



ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The Pink Note

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From the Desk of Mrs. Miscavish

Dear Parents:

It has been a time of great reflection around St. Mary due to the sad events of the last week, they certainly have made us all pause for more than a moment. At the same time, I have had to remind many people as of late that it is human nature to dwell on the negative and to miss all the good that surrounds us. Yesterday I needed some quiet time to put my thoughts together and quiet honestly, I should have known better, because the only quiet moments I ever have around St. Mary are when I am here alone at night! My quiet moment was quickly interrupted by a little voice outside my office door. That voice and what was going on behind that closed door certainly distracted me and changed the direction of my thoughts.

In the middle of my thoughts, a 1st grader arrived after throwing up in class. Unfortunately for him, that would continue as he waited for one of his parents to arrive. One would think he would be miserable, but interestingly enough, he still found time to share many insights as he waited:

He was not worried about the IOWA test; he let everyone know that he was pretty smart and assured the office staff he was going to get an A+ on all the tests.

When he was told his mom was on her way, but she was far from school – his reply, “Don’t worry, my mom’s car is really fast, she’ll be here quick, it’s a really really fast car.”

He reassured the office staff again that nobody needed to worry about the IOWA tests, they were pretty easy.

He decided at one point it would be best for his mom to pick him up, but leave his brother at his grandmother’s house. According to him, his mom needed to take care of him, somebody else could go get his brother.

As the clock ticked on and he continued to get sick, it got quiet for a few minutes, I learned later he fell asleep twice sitting upright in the desk. Next time I heard him, he was chitchatting with Mr. K. reassuring Mr. K all would be OK and making idle small talk. In the end, I think it was Mr. K who walked away being OK with everything going on.

What struck me most about what was going on outside the office door, not once did I hear in his voice, poor pitiful me. Through all of that, he remained positive and the conversation never became all about him; even though he had every right to turn the conversation that way. Which got me wondering if we are all born like that, and if so, when, where, or why did we lose that quality in life? Did we actually lose it? Or, somewhere did we make a choice in life to let it go? As my reflection turned to those loved ones we lost in the last two weeks, it made me reflect on the fact that it must be a choice. John Dickson and Ed Martel never lost their drive for the greater good of others. Through their trials and tribulations of life, they always strived to make the lives of others better by sharing their God given talents with all. They never lost sight of the bigger picture, which ultimately is what happens when

our focus becomes narrowed and self-serving. We all do it at times, some more than others. I am sure at times they did too, but they chose to be more conscious of the bigger picture, the greater good they could bring to others, if they strived to look beyond themselves. Are we doing the same? Are we making sure our children/students are doing the same?

You are probably wondering why I decided to share all of this with you today. I tell you this because we all have that responsibility in life and it is easily forgotten too many times. Yes, we have our immediate family responsibilities, but we also have a responsibility to the communities we surround ourselves with. My focus would be our school/parish community – what is the bigger picture of your role at St. Mary and within our St. Peter Parish? Are we all striving for the greater good of all or are we solely focused on the little picture of our own world. I can attest that there is much that goes on at St. Mary that is driven by the bigger picture on a daily basis, it has to be. This is why three children who lost their father opted to come to school on Monday, because this is their second family. The comfort they find within the walls of our school are made possible by our focus on the bigger picture of what is St. Mary School. That we should all be very proud of and we should strive in everything we do as a parent, student, teacher, support staff, maintenance, athletics, scouts, administration and everyone I missed, to always make sure that the big picture lies in front of us to keep our community strong. Absolutely make sure your “little picture” is taken care of, but we need to look outside of ourselves, and see what it is that each one of us can contribute to make the bigger picture the best it can be. It is one thing to say we are a family, it is another thing to truly live as a family.

There are life lessons to be found in every situation that crosses our path and for me, two men and a six-year-old made me pause this week and ask myself these same questions. John Dickson & Ed Martel balanced all of these things, and when their lives ended on this earth, they left behind our school community and their personal community a better place because of how they approached life. That six-year-old had two choices, be miserable or make every person around him miserable. Instead he opted to take the high road and make the best of a bad situation. We should all strive to do the same when life gets the best of us.

Life is not easy and it is filled with a myriad of emotions daily, but when channeled properly, those emotions can lead to a positive outcome for all. However, that only holds true if we make a conscious effort to channel that energy and follow the path of our faith. The right direction can be the most difficult direction to take so many times, but it is the direction that leads to the greater good for all. As Catholic Christians, is that not our goal in life?

It is really that simple and if we all remember that, our world will be a better place, our parish and school a stronger unit, and each one of us will live to make a positive difference in the world around us.

Here's to all the people
who get back up more times
than they are knocked down.
Who give more,
than they ever expect to receive.
Who still show love to others,
even when their own heart is broken.
Who smile through the sad times,
who light the way for others,
who spread laughter and joy.
Thank you for making our world a better place.

May grace and blessings be in your path,
Maureen Miscavish

Glow Bracelet Sale

St. Mary Student Council is selling Glow Bracelets to light your way on Halloween. Look for the flyer coming home today to order yours! Glow Bracelets are 2 for \$1.00. All orders must be turned in by October 26th.



Holiday Party & Raffle

Tickets for the Holiday Party and Raffle will go on sale soon! The event will be on Saturday, November 10th. You will be able to purchase individual tickets for \$25 or tables of 8 for \$200.

WANTED! New or used large baskets any color, shape & size! Drop them off at St. Mary School before October 16th!

Please see the information in Pink Note about the class donation contests.

Please send in your donations to earn your child a free Jeans Day pass. All items must be returned by October 12th.

Save the Date

October 1-12 ~ IOWA Testing
October 10 ~ High School Night
October 12 ~ Haunted Hayride Gr. 6-8
October 13 ~ Halloween Hallway Spooktacular
October 15 ~ St. Peter 175th Anniversary Mass
Archbishop Vigneron
October 18 ~ Mandatory Parent Sacrament Meeting for 2nd & 4th grade parents & 8th grade parents and their child.
October 26 ~ End of 1st Quarter
October 31 ~ 11:15 Halloween Parade
Noon Dismissal—Pre-4
November 1 ~ All Saints Day -
Pre-1 prayer service
Gr. 2-8 Mass at St. Peter
November 2 ~ Picture Retake Day
November 7 ~ Report Cards
November 9 ~ Gr. 8 Confirmation Retreat
November 10 ~ Holiday Party & Raffle

Living Rosary



The Class of 2019 would like to invite our St. Mary School families to the celebration of the Rosary on Thursday, October 18th at 2:15 at St. Peter Church. Our 8th grade will lead the school in prayer with a Living Rosary. As we pray the Rosary each Hail Mary will be represented by a lit candle. This is a beautiful ceremony and gives all the students time to acknowledge and give thanks for all the gifts we receive from God. We hope that you will be able to attend this ceremony.

The Weather is Changing!



Students should be dressed to stay warm as they wait outside in the morning, go outside for recess, or walk to or from St. Peter. **Students will not be allowed to remain indoors during recess without a doctor's note.**

(Please be sure all coats, sweaters, and sweatshirts have your child's name on them. This is the time of year that our Lost & Found trunk fills up!)

Only St. Mary uniform sweaters and logo uniform sweatshirts may be worn in classrooms and at church. Spirit wear or athletic wear are not allowed.

Hearing Testing

Hearing testing will be done for grades K, 2, & 4 on Thursday, October 18.

Box Tops for Education Challenge



The classroom with the most Box Tops turned in by Tuesday, October 16th will receive a treat. Be sure to include the student & teacher's name on your collection sheet. Box Tops can be taped or glued to the collection sheet. (no staples) Bonus coupons should not be attached to collection sheet. **Please make sure all Box Tops sent in have not expired.**

St. Mary Catholic School provides strong academics within a faith-based community to prepare students for higher learning and to become moral, productive, God-loving leaders in society.



St. Peter Children's Choir

It is not too late for your 2nd–8th graders to join the St. Peter Children's Choir. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays from 3:10-4:00. The children sing at Friday School Mass and select 4:00 Masses at St. Peter Church.

For more information check your inbox for the flyer that came home last week, or pick one up in the school office.



St. Mary Haunted Hayride

A fun evening is planned for grades 6-8 at the St. Mary Haunted Hayride On October 12th at Blake's Orchard in Armada. The evening includes corn maze, hayride, petting zoo, and cider & donuts for only \$10.00.

Reserve your child's spot by Friday, October 8th. Forms are available in the office.

St. Mary Fall CYO Varsity Teams "Recognition Night" Dinner

Monday, October 29th 2018

Location – St. Mary School Cafetorium

Doors Open for Check-in At 6:30PM
Opening Remarks and Prayer – 6:45PM

Dinner Served Following Prayer
Team Recognitions Following Dinner

Reservation Slip with Payment due by:
Friday, October 12th 2018
– SMS School Office



Mandatory Sacrament Parent Meeting

There is a mandatory Sacrament Parent Meeting for parents of students in grades 2, 4 & 8 on **Wednesday, October 18 at 6:30**. At least one parent per family must attend, just one even if you have multiple children making a sacrament. The meeting is being held at St. Peter Church. Our 8th grade Confirmandi students must attend as well.

Yes, there is another opportunity for you to attend on November 14, but please remember we are counting on **100% participation on October 18** to ensure we have all met this requirement.

St. Peter Catholic Church

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Out of the Past, THE FUTURE



E. PRAETERITIS FUTURA

All Invited! Let's Celebrate!

October 14, 2018

Mass at 12 PM

with Archbishop Vigneron
Fr. Michael Cooney, Fr. Dale Redwanski
& former Priests of the Parish

Dinner at 2:00 PM -

Tickets may be purchased at the Parish
Office for \$30.00 per person
Menu: Carved Prime Rib, Salmon,
Stuffed Pork

Entertainment provided by
Same Old Guys

Crazy Sock Day Is Coming!!



During the month of October, please join the Student Council in raising money to "Sock Out" poverty. On Tuesday, October 16th students are asked to donate 50 cents to wear crazy socks. The crazier, more mismatched the better! Students can also wear tennis shoes this day with their uniform and crazy socks. Boys can tuck pants into the socks or roll pants, as long as they stay below their knees, to show off their socks.



Halloween Spooktacular Preschool—4th Grade

Trick or Treat & Movie Night
Saturday, October 13
6:00 - 8:00 pm

Trick or Treaters & Hallway
Sponsors needed!

**We are also collecting candy
donations for this event.**

RSVP is due October 8th



SPIRIT WEAR

Spirit Wear order forms are coming home today. All ordering is done on line at <https://mascelastmaryschool.itemorder.com>

This is the time to start planning for Fall and share that St. Mary School spirit!

Deadline for ordering is Sunday, October 14th at 11:59 PM



CAFETERIA NEWS

Lunch time volunteers are needed for October 4, 5, 9, 11, 15, 16, 18, 19, 22, 25, 26 & 29.

Log in [https://](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20foe4ca8a72aaof58-lunch2)

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use the pass word '2union' to submit days you can volunteer. Lunch time is from 10:55 until 1:00. Walk-ins are always welcome.

St. Peter Parish, Mount Clemens

ST. PETER ROCK YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Rock Youth Group Ministry Fall Fun Day

Open to all Students in middle school
and high school

October 7, 2018, 5:00 pm—7:30 PM
Corn Fun Family Farm
\$15.00 per person

For more information contact
Rockyouthmin.weebly.com

Weekly Highlights

Thursday, Oct. 4

IOWA Testing Continues
Reconciliation—Griffore

Friday, Oct. 5

Mass at St Peter Gr. 1-8 with
Bishop Fisher

IOWA Testing Continues
Reconciliation—Kroha

Saturday, Oct. 6

Children Choir 4:00 Mass

Sunday, Oct. 7

ROCK Youth Group Outing
Corn Fun Family Farm Gr. 6-8

Monday, Oct. 8

Mass at Union 8:15 Gr. 5-8
IOWA Testing Continues
Altar Serving 2:00-3:10
Spooktacular RSVP Due
Student Council 3:10-4:00

Tuesday, Oct. 9

IOWA Testing Continues
Little Mountaineers 12:30-2:00
Art Club Gr. 4 & 5, 3:10-4:00

Wednesday, Oct. 10

IOWA Testing Continues
Mass at Union 8:15 Gr. 1-4
Regional High School Night
No Athletics

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Holiday Party & Raffle Grade Level Contest

The winning grade will earn a pizza party! In addition, each student who participates will receive their own "Jean Day Pass"!

Please remember...

1. Each student must bring item assigned to their individual grade to receive a jean day pass.
2. The item must be NEW and still within its original packaging. Gift Cards should have a value receipt with it.
3. The donations must be turned into the classroom teacher by **October 12th** to be counted.
4. If you choose not to shop, a student may bring in a monetary donation and we will take care of the shopping for you!
5. We highly encourage the student to participate in the purchasing of the items so that they are aware of how their donation helps the school!

- **Preschool:** Amazon Gift Cards
- **Kindergarten:** Barbie® Products
- **1st:** Any Restaurant Gift Card (Applebee's, Ruby Tuesdays, Red Robin, Olga's, Texas Road House, PF Chang, Brio, etc.)
- **2nd:** Retail Gift Cards (Ann Taylor, Banana Republic, White House Black Market, Bath & Body Works, Express, Gap, Loft, Macys, Nordstrom, Talbots, Victoria Secret, DSW only please)
- **3rd:** Family Entertainment Gift Cards (ex: CJ Barrymore's, AirTime, Sky Zone, Dave & Busters, Orange Leaf, Dairy Queen, Menchies, Movie Theatre, Bowling or Other Local Family Fun Locations)
 - **4th:** Boy Lego® Products
 - **5th:** Scratch Off Lotto Tickets
 - **6th:** Meijer or Kroger Gift Cards
 - **7th:** Best Buy Gift Cards
 - **8th:** Gas Gift Cards

If you have questions regarding this contest, please email holidaypartysms@gmail.com. This contest is VOLUNTARY and NOT required!

Thank you for your continued support of the PAC Holiday Party & Raffle!