!



SMART TIPS FOR A SAFE SUMMER ONLINE



S

SAFE: Protect Your Information

Never share personal information like your address, school, phone number, or passwords. Keep it private!



M

MEET: Be Cautious

Never meet someone in person that you only know online. Tell a trusted adult if someone asks to meet you.



A

ACCEPT: Think Before You Click

Don't accept friend requests or messages from people you don't know. They may not be who they say they are.



R

RELIABLE: Check It Out

Not everything you see online is true. Check with a trusted adult and use reliable websites.



T

TELL: Speak Up

If something online makes you feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused—TELL a trusted adult right away.

TALK ABOUT IT!

Ask your child these questions to keep the conversation going:



What are your favorite websites or apps?



Who do you talk to online?



Have you ever seen something online that made you feel weird or upset?



Do you know what to do if something doesn't feel right online?



PARENTS & CAREGIVERS:

- Set clear rules and time limits for screen use.
- Know the apps and games your child uses.
- Keep devices in shared spaces.
- Be a great role model—show healthy tech habits!



LET'S WORK TOGETHER!

When we work together, we can help our kids have a safe, happy, and positive online experience all summer long!



THANK YOU FOR PARTNERING WITH US TO KEEP OUR STUDENTS SAFE!

— Your School Counselor



St. Mary School

Main Office Summer Hour Information

The SMS Main Office summer hours beginning Thursday, June 18th are:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Have a wonderful summer!

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32A Carroll Avenue
Williamstown, NJ 08094
(856) 629-6190
Fax (856) 728-1437*



SUGGESTED AND REQUIRED SUMMER READING LIST 2026-2027

Books for students entering SECOND GRADE:

Choose **one** based on child's reading level:

Suggested: Easy – Any book that is at your child's reading level; On Level – *InvestiGators* by John Patrick Green, *The Zoey and Sassafras Series* by Asia Citro, *Rainbow Magic Series* by Daisy Meadows; Challenge – Any *Magic Tree House Book* by Mary Pope Osborne, *Ramona Quimby* by Beverly Cleary or *The Mouse and the Motorcycle* by Beverly Cleary

Books for students entering THIRD GRADE:

Required: *Magic Tree House #23 "Twister on Tuesday"* by Mary Pope Osborne

Suggested: *Magic Tree House #21 "Civil War on Sunday"* by Mary Pope Osborne,

Any book in the **Who Was....** Series, Any book by authors Beverly Cleary or Judy Blume

Books for students entering FOURTH GRADE:

Required: *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* by Judy Blume

Suggested: *The Cricket In Times Square* by George Seldon, and any book in the *I Survived....* Series by Lauren Tarshis

Books for students entering FIFTH GRADE:

Required: *Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo

Suggested: *Holes* by Louis Sachar; *Smile* by Raina Telgemeier; *Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt; *My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George

Books for students entering SIXTH GRADE:

Required: *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli

Suggested: *Hatchett* by Gary Paulsen; *The 6th Grade Nickname Game* by Gordon Korman; *Rules* by Cynthia Lord

Books for students entering SEVENTH GRADE:

Required: *Fever 1793* by Laurie Halse Anderson and *The City of Ember* by Jeanne DePrau

Suggested: *Johnny Tremain* by Esther Forbes; *The Story of Harriet Tubman – Freedom Train* by Dorothy Sterling

Books for students entering EIGHTH GRADE:

Required: *To Kill A Mockingbird* by Harper Lee; *The Giver* by Lois Lowry

Suggested: *Wednesday Wars* by Gary D. Schmidt; *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin

Message from our School Counselor



Dear SMS families,

As we approach summer break, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all of the St. Mary's families for trusting me with your children and allowing me the opportunity to work with and support them throughout the school year. As always, it has truly been a privilege.

Please note that I will continue to be available to see students over the summer months. If you are interested in scheduling a time for your child to meet with me, please feel free to contact me directly by email at counselor@smarys.org or by phone at (856) 629-6190 ext. 310. My summer hours will vary, but I am happy to coordinate a day and time that works best for your family.

Mrs. Marie Berni



2026 St. Mary's Intramural K-1 Soccer



<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Thursday	9/10	5:30 pm
Thursday	9/17	5:30 pm
Thursday	9/24	5:30 pm
Thursday	10/1	5:15 pm
Thursday	10/8	5:15 pm
Thursday	10/15	5:15 pm

K-1 St. Mary's Soccer Roster

Jack Jagielski (Coach)

Sophia Anzelmi

Carson Bryce

Carmen Buete

Francis Cianchetti

John Fiorelli

Cole Hemphill

Mason Jereb

Penelope Meehan

Josephine Pagano

Lucas Suarez

Madison Uhl



2026 St. Mary's Intramural 2-3 Soccer



<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Thursday	9/10	5:30 pm
Thursday	9/17	5:30 pm
Thursday	9/24	5:30 pm
Thursday	10/1	5:15 pm
Thursday	10/8	5:15 pm
Thursday	10/15	5:15 pm

2-3 St. Mary's Soccer Roster

Dominic Sottile (Coach)

Charlotte Bottino

John Thomas

Louisa Dougherty

Julian Pagano

David Scales

Diego Suarez

2-3 St. Mary's Soccer Roster

John Paul Janisse (Coach)

Chase Bute

Hunter Curiale

Jaren Miller

Matthew Miller

Andrew Turchi

Madelyn Yue

Need a tutor for the summer?



Some students need a summer connection with learning to be more successful in September. We have teachers available for summer tutoring:

Mrs. Melinda Giuliani (Math for students entering 5th and 6th grades) call 609-254-2159

Mrs. Julie LaRosa (Math, Language Arts, and Social Studies for all grades except students entering 1st grade) email jlrosa@smarys.org

Ms. Kerry DeCosta (Math and Language Arts for students entering 1st, 3rd and 4th grades) email kdecosta@smarys.org

Miss Mackenzie McNelia (Math and Language Arts for students entering 1st and 3rd grades) email mmcnelia@smarys.org

Mrs. Maria Howard (All subjects for students entering 3rd, 4th, 7th and 8th grades) **July 20th through the end of August only** email mhoward@smarys.org



SAVE THE DATES

School Uniforms

**St. Mary School
will hold a
Uniform Exchange on
Monday, July 6, 2026
from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
in the Science Lab**

**Flynn & O'Hara will have a
St. Mary School
shopping day on
Monday, July 13, 2026
from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
at 2240 W. Marlton Pike
Cherry Hill, NJ 08002**

**Please do not drop off uniforms until June 23rd – June 25th from
9:00 am – 12:00 pm at the school office. We are only accepting
vests, jumpers, skorts, polo shirts and sweaters.**

Uniform Shopping Event

FOR THE FAMILIES OF ST. MARY SCHOOL

MONDAY, JULY 13, 2026

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

FlynnO'Hara Uniforms Cherry Hill

2240 W Marlton Pike | Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

[Hours & Directions](#)

[MAKE AN APPOINTMENT](#)

[VIEW YOUR UNIFORM](#)

FlynnO'Hara invites your family to join us for a uniform shopping event at our retail store! Our staff will be available to measure students, answer questions about the uniform, and help you place your order for the upcoming school year.

QUESTIONS?

Contact us at (800) 441-4122 or atyourservice@flynnohara.com





Get your back-to-school shopping out of the way early this summer!

Free shipping June 20-22, 2026 on orders over \$100.

Use code **EARLYBIRD26** at checkout.

SHOP NOW

Why Shop Now?

When you order your uniforms early with FlynnO'Hara, you benefit from...

- **Inventory Availability:** The earlier you shop, the better the odds are that we'll have all the products and sizes you need!
- **Early summer orders mean plenty of time to try on uniform products**, exchange for the right sizes, or order more of the styles your kids love! Plus, no last-minute scrambling in the days before school starts.
- **One less thing** on your summer to-do list

Not quite ready yet?

Join our email list for updates on promotions and other important uniform information throughout the summer!

Sign Up for Emails!

Family
Owned &
Operated

Returns
up to
180
days

School
Year
Product
Guarantee

ST. MARY SCHOOL ATHLETICS PROGRAMS PRESENT

MORE THAN

BAG BINGO



Join us for a night of fun and games at the Annual St. Mary School Athletics "more than" Bag Bingo Night!

Bingo, Raffles, Silent Auction, Mystery Bag Pull, and More!!!

Lots of opportunities to WIN BIG all while supporting the talented Athletes and Athletics Programs of St. Mary School!

****VIP Tickets Include: 10 Bingo Boards, Access to exclusive buffet featuring hoagies, pizza, assorted appetizers, and complimentary non-alcoholic beverages, and 10 Free Basket Raffle Tickets. Tickets are priced at \$85, \$75 if paid prior to 9/1/26.

****General Admission Tickets Includes: 10 Bingo Boards. Tickets are priced at \$35. Table reservations must be made prior to 10/1/26 and are first come first serve until sold out.



DATE: OCTOBER 16, 2026
DOORS OPEN AT 5PM BINGO STARTS AT 6:45PM
ASSUMPTION HALL, ST. MARY SCHOOL



Purchase tickets or Sponsor at
<https://forms.gle/Ld8pV2MFHEHr9NCPA>
or Scan the QR Code!

