

St. Mary's Catholic School

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OPPORTUNITY FOR SPIRIT WEAR ORDER

If you missed out on the earlier Spirit Wear order or need to add to what you have, there is a limited opportunity from October 1st through 7th by going to shopsilkworm.com/stmarysschool See the flyer for more info!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL . . .

The Quest for Happiness. In our 7-8 Religion class we have been talking about how God has designed each one of us to desire happiness. Everything that we do, every choice we make is related in some way to this quest. Why go to school? To learn. Why? To be better prepared for life. Why? To be able to get a good job. Why? To make money. Why? To be able to buy the things I need and want. Why? So that I can have a good quality of life and health. Why? Because these things seem to help make me happy.

Sometimes we set our hearts on the many goods of this life. While they can give some degree of happiness, they don't let us rest in them as our complete fulfillment. You have likely stopped to ask yourself on occasion, "Why am I not completely happy with what I have? If I just had (fill in the blank) I would be truly happy!" When we look at the richest, most famous and powerful figures in history, do we see this to be the case? Usually not. They often have some of the highest levels of dissatisfaction, difficulties and dysfunction. Why? Because our total happiness is not found here. We have to look beyond the created thing to the Source of creation. We all desire happiness because we are all longing for the One Who made us, loves us, and calls us on a quest that can only find its fulfillment in Him.

NEW OFFICERS FOR JR. BETA CLUB

SMS Jr. Beta Club has elected its new officers for the '24-'25 school year! We congratulate our new president: Reed Petrowske; vice-president: Kevin Korando; secretary: Ty Tindall and treasurer: Cole McDonald.

PET BLESSING ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 4th)

On Friday morning, the (Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi), Father Sebastian will have a pet blessing for SMS at 8:15 A.M. in the front yard of the Rectory. Families are invited to come and bring their pets for the blessing (the pets would need to go home afterward). If it is not possible to bring your pet, you can bring a picture or stuffed animal that represents them. We ask that all pets be on a leash or in a pet carrier for the blessing. You are also encouraged to bring lawn chairs or a blanket to sit on if you wish.

STONIES 7th AND 8th GRADE FUNDRAISER FOR CLASS TRIPS!

The very popular and delicious Stonies products (including quick sticks and summer sausage) are once again available for order. Your support of this fundraiser helps the students gain skills

in entrepreneurship and teamwork. Orders are available until Monday, October 7th. Please see the order form for details. For additional information, reach out to a student or contact Ms. Ingram (618) 521-1066.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4th, 1:30 P.M. DISMISSAL - BUS IS AVAILABLE

FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

Please support this fundraiser which generously assists our students! The drawing will be held on October 27th.

ROSARY RALLY - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12th

You are invited to St. Mary's annual Rosary Rally! This prayer event will be held in the Rectory front yard (weather permitting) at 3:30 P.M. before the Vigil Mass at 4:00 P.M. Student participation is especially appreciated. Please see the flyer for more information.

OCTOBER EVENTS - FLYERS INCLUDED IN YOUR PACKET

- 4th ANNUAL CARSHOW - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13th

- 5K RUN & WALK - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19th

"NO SCHOOL" DAYS IN OCTOBER

There will be three "no school" days in October to keep in mind. Friday, October 11th will be a Teacher's Institute Day. Monday, October 14th, is Columbus Day. Friday, October 18th there will be no school due to the Parent/Teacher conferences the previous day for K-8th grade.

GRANDPARENT'S DAY - OCTOBER 25th

We are excited to once again celebrate Grandparent's Day! Please see the flyer for more information and to make reservations.

THIRD TIMES A CHARM? SMS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DATE CHANGE - DEC. 11

We apologize to once again change the date for the SMS Christmas program and hope that this has not caused any inconvenience. It is often a challenge to schedule events, especially during the busy days leading up to Christmas. The first date conflicted with the public school Christmas program and we did not want to make some family members with students at both schools to have to choose between the two. There has been a request to change our second date because of a new opportunity to host a basketball tournament in our gym during the week of December 16th. That leaves us with the date of Wednesday, December 11 for the program.

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THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (KC'S) MONDAY LUNCHES

The KC's offers \$11 lunch from 11:00 AM to 1:00 P.M.
Also, check out their Facebook page for news and events.

NEW GYM IMPROVEMENTS

We are thankful to all who have generously contributed to the SMS Gym project! Much progress has already been accomplished, including the gym floor. Thank you for your patience as the gym is "under construction."