



September 22, 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Due to the delay in the merging of PowerSchool and Renaissance, STAR testing has been postponed until next week.

This year we continue to focus on three school wide expectations – being safe, being respectful, and being responsible. Teachers have been using those words with their students and focusing on what words or actions show how to be safe, respectful, and responsible. These are tools that all of our children need as they get older and learn to be independent. We ask that you support us in our efforts and try to focus on those expectations at home. We will continue to define and develop school wide expectations throughout this school year and in years to come.

Thank you to the volunteers who have been helping us at lunch time. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mrs. Morales mainoffice2@smarys.org regarding fingerprinting and Virtus training. Looking forward to a great October! Upcoming events include the Book Fair, Race for Education, and Halloween festivities! Don't forget to read our Play Like a Champion newsletters that get posted in our online communication. These contain great information for coaches, parents, and student athletes to promote a positive sports culture for all young people!

Please join us for our Opening Liturgy and Student Ministry Installation on Friday, September 25th at 9:00 am. Our school masses are an amazing testament to our faith!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Patricia Mancuso



HELP WANTED

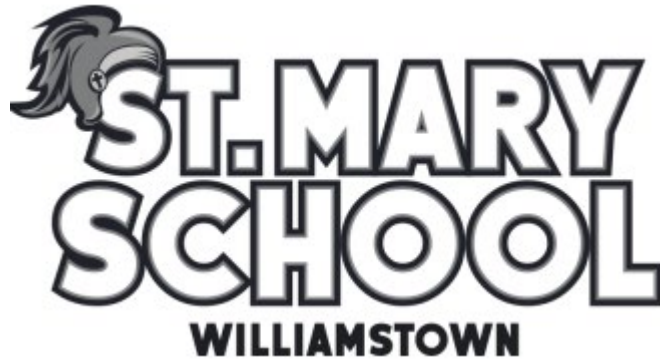
TECH COORDINATOR/STEAM TEACHER

ST. MARY SCHOOL IS SEEKING A FULL-TIME DEDICATED AND ENTHUSIASTIC TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR / STEAM (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ARTS, AND MATHEMATICS) TEACHER TO JOIN OUR FAITH-FILLED EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- TEACHING CERTIFICATION
- PRIOR EXPERIENCE AS A TECHNOLOGY TEACHER, STEAM TEACHER, TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR, OR SIMILAR ROLE.
- EXPERIENCE SUPPORTING TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS IN A SCHOOL SETTING.

INTERESTED CANDIDATES SHOULD SEND COVER LETTER/RESUME TO MRS. PATRICIA MANCUSO:
PRINCIPAL@SMARYS.ORG



Understanding PTA Dues at SMS

Why Do We Pay PTA Dues?

Over the past week, many have asked, "What is a PTA due?" and "If I am not a part of the PTA, why do I need to pay PTA dues?" To clarify, every year we ask each family in our school community to contribute \$20 to the SMS PTA. This request is not just for those who are active members of the PTA, but for all families, as the money collected benefits the entire school.

How PTA Dues Support Our School

The fundraising efforts made possible by these dues go directly toward covering the various needs of our school. In the past, PTA funds have contributed to the cost of installing new stalls in the girl's/boys' bathrooms, repainting the facilities and refresh the gym floor. These are just a few examples—there are many other ways the PTA contributes to maintaining and improving our school environment.

Kick-Starting Annual Fundraising

At the beginning of each school year, we ask families for their \$20 contribution to jumpstart our fundraising activities. These initial funds are essential for covering costs such as license applications and deposits for DJs and photo booths. These expenses help make school events enjoyable for our children and enable us to reach our main objective: having a successful year that allows us to give back to the school community.

If you have any questions or would like to help SMS PTA and their volunteer efforts, please feel free to contact Kate McDermott via email at kamcdermott9@gmail.com.



Race for Education 2026

UPDATE

As of today, we have raised just over \$7,500 !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Thank you to everyone who has made a donation to our Race for Education and St. Mary School so far.

Reminders:

GOAL: If our school raises \$40,000 by October 23rd, we will “PIE IN THE FACE” our principal, Mrs. Mancuso; Our Lady of Peace Pastor, Fr. Sanjai; seventh grade teacher, Mr. Wolf; Fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Simon; eighth grade teachers, Ms. Brino and Ms. Worstall; and a member of our Monroe Township community.

- If an individual student reaches a goal of \$100 in donations by September 25th they will receive a N.U.T. card and be entered into a gift card raffle (grades K-4 and 5-8)

PLEASE NOTE: THE DATE TO REACH \$100 DOLLARS IN DONATIONS FOR THE N.U.T. CARD IS SEPTEMBER 25th!!

- The Top 5 students who raise the most money as of October 23rd will receive an Amazon gift card (Preschool-8th grade)
- The Top 5 students with the highest number of donations as of October 23rd will receive a Target gift card (Preschool-8th grade)

PRESCHOOL:

Will “Pie in the Face” Miss Tiz, Miss A and Fr. Naveen and Deacon Mike if we reach our \$40,000 goal!

- If an individual student reaches a goal of \$100 in donations by September 25th, they will receive a prize from the Treasure Box and be entered into a gift card raffle (Preschool).
- PLEASE NOTE THE DATE TO REACH \$100 DOLLARS IN DONATIONS IS SEPTEMBER 25th FOR THE PRIZES.

ALL GRADES—PRESCHOOL-8TH GRADE:

- Classrooms who reach 75% participation (the class must ALSO raise a minimum of \$1,500) by October 23rd will have the opportunity to silly string a faculty or staff member.

THANK YOU AND HELP US REACH OUR GOAL!



<i>SUNDAY</i>	<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>SATURDAY</i>
				1 <i>Chess Club</i> 2:45–4:00	2	3 <i>Clothing Drive</i> 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. 8 th Grade Doors <i>Mass Schedule</i> 4:00 p.m.
4 <i>Mass Schedule</i> 7:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	5 <i>Scrip Orders Due</i>	6 <i>Book Fair</i> <i>Lab Week D</i> <i>Science Explorers</i> 2:45–4:00 <i>Open House</i>	7 <i>Book Fair</i> <i>School Choir</i> <i>Church</i> 2:45-3:45	8 <i>Book Fair</i> <i>Grandparent/</i> <i>Special Person Book</i> <i>Fair</i> 9:00 – 10:00 AH <i>Rosary Club</i> 2:45–3:20	9 <i>Fire Prevention</i> 9:00 Grades K-2	10 <i>Mass Schedule</i> 4:00 p.m.
11 <i>Mass Schedule</i> 7:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	12 <i>Scrip Orders Due</i>	13 <i>Lab Week A</i> <i>Science Explorers</i> 2:45–4:00	14 <i>Ministry of Student</i> <i>Leadership</i> 2:45–4:00 <i>School Choir</i> <i>Church</i> 2:45-3:45	15 <i>Chess Club</i> 2:45–4:00	16 12:15 Dismissal In-Service <i>Designer Bag Bingo</i> <i>Doors open 5:00 pm</i>	17 <i>Fall Sports Pictures</i> 8:00 a.m. <i>Mass Schedule</i> 4:00 p.m.
18 <i>Mass Schedule</i> 7:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	19 NO SCHOOL Diocesan Faith Formation day	20 <i>Lab Week B</i> RACE FOR EDUCATION <i>Science Explorers</i> 2:45–4:00	21 <i>School Choir</i> <i>Church</i> 2:45-3:45	22 <i>Rosary Club</i> 2:45–3:20	23	24 <i>Mass Schedule</i> 4:00 p.m.
25 <i>Mass Schedule</i> 7:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	26 <i>Scrip Orders Due</i>	27 <i>Individual Student</i> <i>and Staff Pictures</i> <i>Lab Week C</i> <i>Science Explorers</i> 2:45–4:00	28 <i>Mass</i> 9:00 <i>School Choir</i> <i>Church</i> 2:45-3:45	29	30 <i>Halloween Parade</i> 1:30 <i>Celebrations to follow</i> <i>Trunk or Treat</i> 6:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m. <i>Back Parking Lot</i>	31 <i>Happy Halloween!</i> <i>Mass Schedule</i> 4:00 p.m.

October 2026

EAT SMART
BE SMART

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

			1 Chicken Tender Sub Corn Dogs Mashed Potatoes 100% Apple Juice	2 Pizzeria Pizza Bagel, Yogurt, and Cheese Stick Garden Salad w/ Cheese Side Salad Fruit Cup
5 French Bread Pizza Bacon Cheeseburger Harvest Salad Oven Fries Fruit Cup	6 Walking Taco with Pretzel Stick Chicken Fajita Seasoned Rice 100% Apple Juice	7 French Toast Sticks Hot Dog Taco Salad Potato Smiles Fruit Cup	8 Chicken Tenders w/ Buttered Noodles Buffalo Chicken Cheesesteak Diced Carrots 100% Apple Juice	9 Pizzeria Pizza Bagels, Yogurt, and Cheese Stick Garden Salad w/ Cheese Side Salad Fruit Cup
12 Pizza Dippers Chicken Patty Chicken Caesar Salad Green Beans Fruit Cup	13 Nacho Grande w/ Salsa and Sour Cream Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla Corn 100% Apple Juice	14 Mini Pancakes w/ Syrup Hot Dog Taco Salad Tater Tots Fruit Cup	15 Chicken Bacon Ranch Sub Mac and Cheese Sweet Peas 100% Apple Juice	16 NO LUNCH
19 NO SCHOOL DIOCEESAN FAITH FORMATION DAY	20 Beef Soft Tacos Chicken Fajita Corn Salad 100% Apple Juice	21 Chicken and Waffles w/ Syrup Hot Dog Taco Salad Tri Patty Taters Fruit Cup	22 Pasta w/ Marinara Sauce and Dinner Roll Chicken Patty Sweet Peas 100% Apple Juice	23 Pizzeria Pizza Bagel, Yogurt, and Cheese Stick Garden Salad w/ Cheese Side Salad Fruit Cup
26 Big Daddy's Pizza Big Mac Cheeseburger w/ Big Mac Sauce and pickle Harvest Salad Chickpea Salad Fruit Cup	27 Chicken Patty on a Bun Walking Taco with Pretzel Stick Corn 100% Apple Juice	28 Bacon, Egg, and Cheese on a Bagel Hot Dog Taco Salad Tater Tots Fruit Cup	29 Chicken Tender Sub Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup 100% Apple Juice	30 Pizzeria Pizza Bagel, Yogurt, and Cheese Stick Garden Salad w/ Cheese Side Salad 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

Chicken Nuggets
 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 and Chocolate

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



IMPORTANT!

POWERSCHOOL TEXT MESSAGING OPT-IN

Dear Parents and Guardians,

St. Mary School now utilizes **SchoolMessenger** to send text messages directly to your mobile phone with important information, including school events, closings, safety alerts, emergency notifications, and other important school communications.

PLEASE NOTE: Texting will be used for various school communications as well as emergency notifications. We will also be utilizing Finals site texting as well for the same purposes. This allows us to have multiple methods of communications. We encourage you to please also continue to check emails and our Tuesday online and take home communication folder.

St. Mary School will also use SchoolMessenger for **phone calls** as well—this will be for **EMERGENCIES ONLY!**

To make sure you receive these messages, please opt in to our SMS text messaging service.

From the mobile phone number associated with your PowerSchool account, text “Y” or “Yes” to 67587.

Please complete the opt-in process by **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2026**

TEST MESSAGE: We will send a **test** text message on **SEPTEMBER 24TH in the evening**. Please make sure you have opted in before this date.

IMPORTANT: Please Do Not Opt Out

You may see the option to reply **STOP** to SchoolMessenger texts. If you reply STOP, you will no longer receive text messages from the school.

If you want to continue receiving important and emergency school communications, **please do not reply STOP.**

Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. You may reply HELP for help or STOP to cancel.

PHONE MESSAGE: We will also test our emergency phone message on **SEPTEMBER 24th in the evening**.

If you have opted in for text messages but do not receive our test message and our phone test on September 24th please contact Jackie Kern (text messages) at advancementoffice@smarys.org or Melissa DiNunzio (phone messages) at mainoffice@smarys.org

Thank you for helping us make sure we can reach you when important information needs to be communicated.



Important Finalsite Information

This is a reminder to please go to your Finalsite Portal. Click or copy and paste in your browser this link <https://stmarysnj.fsenrollment.com/portal> in order to complete items on your checklist if you have not done so already. If you have more than one child in the school you need to do this for each of your students.

These checklist items include:

NEW: School Policies Consent Form

As well as Health Appraisal, Emergency Contact, Medical information and consent to treat, Photo upload, and Consent for routine medical care.

Thank you!



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

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!



SMS

Mini Cheer

GRADES K - 2
2026 - 2027

IT'S REGISTRATION TIME!

REGISTRATION IS DUE NO LATER THAN **OCTOBER 12, 2026**

The Mini Cheer season will run from November 2026 to February 2027. Practices will be held on Saturdays for approximately one hour, sometime between 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM in Assumption Hall. Specific practice times will be determined following registration.



In addition to practices,
MINI CHEERLEADERS WILL ALSO:



Perform at the
Winter Pep Rally
(during school hours)



Sideline Cheer at ONE
Home Basketball Game
(optional)



Perform/Compete in
ONE-TWO Winter Showcases
(mandatory)

All registration forms and fees will be due at the time of registration. The forms can be found on the St. Mary School website under the ACTIVITIES/ATHLETICS tab. Please note, the registration fee is \$75.00, which includes competition fees.



Any questions, please email me!

Kimmy Thomas – E: kimmythomas158@gmail.com



GO CRUSADERS

♥ FAITH • FRIENDSHIP • SPIRIT • TOGETHER WE SHINE ♥



St. Mary School Rosary Fellowship

I give permission for my child to attend
the **St. Mary School Rosary Fellowship**.

Meetings will be held on the **second and fourth Thursday** of most months from **2:45 pm until 3:20 pm** with **Mrs. Bryson, Mr. Bakley, and Mrs. Riggins in classroom 3B**. **Meetings will begin October 8th**. Please pick up your student at the 2nd grade doors at 3:20 pm.

The inspiration of this club is to encourage a younger generation to employ the power of one of our church's greatest prayers, the Rosary. In addition to praying this beautiful prayer, meetings will allow discussions on the origins of and blessing from the Rosary. We will experience the peace of putting our special intentions in the hands of our Lord.

St. Mary Rosary Fellowship is for students in **3rd through 8th** grades who truly wish to explore the power of prayer. Children are welcome to bring their personal Rosary beads, but it is not mandatory.

Rosary Fellowship

PLEASE PRINT	Name of child	/	Class

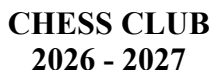
	/	
PRINTED NAME and signature of parent/guardian(s)		

Number to call in the event of emergency: _____

Use back if necessary:

Are there any allergies or other medical issues that may be important to note?

Is someone other than yourself/spouse picking up your child? If yes, whom?



We will be offering a Chess Club this year for students in grades K through 8th at St Mary School. Chess is a wonderful game to help build critical thinking and organizational skills. We will have checkers for our younger students. The students will meet on the **First and Third Thursday** of most months. **Please see dates for Chess Club below.** We need parent/guardian volunteers to help. Parents/guardians will need to be finger printed and Virtus trained.

Your student does not have to know how to play the games to join us. Learning how to play is part of the fun. The club will meet from 2:45-4:00 in the Science Lab. You may pack a light snack that they can have from 2:45 until we start to play at 3:00. The students will clean up the tables before we start so they will need **a napkin or paper towel to place under their snack**. You will also need to provide transportation home. You must pick up your child on time at the 8th grade doors at 4:00 pm.

Our first meeting will be Thursday, October 1st. Please send in a note to your student's teacher to let them know when they are staying after school for Chess Club.

Please fill out and return the form below if your child is interested in joining our Chess Club.

Mr. Brian Wolf Mr. Raymond Moffa
7th Grade Teacher Gym Teacher

Chess Club Dates: **Oct. 1, 15** **Nov. 5** **Dec. 3,17** **Jan 7, 21** **Feb 4,18**
March 4, 18 **April 15** **May 6 Last Chess Club Meeting**

CHess CLUB

Name	Class
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Emergency Telephone # _____

My child would like to join the Chess Club. I agree to provide transportation home and be there by 4:00 pm to pick up my child at the 8th grade doors.

Signature Parent _____ I will be able to help on the 1st Thursday _____
on the 3rd Thursday _____

Use back if necessary:

Does your student have any allergies or other medical issues we need to be aware of?

Is someone other than yourself/spouse picking up your child? If yes, whom?

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 \$



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

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



To: St. Mary School Parents and Guardians

IT'S TIME FOR THE BOOK FAIR ~ HERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

BOOK FAIR DATES: **October 6th, 7th and 8th**

Please see the attached schedule for the date and time your child will be visiting the Book Fair. If you would like your child to purchase a book please send money in an envelope with child's name, homeroom, and Book Fair written on front and send it to school on the day your child is scheduled to attend. The Book Fair will be held in Assumption Hall on the stage, please enter through Assumption Hall (gym) doors to sign in if you wish to attend with your child/ren. Scholastic offers e-wallet, a convenient and secure digital payment option for your children to shop. Please visit scholastic to sign up.

Grandparents/Special Person Event:

On **Thursday, October 8th from 9:00 am to 10:00 am** your child will have the chance to shop exclusively with a grandparent or special person. They will enter through Assumption Hall doors. If your child will shop with a grandparent/special person, please send in a printed note to the teacher with the names no later than Thursday, October 1st.

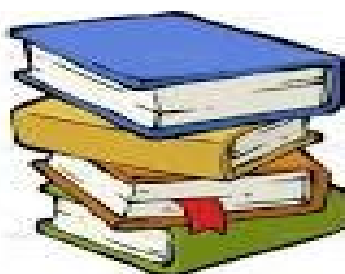


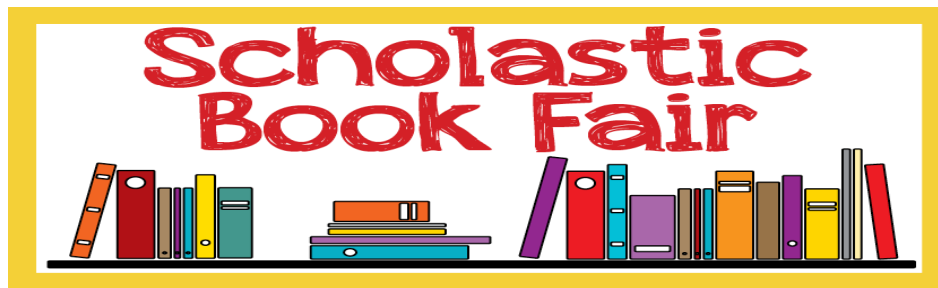
Teacher Gift Certificates:

We are offering parents the opportunity to purchase gift certificates for their teachers from home. If you would like to purchase a gift certificate (can be for any teacher) please send the attached form and send to school in an envelope to the attention of Linsie Decker, Book Fair Gift Certificate. We will deliver all gift certificates to teachers to be used at the Book Fair.

PTA appreciates your help and support during this week. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the e-mail listed below.

Sincerely,
SMS PTA
Linsie Decker
linsiedecker@gmail.com





SCHEDULE

**Tuesday, October 6th,
Wednesday, October 7th,
and Thursday, October 8th**

Time	Tuesday, October 6th	Wednesday, October 7th	Thursday, October 8th
8:30-9:00	4B	8B	
9:00-9:30	K1	5A	Grandparent/ Special Person
9:30-10:00	3A	3B	Grandparent/ Special Person
10:00-10:30	1A	7A	
10:30-11:00	4A	8A	
11:00-11:30	6B		
11:30-12:00		7B	
12:00-12:30		2B	
1:00-1:30	6A	1B	
1:30-2:00	2A	K2	

**TEACHER
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
GIFT CERTIFICATE
ORDER FORM**

Teacher: _____

From: _____ Grade ____ A B

Amount: _____

Check or Cash: _____

**TEACHER
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
GIFT CERTIFICATE
ORDER FORM**

Teacher: _____

From: _____ Grade ____ A B

Amount: _____

Check or Cash: _____

Date: 9/1/26

Subject: Annual Notification of Asbestos Management Plan

To: Staff, Teachers, Building Occupants and Employee Organizations or Legal Guardians

In the past, asbestos was used extensively in building materials because of its insulating, sound absorbing, and fire retarding capabilities. Virtually any building constructed before the late 1970s contained some asbestos. Intact and undisturbed asbestos materials generally do not pose a health risk. Asbestos materials, however, can become hazardous when, due to damage or deterioration over time, they release fibers. If the fibers are inhaled, they can lead to health problems, such as cancer and asbestosis.

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) which requires schools to be inspected to identify any asbestos containing building materials. Suspected asbestos-containing building materials were located, sampled (or assumed) and rated according to condition and potential hazard. Every three (3) years, **Saint Mary's School** will have a re-inspection conducted to determine whether the condition of the known or assumed asbestos containing building materials (ACBM) has changed and to make recommendations on managing or removing the ACBM. At the last re-inspection conducted on **February 12, 2024**, all materials listed in the Management Plan as asbestos containing (or assumed to be asbestos- containing) were inspected.

The law further requires an asbestos management plan to be in place by July 1989. **Saint Mary's School** developed a plan, as required, which will continue to be updated. The plan has several ongoing requirements: publish a notification on management plan availability and the status of asbestos activities; educate and train its employees about asbestos and how to deal with it; notify short-term or temporary workers on the locations of the asbestos containing building materials; post warning labels in routine maintenance areas where asbestos was previously identified or assumed; follow set plans and procedures designed to minimize the disturbance of asbestos containing building materials; and survey the condition of these materials every six (6) months to assure that they remain in good condition.

It is the intention of **Saint Mary's School** to comply with all federal and state regulations controlling asbestos and to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure students and employees a healthy and safe environment in which to learn and work. You are welcome to review a copy of the asbestos management plan in Diocese of Camden school administrative office or administrative office of the school during regular business hours. Jerry Rose is our designed asbestos program coordinator, and all inquiries regarding the asbestos plan and asbestos-related issues should be directed to Jerry Rose at 856-629-6190.



Champion Coach Note

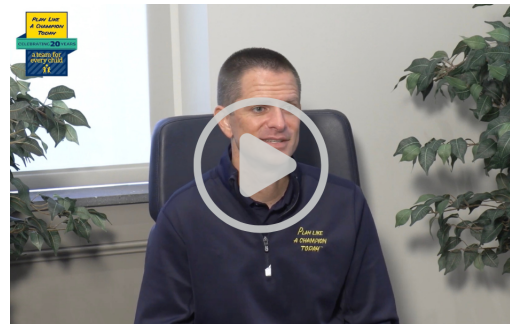
Forming Champion Coaches Since 2006



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Why Do Kids Play Sports?

Kids play sports because they're *fun*. Decades of study have always returned to this simple truth, finding that kids place fun at the top of their list of reasons to participate. While a terrific foundation for coaches to build upon, the somewhat ambiguous nature of this reality begs at least two additional questions:



What exactly is it that kids find fun?
How do I make sports fun teaching skills and balancing competitive goals?

In the video above, *Play Like a Champion's* Peter Piscitello dives into the research to **answer these important questions**. Whether you're a youth or high school coach, it's information that's both vital to reaching young athletes and exceedingly practical. For example, coaches might be surprised to learn that *working hard* is high on the list. They might be less surprised to see things like playing with *teammates* or *competing* listed, but when combined these three elements can create a high-energy practice that helps athletes to grow in skill while enjoying the experience. Given that we also know enjoyment increases motivation and drives development, we can see how learning about what makes sports fun can help us tailor an approach that maximizes the benefits for young athletes and teams.

Coaches, watch the video above and **commit to at least one way you will make your next practice more fun**. You may be surprised by how this simple step can take your team to the next level.

"A glad heart makes a cheerful countenance, but by sorrow of heart the spirit is broken." ~ Proverbs 15:13

Coaching HER

Coaching HER® is a transformative coaching resource designed to help sport coaches challenge conventional norms and rethink what it means to coach girls. It's a **FREE**, high-impact way to strengthen your coaching culture and show your commitment to girls' development, confidence, and belonging in sport. Scan the QR

code on the right or click the link below to learn about becoming a *Coaching Her® Champion*, which includes online modules, playbooks, ongoing education and access to a community of coaches committed to keeping girls in the game. Grounded in research and evidence-based practices, this is a terrific way for coaches to improve their understanding of what it takes to coach girls and provide them with an incredible youth sports experience.



Become a Coaching HER Champion

A Prayer for Teams



Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of this team and each of our teammates. Help us to understand that we are all made in the image of God and that you have given us special gifts to contribute to this team. We pray that we may use the gifts you have given us during this practice to benefit our team. Also help us to sacrifice ourselves for the good of the whole team. May we be good listeners so that we can learn and grow in this time

together. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

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