



September 8, 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to school! September is always an exciting time of the year...new books, new teachers, new supplies! We have many great plans for the year and look forward to the time we will spend with the children.

Our Back to School Nights are scheduled for grades K-4 on Wednesday, September 16th and grades 5-8 on Tuesday, September 22nd. More specific information for the first Back to School Night is a part of the online weekly communication.

Our Opening Liturgy is Friday, September 25th at 9AM. At this time we will install the Ministers of Student Leadership. Parents and guardians are welcome to join us at our masses. We ask that you sit in the last two pews of the church or upstairs in the cry room.

Applications for the National Free and Reduced Lunch Program are now due. The application was emailed to each school family during the summer and can be found on the front page of our website under Important Info. Lunch price for the 26-27 school year is \$3.50 for students.

We continue to have a very large number of car riders this year. Using two entrances to the school building helps with the flow of traffic on the property upon arrival and we hope that there will not be a back up on Main Street. Please remember to pull all the way up so that we can unload as many cars as possible at one time. For dismissal, we ask that parents/guardians of car riders (especially kindergarten and new families) create a sign with the child's name to hold at dismissal time. This will make the connection between parent and child easier at this time until we get to know all of our new families. Please travel slowly through the parking lot and follow the traffic patterns. The entrance to the lot is the first driveway closest to the church. The center driveway is for exiting and the last driveway is for buses only. We are utilizing as many faculty and staff members at dismissal time both in the building and as escorts leading the children to the correct exit.

We continue to use the large drop box outside the front doors to the office. It will be unlocked from 8:00AM - 3:30PM each day. The drop box is for forgotten lunches, books, supplies, clothes, etc. Please ring the bell and let the office staff know you dropped off an item. It will be checked throughout the day. Be sure all items are labeled with your child's full name and

homeroom. Items to be picked up at the end of the day for absence etc... will be found in the pick-up box.

Northeastern Music Programs will provide band lessons to our students in grades 3-8. The band demo for students is on Monday, September 14th and the Virtual Band parent meeting is Tuesday, September 15th at 6:30PM.

I am looking forward to our new year! Be sure to look for our first day of school pictures on Facebook. If you have not liked our page, please do so! You can access our Facebook page from the front of our website. The building looks great, the teachers are excited, and the children are ready to learn! We are grateful to you for entrusting your children in our care and for your commitment to St. Mary School. Together, with God's help, we will support our students and enable them to become good disciples who will spread the Good News in words and actions!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Patricia Mancuso
Principal



Saint Mary School

September 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5 Mass Schedule 4:00 p.m.
6 Mass Schedule 7:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	7 NO SCHOOL Labor Day 	8 First Day of School All Grades 12:15 Dismissal No lunch and No Beforecare/Aftercare	9	10	11	12 Mass Schedule 4:00 p.m.
13 Mass Schedule 7:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	14 Band Demo Grades 3-6 1:50 Scrip Orders Due	15 Virtual Band Parent Meeting 6:30 p.m.	16 Back to School Night Grades K-4 6:30 p.m.	17 Performing Arts "New" Parent Mtg. 4:00 AH	18 Room Parent Meeting 10:00 Marian Hall	19 Mass Schedule 4:00 p.m.
20 Mass Schedule 7:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	21 Band Scrip Orders Due	22 Star Testing - Reading Back to School Night Grades 5-8 6:30 p.m.	23 12:15 Dismissal No lunch Faculty In-Service School Choir 12:15 - 1:15 Church	24 Star Testing - Math	25 Opening Mass & Ministry Installation 9:00	26 Mass Schedule 4:00 p.m.
27 Mass Schedule 7:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	28 Band Scrip Orders Due	29 Science Explorers 2:45-4:00 Science Lab	30 School Choir 2:45-3:45 Church			

September 2026

EAT SMART
BE SMART

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

	1	2	3	4
7 HAPPY LABOR DAY	8 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 12:15 DISMISSAL NO LUNCH	9 Bacon, Egg, and Cheese on a Bagel Hot Dog on a Bun Tater Tots Fruit Cup	10 Chicken Tenders w/ Dinner Roll Chicken Patty on a Bun Green Beans 100% Apple Juice	11 Pizzeria Pizza Bagel w/ Yogurt and Cheese Stick Veggie Patch Fruit Cup
14 Big Daddy's Pizza Cheeseburger on a Bun Seasoned Rice Fruit Cup	15 Walking Taco w/ Salsa and Sour Cream Chicken Fajita over Rice Sweet Corn 100% Apple Juice	16 Chicken and Waffles w/ Syrup Hot Dog on a Bun Taco Salad Hash Browns Fruit Cup	17 Popcorn Chicken w/ Breadstick Grilled Cheese Sandwich Sweet Peas 100% Apple Juice	18 Pizzeria Pizza Bagel w/ Yogurt and Cheese Stick Garden Salad w/ Cheese Side Salad Fruit Cup
21 Pizza Dippers w/ Dipping Sauce Cheeseburger on Bun Harvest Salad w/ apples and Cheddar Cheese Baby Carrots Fruit Cup	22 Nacho Grande w/ Salsa and Sour Cream Chicken Quesadilla Corn salad 100% Apple Juice	23 12:15 EARLY DISMISSAL NO LUNCH	24 Cheesesteak Macaroni and Cheese Buttered Carrots 100% Apple Juice	25 Pizzeria Pizza Bagel w/ Yogurt and Cheese Stick Garden Salad w/ Cheese Side Salad Fruit Cup
28 French Bread Pizza Chicken Patty on a Bun Harvest Salad w/ Apples and Cheddar Cheese Chick Pea Salad Fruit Cup	29 Twin Tacos w/ Salsa and Sour Cream Chicken Fajita Corn 100% Apple Juice	30 French Toast Sticks w/ Sausage Hot Dog on a Bun Taco Salad Hash Brown Fruit Cup		

MAKE IT A MEAL!

Choose at least 3 of 5 meal components for the school lunch price:
Meat/Meat Alternative, Whole Grain, Fruit, Vegetable, Milk

A minimum ½ cup serving of fruit or vegetable must accompany a lunch.

Lunch Prices

Student

\$3.50

Adult

\$4.20

Available Daily

Pizza Crunchers
Bagel w/ Yogurt and Cheese Stick
Cereal w/ Yogurt and Cheese Stick

Fruit & Veggie Selection

Seasonal vegetables, leafy salad, and composed bean salad
Students may choose two ½ cup servings.

Milk Selection

1% White, Chocolate, and Strawberry

Your Dining Services Team

Donna Daly
Food Service Director
856-629-6419 ext. 317
donna.daly@metzcorp.com



(V) Vegetarian | (VG) Vegan
(GF) Gluten-Free | (H) Halal

Menu subject to change due to product availability. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

NUTRI-SERVE
FOOD MANAGEMENT, INC. by Metz



Dear Parents/Guardians:

We need two Room Parent volunteers for your child's classroom. Below are a few responsibilities during the school year:

- Create baskets
- Assist the teacher with classroom celebrations
- Ask parents to donate items to the classroom celebrations

If you feel that you are able to perform these responsibilities and are interested in volunteering as a Room Parent, please complete the following form and return it to your child's teacher no later than **Thursday, September 10, 2026**. If you are chosen to be a Room Parent, you will be contacted by the Room Parent Coordinator.

As per Diocesan policy, all volunteers must be fingerprinted and Virtus trained. If you have not been fingerprinted or have not attended a Virtus training, please email Mrs. Morales at mainoffice2@smarys.org.

ROOM PARENT FORM

I am interested in volunteering as Room Parent:
(please print)

Name: _____

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____ A B

Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

_____ I have not previously served as a Room Parent

_____ I have previously served as a Room Parent

Please list the grades you served as a Room Parent: _____



LUNCH PARENTS NEEDED

St. Mary School lunch program needs your help to supervise the children and clean the tables during lunch. If you can assist between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm, please fill out the form below and send it to school as soon as possible.

To be a volunteer, you will need to go through a criminal history background check and Virtus training (protecting God's children program) as per diocesan policy. If you do not have your background check or training, we will send home the paperwork. St. Mary School will reimburse the cost of the criminal history background check. If you have any questions about the background check or training, please email Mrs. Morales at mainoffice2@smarys.org.

Thank you!

Mrs. Mancuso

LUNCH VOLUNTEER

Volunteer Name _____

Child's Name _____ Grade _____ A B

Phone Number _____

E-Mail Address _____

I am available on the following days: (circle all that apply)

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Please check if you are: _____ Virtus Trained _____ Fingerprinted



The eighth grade students will sell Philly Soft Pretzels every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday during the school year. Pretzels will be available to students in grades Kindergarten to 8th. If you wish to place a pretzel order for your child, please complete the form below and send order form in an envelope marked Pretzel Order with payment no later than Thursday, September 17th. Pretzel delivery will begin on Tuesday, September 22nd.

We will take orders for the entire year. You may order a pretzel for one day, two days, or all three days. One pretzel a week from September through June will cost **\$32.00**, two pretzels a week from September through June will cost **\$52.00**, and three pretzels a week from September through June will cost **\$72.00**.

Please note that gloves will be used for distribution of all pretzels by an adult. For the health and safety of our students a gloved adult will directly hand each child their pretzel.

Sincerely,

The Eighth Grade Class of 2027



Pretzel Order

Please circle the day(s) you would like your child to receive their pretzel(s).

Name _____ Class _____ A B Tues. Wed. Thur.

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A payment of **\$32.00** for one pretzel a week for each student, or **\$52.00** for two pretzels a week for each student or **\$72.00** for three pretzels a week for each student.

Back to School Night

September 8, 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Back to School Night for Grades K-4 will be held on Wednesday, September 16, 2026 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Enter through Assumption Hall doors and you will be directed to your child's classroom. Please go to your oldest child's classroom first. There will be more than one session offered so you will have the opportunity to see the teachers of all of your children. The Assumption Hall Doors will open at 6:10 pm. **This night is for parents only.**

PTA will sell NUT Cards for \$10.00 each (Only 2 per child allowed) and collect PTA dues \$20.00 per family. They will also have a uniform exchange.

Your attendance at Back to School Night is strongly encouraged. It is here that you will receive information about the upcoming school year and is also a great opportunity to meet your child's new teacher as well as to review classroom policies and expectations.

Thank you,
Mrs. Mancuso



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 Team 1

Jack Jagielski (Coach)

Penelope Meehan

Lucas Suarez

Carson Brice

Sophia Anzelmi

Remi Begley

Ryan Burgos

August Sullivan

K-1 St. Mary's Soccer Roster Team 2

Mason Jereb (Coach)

Carmen Buete

Francis Cianchetti

John Fiorelli

Cole Hemphill

Josephine Pagano

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

Cyrus Sullivan

2-3 St. Mary's Soccer Roster

John Paul Janisse (Coach)

Chase Bute

Hunter Curiale

Jaren Miller

Matthew Miller

Andrew Turchi

Madelyn Yue

Landen Angelus

ST. MARY SCHOOL
ATHLETICS

FLAG FOOTBALL REGISTRATION

INTRAMURAL, JV, & VARSITY

FORMS DUE BY SEPTEMBER 14TH



Registration & Physical forms can be
found on the main school webpage.

Intramural: Grades 1-4 Boys and Girls \$75.00

JV: Grades 5th & 6th Boys Only \$100.00

Varsity: Grades 7th & 8th Boys Only \$100.00

Intramural games played at
the St. Mary School Athletic
Field.

JV & Varsity games played at
the Gloucester Twp. Park.

****** JV & VARSITY
GIRLS FLAG IS A
SPRING SPORT**

**REACH OUT TO THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR IF YOU
WOULD LIKE TO COACH A TEAM!**



St. Mary School PTA



MUM SALE

September 9 - September 30

****PICK UP Friday, October 9, from 1pm-5pm****

\$9 each or 3 for \$25
Cash or Check

Please make checks payable to
St. Mary School PTA

Red, Orange,
Yellow,
Purple/Pink,
White

9" POTTED

St. Mary School Mum Order Form

\$9.00 per Mum or 3 for \$25

Name	White	Orange/ Bronze	Yellow	Pink/ Purple	Red	Total Mums Ordered	Total Cost \$

Please return the below portion ONLY with payment & totals to school by September 30th

Family Name/ Grade	White	Orange/ Bronze	Yellow	Pink/Purple	Red	Total Mums Ordered	Total Cost \$

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!





PERFORMING ARTS REGISTRATION

St. Mary School will be offering the students in grades 4th through 8th the opportunity to participate in the SMS Performing Arts Club. The club will meet every Monday and Thursday from 2:45 pm to 4:30 pm under the direction of Ms. Erin Whittaker. We ask parents to be prompt in providing transportation at 4:30 pm. Ms. Whittaker is in her 18th year of directing shows for St. Mary School and looks forward to this year's production.

The students will be introduced to many facets involved in dramatic productions. These will include diction, stage presence, dramatic readings, vocal developments, and choreography. The cost per member is \$70.00 for students in grades 4th and 5th and \$85.00 for students in grades 6th - 8th, which will cover the expense of staff and materials.

If interested, please complete the form below and return it with the registration fee (cash or check made out to St. Mary School) to Melissa DiNunzio no later than **Monday, September 14, 2026**.

The first practice for all grades will be held on Thursday, September 17, 2025 from 2:45 pm until 4:30 pm with a NEW parent meeting 4:00-4:30. Monday, September 21st are auditions for 4th and 5th grade students.

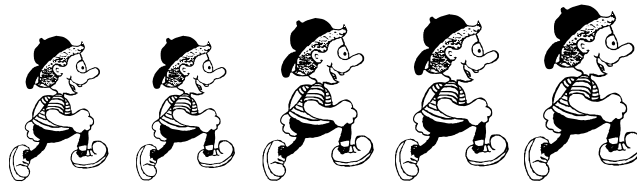
Performing Arts Club Registration Form

Name _____ Grade _____ A B

Parent's e-mail address: _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ check _____ cash

Please check one: _____ Performing Arts _____ Stage Crew



Race for Education 2026

September 8, 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are writing to announce the “kick-off” of our exciting fundraising event at St. Mary School. The proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to directly benefit your child’s educational experience at our school and our Annual Fund.

On Tuesday, October 20, St. Mary School will be having its 14th Annual “Race for Education.” The purpose will be to **raise funds for hands-on equipment for our science lab, facility upgrades and upkeep, classroom furniture, professional development for our teachers, updated textbooks, supplemental materials to enhance a variety of areas in our curriculum, and other essential educational needs in order to continue to provide a quality education for our students in a healthy and safe environment in our classrooms.**

Our school together will walk around a designated area on our school campus, along with special surprises, drawings, and dancing. Each student will raise funds by asking sponsors to contribute a tax deductible donation to St. Mary School.

Our Race for Education is all on-line! On **September 15TH**, parents/guardians will receive an email providing a link to your child’s web based donation page. The next step will be to share your donation page via Facebook, twitter and social media. Also use the email and text link included in the email invite and reach out to as many family and St. Mary School friends requesting their support.

YOUR participation is essential to the success of this program!

Our school’s goal is to raise \$40,000. Last year we went over our goal and we hope to do even better this year. Monies raised last year were used for a number of school needs including: ***security upgrades, technology and textbook upgrades, math, religion, reading, phonics, handwriting and social studies textbooks, handwriting workbooks, art and music teaching supplies, replaced three air conditioner units, roof repairs, vents, and flanges replaced on roof, replaced cafeteria kitchen AC/heat unit, repair damaged teachers room, replaced bathroom partitions (lower boys room), replaced cabinet and hot water heater in teacher’s room.***

You can enable us to reach this goal by following the instructions on how to reach out to family and friends via email and social media. There will be ways for family and friends to also send in and/or mail donations as well. More information about prizes and ways to donate will come home in next week’s Communication Folder.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

Patricia Mancuso, Principal

Jackie Kern, Race Coordinator



CLOTHING DRIVE

date: Saturday, October 3

drop-off time: 8:30am – 10:00am

location: 8th grade doors SMS

Items Collected

Clothing & Accessories

Shoes (in separate bags)

**Towels, Sheets, Pillowcases
Curtains**

Small Toys (under 2ft)

Stuffed Animals, Bikes/Scooters

Strollers

**Please ensure ALL donation items are in
TIED PLASTIC BAGS**



ITEMS NOT COLLECTED: quilts, comforters, pillows, blankets, sporting equipment, board games, books, puzzles, pots, car seats, electrical devices, glass, large toys, highchairs, furniture of any type, VCR tapes, outdoor play sets

Please keep **SHOES** in **SEPARATE** bags

Any **QUESTIONS** please call or text Liz Duxbury 609-602-1913



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

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Welcome Back St. Mary School Families!



Welcome back to all our St. Mary School students, teachers, faculty, staff, and families! The St. Mary School PTA is so excited to begin another school year and continue doing what we love most—supporting our school community and creating wonderful experiences for our children! Over the summer, the SMS PTA has been busy preparing for an exciting and successful 2026–2027 school year. We are looking forward to another year filled with fun events, meaningful fundraisers, and plenty of opportunities for our school community to come together.

A LOOK BACK....& AHEAD

OUR FUNDRAISING SEASON KICKED OFF THIS SUMMER WITH OUR FIRST DINE & DONATE OF THE YEAR AT PJ WHELIHANS! WE ALSO HAD OUR BACK-TO-SCHOOL FALL SPIRIT WEAR STORE OPEN. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED OUR FIRST PTA FUNDRAISERS OF THE '26-27 SCHOOL YEAR!

IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO PICK UP YOUR SPIRIT WEAR ORDER ON 9/2, YOUR STUDENT WILL BE SENT HOME WITH THE ORDER THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL.

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR 3-MONTH OUTLOOK AND MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

OUR NEXT FUNDRAISER: MUM SALE!!

SALE STARTS TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH
PICK UP DATE IS FRIDAY OCTOBER 9TH

WE ARE STARTING OFF THE SCHOOL YEAR WITH ONE OF OUR FAVORITE FALL FUNDRAISERS—OUR ANNUAL MUM SALE! BE SURE TO SPREAD THE WORD TO YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY, NEIGHBORS, AND COWORKERS. THE MORE PEOPLE WHO PARTICIPATE, THE MORE WE CAN GIVE BACK TO OUR SCHOOL!

LOOK AT THIS



PTA DUES
ARE \$20 PER FAMILY
ACCEPTED BY CASH,
CHECK OR ZEPHY

THERE ARE SO MANY

WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR PTA
SUPPORTING THE PTA DOESN'T ALWAYS MEAN MAKING A PURCHASE. THERE ARE MANY WAYS YOU CAN HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

- DONATE • VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME •
- SHARE OUR FUNDRAISERS & EVENTS •
- ATTEND & PARTICIPATE IN PTA EVENTS •

SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW
TO LEARN MORE



STAY CONNECTED! CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE & PLEASE BE SURE TO READ THE WEEKLY TUESDAY SCHOOL COMMUNICATION EMAILS FOR IMPORTANT SMS PTA UPDATES IN ADDITION TO OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS. THESE WEEKLY COMMUNICATIONS WILL INCLUDE IMPORTANT INFORMATION, DEADLINES, FORMS, AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR UPCOMING SMS PTA FUNDRAISERS AND EVENTS. KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR ALL THE EXCITING THINGS WE HAVE PLANNED, AND DON'T FORGET TO FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK FOR UPDATES, REMINDERS & EVENT PHOTOS!

ALWAYS REMEMBER TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Your participation in the PTA plays a crucial role in making our events successful and helps us provide meaningful opportunities for our children and our school. We are incredibly grateful for your support, time, generosity, and enthusiasm. Your efforts truly make a difference, and we see that impact in every fundraiser and event we put together. We are looking forward to a wonderful, fun, and blessed 2026–2027 school year! Thank you for being such an important part of the St. Mary School community!

With gratitude,
The St. Mary School PTA



59 MEMBERS AT LARGE

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE SMS PTA?
Partner with us to nurture the next generation of faith-filled leaders.

QUESTIONS & MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION
All PTA related questions and membership inquiries should be directed to pta@smarvs.org



FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!



[St.Mary School PTA](https://www.facebook.com/St.Mary.School.PTA)

2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS & EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES • SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 2026

September 2026

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

October 2026

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

November 2026

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

- 9/2 - Spirit Wear Pickup
- 9/8 - MUM SALE BEGINS!!!
- 9/13 - OLOP Parish Picnic
- 9/16 - Back to School Night Grades K-4
- 9/22 - Back to School Night Grades 5-8
- 9/23 - 2nd Dine & Donate (Tropical Smoothie Café)



- 10/1 - Boo Grams Begin
- 10/3 - Clothing Drive
- 10/5 - Fall Book Fair Begins
- 10/8 - Fall Book Fair Ends
- 10/9 - Mum Sale Pick-Up
- 10/15 - Last Day for Boo Grams
- 10/20 - Race for Education: Kellyz Kids
- 10/30 - Trunk or Treat



- 11/7 - Beef & Beer
- 11/17 - Thanksgiving Luncheon



More events to be added...
Check back next month!

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Be sure to stop by the PTA table at your Back to School Night to learn more about our fundraisers & events. We'll have flyers & order forms on hand...
DON'T FORGET TO ASK ABOUT BIRTHDAY MESSAGES & N.U.T. CARDS!



A Special Thank you to
THE BAKESHOPPE

IN HAMMONTON FOR
DONATING FRESH PASTRIES
TO OUR BACK TO SCHOOL
TEACHER IN SERVICE DAY!

ST. MARY SCHOOL WILLIAMSTOWN

Dine & DONATE

AT **tropical CAFE** SMOOTHIE

30% GOES BACK TO OUR SCHOOL!

Enjoy your favorite tropical treats while supporting St. Mary School!

WEDNESDAY 9/23 ALL DAY EVENT!

LET YOUR SERVER KNOW you are here for the Dine & Donate!

OR LEAVE YOUR RECEIPT in the drop box at the register

Thank you FOR SUPPORTING ST. MARY SCHOOL!

521A BERLIN CROSS KEYS ROAD | tropical CAFE



REMEMBER WHEN OUR PARENTS WOULD CUT OUT CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS TO EARN MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOLS?

WELL, BOX TOP FOR EDUCATION IS STILL AROUND!!

HOWEVER, IT IS SO MUCH EASIER!!

NO MORE CUTTING OUT SOUP LABELS OR CEREAL BOXES!

**** PRIZES TO BE PERIODICALLY GIVEN TO THE CLASS WHO HAS EARNED THE MOST MONEY****

1. Just download the 'Box Tops for Education' App on your phone
2. Find St. Mary's School, Williamstown.
3. Snap a picture of your receipts using the app!
4. Then pick which Grade you would like to get the credit for the Box Tops. (Can change Grade with every receipt.)
5. That's it! It's that Simple!!

DON'T HAVE THE BOX TOPS APP YET?

SCAN THE QR CODE TO DOWNLOAD IT NOW:



SATURDAY

OCTOBER 3RD

8:30AM-10:00AM

AT 8TH GRADE DOORS

CLOTHING DRIVE

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

St. Mary School PTA offers a number of volunteer opportunities throughout the school year. These opportunities include:

- ROOM PARENTS • PTA BOARD
- CLASSROOM PARTIES
- LIBRARY • LUNCH
- ATHLETIC COACHES
- EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
- BOOK FAIR • RACE FOR EDUCATION
- ANNUAL AUCTION • SCHOOL DANCES
- DINE-OUT NIGHTS

FOLLOW US • STAY CONNECTED • MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Please be sure to read the weekly Tuesday school communication emails for important PTA updates in addition to our monthly newsletter!

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FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!



St. Mary School PTA

**Nutri-Serve Food Management
Food Service Department
Saint Mary's School**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Nutri-Serve would like to inform you of our prepayment program. This program is to allow you to put money into your child's account using <https://SchoolPaymentPortal.com>. There is a \$1.00 +2.3% fee for credit card transactions or \$1.50 for ACH (electronic check) transactions. This payment website will speed up your child's service and enable you to monitor his or her purchases. Prepayments are available in the following increments:

5 days for \$17.50 10 days for \$35.00 20 days for \$70.00

Please note the price of lunch is \$3.50

Prepayments are put into your child's account. It is one account for both lunch and snack. **If you prefer your child to NOT purchase snack, please note this on the form below. Also, you can request to limit your child's snacks, by stressing how much your child can spend per day. This limit can be put directly on the account. Please reach out to the cafeteria if you would like to set these limits.**

Any money given to Nutri-Serve by the students will be placed on their lunch account. No change will be given.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance. If you have any concerns, please contact the kitchen at 629-6190 ext. 317 or email at smw@nsfm.com. Please make checks payable to St. Mary's School Cafeteria.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Room: _____

5 days \$17.50_____ 10 days \$35.00_____ 20 days \$70.00_____

Please Make checks payable to St. Mary's School Cafeteria.

Celebrate Your Child's Birthday!

Nutri-Serve Food Management would like to help serve a healthy snack for your child's birthday. You can purchase a "Birthday Treat" for your child and their classmates.

The Cafeteria will provide each student in your child's class with a birthday bag containing your choice of the following:

Please Circle Your Snack Choice:

1. Soft Pretzel for \$1.00 each
2. Ice Cream for \$2.00 each
3. Popcorn Bag for \$1.25 each

All Items Meet with State of New Jersey Model Nutrition Requirements

You have the opportunity to choose the birthday treat for your child's class. In addition, the birthday child will receive a "birthday surprise!" All snacks will be delivered to your child and classmates in the classroom during lunch.

ORDER FORM

PLEASE RETURN TO THE CAFETERIA AT LEAST 48 HOURS BEFORE THE PARTY DATE.

Student's Name: _____

Birthday Celebration Date: _____

Teacher: _____

Parent's Phone Number: _____

Number of Students in **Class OR Grade** _____ x \$ _____ per child= _____

PAYMENT MUST BE INCLUDED WITH ORDER

Checks are made payable to St Mary's School Cafeteria

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In Moderation after a Balanced Lunch

Snack Choices

Prices

Soft Pretzel \$ 1.00

Cookies \$ 1.00

Chipwich Ice Cream \$ 2.25

Ice Cream \$ 2.00

Baked Snacks \$ 1.85

Doritos \$ 1.50

Hot Cheetos \$ 2.00

Regular Lays Chips \$ 1.25

Popcorn \$ 1.25

8oz Water \$ 0.80

Gatorade \$ 2.50

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Arizona Iced Tea \$ 2.50

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St. Mary School
Students' Music Ministry (School Choir)
2026-2027



Our Students' Music Ministry (School Choir) will be starting up again soon! This ministry is for students in **grades 2-8** who enjoy **singing and/or playing an instrument**. The students lead the music at all **school Masses**, on the **second Sunday of each month at the 9:30 am Mass**, and at special Masses on Christmas and Easter. We also sing at a few parish and community events during the year.

This year, rehearsals will be held every **Wednesday from 2:45 to 3:45pm in the church**. Our first rehearsal for the new school year will be held on **Wednesday, September 23 from 12:15 to 1:15pm** (due to an early dismissal that day). For more information and to sign up, please see the attached pages. **Returning students who participated last year do not need to fill out the form; they can simply attend the first rehearsal on September 23.**

Students' Music Ministry Sign-Up Form



To sign up for the Students' Music Ministry, fill out the form below and return it to your child's teacher or scan the QR code to the right to complete an online sign-up form.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me either by phone at 856-629-6142 ext. 127, or by email at jcendana@olopp.org. I am also available after the 4pm Saturday Mass and the 7:45am and 11:30am Sunday Masses here at Our Lady of Peace Parish.

May God bless you and your family in this new school year!

Sincerely,

Mr. Joachim Cendana, Director of Music & Worship

Mrs. Diane Kaston, Students' Music Ministry Assistant Director

Student's Name and Grade: _____

_____ My child would like to sign up for the Students' Music Ministry.

My child is joining as a: singer musician

If you circled "musician," please specify the instrument: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Email Address & Emergency Phone #: _____

2026-2027 Mass Dates

Below is a list of the Masses that the Students' Music Ministry will be leading the music for during the 2026-2027 school year. All Masses are at 9:30am unless otherwise noted.

- September 13th (24th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
- October 11th (28th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
- November 8th (32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
- *December 11th at 7pm - Parish Christmas Program (tentative)*
- December 13th (Third Sunday of Advent)
- *December 13th at 2:30pm - Parish Nativity Play (tentative)*
- *December 24th at 4pm - Christmas Eve Mass*
- January 10th (The Baptism of the Lord)
- February 14th (First Sunday of Lent)
- March 14th (Fifth Sunday of Lent)
- *March 28th at 12pm - Easter Sunday Mass*
- April 11th (Third Sunday of Easter)
- May 9th (The Ascension of the Lord)
- June 13th (11th Sunday in Ordinary Time)



2026-2027 Rehearsal Schedule

All rehearsals will be held from 2:45-3:45pm in the church unless otherwise noted.

- September 23 (*12:15-1:15pm) and 30
- October 7, 14, 21, and 28
- November 4, 11, and 18 (*12:15-1:15pm)
- December 2, 9, and 16
- January 6, 13 (*12:15pm-1:15pm), 20, and 27
- February 3, 10, 17, and 24
- March 3, 10, and 17
- April 7, 14, 21 (*12:15pm-1:15pm), and 28
- May 5, 12, 19, and 26
- June 2



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SUNDAY, SEPT. 13**

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**SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW TO RSVP FOR THE
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2. **Zelle** Connie Reedman, 215-429-5170

3. **Check Payable/Mailed to Connie Reedman, 1400 Woodland Ct, Williamstown, 08094**

New Player Registration: Please Provide Info Below via Payment Notes, Mail, or Email TennisAce926@comcast.net

Any Questions: Contact TennisAce926@comcast.net

Player Name _____ Grade _____

School _____ Tennis Experience _____

Parent Name _____ Cell _____

Home Address _____

Email Address _____



Champion Coach Note

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The Importance of a Coach

Mike Brey has seen it all. Across 44 years as a coach, he's worked at the high school, college and professional levels. He's been both an assistant and a head coach. He's won 582 games and been named the National Coach of the Year in men's college basketball. Brey is the sort of coach who carries with him a wisdom that can only be gained through decades of experience; the sort of coach to whom other coaches look for advice.



So what does Mike Brey think is the key to coaching at the youth and high school level? [In the video above](#) he offers several important pieces of advice, from recognizing how your own demeanor impacts the experience to the importance of making kid feel great about themselves. Most importantly? He reminds coaches that being a part of the team has to be *fun* for the boys and girls involved.

Listen to what Brey has to say about the importance of a coach and **identify at least one of the areas he mentions where you can improve in your own coaching**. As we move deeper into the fall season (or prepare for a winter or spring sport), finding just one area to improve upon can make a significant difference in the experience and development of the young athletes we coach. It can also help us to reach our own potential.

"Be strong and of good courage; be not frightened, neither be dismayed; for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

~ Joshua 1:9

Special Issue: Journal of Catholic Education on Sport

Play Like a Champion is thrilled to be featured in the latest issue of the **Journal of Catholic Education**, a national academic journal supported by 11 Catholic colleges, including the University of Notre Dame. The latest publication is a special issue



dedicated to "The Role of Sports in Catholic Schools", with articles from a distinguished group of leaders that include several *Play Like a Champion* partners and past speakers at our annual conference! With topics ranging from parent perspectives on the role of athletics in Catholic high schools to a practical approach to establishing team

chaplains, leaders in Catholic education and sport will find several areas of interest. *Play Like a Champion's* Kristin Sheehan, Peter Piscitello and Elaine Cassidy co-authored an article titled [Trauma-Informed Coaching: An Application of Catholic Social Teaching to Formation and Healing through Sport.](#)

Click the link above to read our contribution or [click here](#) to check out the full journal!

A Prayer for Coaches

Gracious God, I thank you for calling me to the ministry of coaching. Help me to answer that call with a generous spirit. Enable me to be a good coach, skilled, informed, fair-minded and caring. Let me see beyond the rules of sports and capture their spirit. Grant us the wisdom to see that athletics are not only about healthy bodies but healthy minds, that sports are not only about victory but enjoyment, that competition is not only about winning but building community.



Let the example of Christ inspire and guide my coaching so that I never lose sight of the dignity and worth of each and every person whom I coach. Help me to follow that example by coaching not only by instruction but by encouragement and love. Lord, keep me mindful of Your presence in my life and teach me and my athletes to be grateful for your many blessings. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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