



# ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## *The Pink Note*

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### ***From the Desk of Mrs. Miscavish***

Dear Parents,

I began this note shortly after I left the parking lot at St. Mary, shortly before 5:00 am Monday morning heading east to Washington D.C. Our trip across Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and into Washington D.C. was uneventful; the highlight, the snow on the ground in Pennsylvania. We arrived at our first stop, the National Air & Space Museum, a few minutes ahead of schedule. We met our tour guide, Jo, at the museum and she is delightful! She is extremely knowledgeable on all things Washington D.C., has great rapport with our students, and what might be a little more important, she has great rapport with our bus driver, Desi! The two of them are a great pair and so far their team work has maximized our every moment so that we can see as much as one has time to see in 12 hour days!

We have had the opportunity to tour not only the National Air & Space Museum, but also the National Museum of American History, another Smithsonian Museum. Both great museums for kids and adults too – who doesn't want to touch a piece of rock from the moon, buy freeze-dried space ice cream, see the Spirit of St. Louis, one of Amelia Earhart's planes, see the restored Ruby Slippers from the Wizard of OZ, the original Elmo, the inauguration dresses of our country's First Ladies and so on! Those museums are filled with many interesting things to view, which is great for kids who do not have time to read the small print in a museum! We walked around the Tidal Basin, enjoying the sights of memorials & monuments along the way; FDR, Martin Luther King, Jr., World War II & the Washington Monument from a distance, due to construction. Even from a distance it is a sight to see and can be seen from just about everywhere you go. We were able to view the Lincoln Memorial illuminated in the distance at night, a beautiful sight in the dark. Today we will see it during the day. We were also able to go to the September 11 National Memorial by the Pentagon at night, which is truly a sight to see and experience as well. We saw three helicopters take off in the distance from the White House, all but one flew over the Tidal Basin. Was the President in one of them? We like to think so! We were also able to see a motorcade, not sure who was in those limos either, but very cool to see both in action!

Bright and early Tuesday morning our first stop was the US Marine Corps War Memorial, better known as the Iwo Jima Memorial. From there, we walked on to Arlington National Cemetery, sneaking in, with the help of our savvy tour guide & security, through the side gate! On our walk to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier we were able to stop at John F. Kennedy's gravesite and see the eternal flame, Robert E. Lee's home, and many other points of interest as we walked through the cemetery, including Joe Louis' gravestone. It was our honor to be able to have four students lay a wreath, bearing our school's name, at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. We were then off to a tour of the Capital, Library of Congress, and we ended the day in Baltimore at the National Harbor. As we came upon the harbor, the sun was setting and the sunset was spectacular! A terrific place for dinner, a chance to ride the Ferris Wheel and shop, especially at the *Peeps Store*! A great time was had by all, but it was now time to get some much needed rest. Our day will begin again this morning at 7:00 am!

Today, we will make a stop at the White House for the coveted 8<sup>th</sup> Grade class photo, similar to the coveted photo on the stairs at the Capital yesterday. We will go on to the Ford Theatre where President Lincoln was shot, go across the street to the Peterson House, where he was taken after the shooting and died. From there, some quick shopping at your typical tourist shops and then on to the Newseum, National Archives, National Museum of Natural History, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Korean War Veterans, Vietnam Veterans and the Lincoln Memorials. On Thursday we will spend the morning at Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington, which is right on the Potomac River. It is a beautiful location and a terrific place to end this whirlwind of a trip.

In the end, there will be so many great experiences all of us will have experienced along the way. All of us will have gained greater knowledge and understanding of what truly goes on in our Nation's Capital and how it came to be. They will have a stronger bond as a class and will have a better sense what it means to be leaders and what it takes to truly lead by example. This district is full of wonderful life lessons. Sometimes more is learned from the "fun facts" than from the actual story. Either way, they will be different in many ways when they return home; they will be well versed in all things "America" and have a new greater appreciation for this great country. It is truly a trip of a lifetime and we are so glad we are able to provide this opportunity for them and their parent who attends. Please keep us all in your prayers as we return to school very late Thursday night.

This Friday ends the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the school year. The parent portal will be closing on this day as we prepare the report cards. Please make sure you check the portal on a regular basis! It will reopen after our Report Cards have been processed.

Dynamic Parish will be holding a fun-filled dinner & Bingo event after the 4:00 Mass in the Fr. Welch Hall. It is our hope that many of our St. Mary School & St. Peter Religious Ed. families will join them. Please RSVP to Kristy Walker at 586-354-3690 so that they can make sure their food count includes your family!

Quick note for next Wednesday, it is a half-day of school due to Halloween. There will be no Pink Note next week due to Halloween fun! This is by far one of the craziest days of the school year, so hold on, here it comes! We hope that everyone will join us at 11:15 for our annual Halloween Parade. Remember too, SMS Backpacks closes at 4:00 on Halloween. Watch for parade and dismissal information coming home today.

Next week our 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders will attend Mass at St. Peter on All Saints Day, Thursday, November 1. We will follow our regular Friday routine for drop-off, the only difference, no 1<sup>st</sup> graders & it's a Thursday! **Please note, we will not be attending Mass on Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.** All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation, so please join our students at Mass. Our Preschool – 1<sup>st</sup> graders will be having their annual All Saints Day Prayer Service starting at 8:15 in the gym on this day. We hope that those parents will join us too!

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. Check your inbox or see the flyer from last week. Glow Bracelets are 2 for \$1.00. All orders must be turned in by October 26<sup>th</sup>.

## Halloween Candy Donations

Not sure what to do with all that left over Halloween candy? Feel free to send it into school. For the past few years we have boxed up the donations and distributed the candy, chips, drinks, popcorn, etc. to local adult group homes. We would love to continue this tradition and help you out at the same time! If possible, please do not donate candy made in China.



## Holiday Party Grand Raffle Tickets are now on sale now!

The Holiday Party & Raffle is sold out! If you purchased tickets or a table please be sure to return your stubs to the school office as soon as possible.

You can now purchase Grand Raffle tickets in the school office. Tickets are \$10.00 each.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: \$2000.00 cash
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$1000.00 cash
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: \$500.00 cash

You need not be present to win!

**Many volunteers are still needed!** Check your inbox for an email sent on October 11<sup>th</sup> for the link to the Holiday Party Sign-up Genius.



**Daylight  
Savings Time  
Fall Back  
November 4**

## Save the Date

- October 26 ~ End of 1st Quarter - Power School Portal Closed
- October 31 ~ 11:15 Halloween Parade  
Noon Dismissal—Pre-4
- November 1 ~ All Saints Day -  
8:00 Gr. 2-8 Mass at St. Peter  
8:15 Pre-1 prayer service
- November 2 ~ Picture Retake Day
- November 7 ~ Report Cards
- November 9 ~ Gr. 8 Confirmation Retreat
- November 10 ~ Holiday Party & Raffle
- November 14 ~ Mandatory Sacrament Meeting for those that missed October's meeting
- November 19 - 20 ~ Noon Dismissal & Parent Teacher Conferences
- November 21 - 23 ~ No School —Thanksgiving Break
- December 2 ~ Altar Server Installation
- December 3—7 ~ Santa Shoppe
- December 7 ~ Progress Reports
- December 7 ~ Gr. 1 & 2 Christmas Pageant
- December 14 ~ Kdg. Christmas Pageant
- December 7 ~ All School Mass @ SMS
- December 18 ~ No Latchkey
- December 19 ~ Noon Dismissal -Latchkey until 6:00 PM
- December 20 —January 2 ~ No School - Christmas Break



## PICTURE RETAKE DAY Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>

- Please mark your calendar for this day – if your child was absent!
- This is a “dress-up” day **only** for students who are getting their picture taken.
- Students having pictures retaken must return the original packet of pictures you received.
- Please make sure you have a valid reason for getting your child's picture retaken.

**There will be no Pink Note  
on October 31<sup>st</sup>.**

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.

## Weekly Highlights

### Thursday, Oct. 25

Kdg. & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Spiritual Buddy  
Reconciliation – Belknap  
CSI Forensics Club 3:10-4:00  
Newspaper Club 3:10-4:00

### Friday, Oct. 26

End of First Quarter  
Mass at St Peter Gr. 1-7  
Gr. 6 Stream Leaders  
Reconciliation – Sheils  
Glow Sticks Sale Ends

### Saturday, Oct. 27

Dynamic Parish Dinner  
& Bingo Night after 4:00 PM Mass

### Monday, Oct. 29

Mass at Union 8:15 Gr. 5-8  
Gr. 1 & 6 Spiritual Buddy Day  
Last Altar Serving 2:00-3:10  
Ecology Club 3:10-4:00  
Student Council 3:10-4:00  
Varsity Fall Sport Recognition -  
6:30 PM

### Tuesday, Oct. 30

Bagel Day  
Kdg. – Macomb Center  
3yr. Pre AM Halloween Party 10:00  
3yr. Pre PM Halloween Party 2:00  
Little Mountaineers 12:30-2:00  
Children's Choir 3:10-4:00

### Wednesday, Oct. 31

Noon Dismissal  
No Mass at Union  
Gr. 5-8 Free Halloween Jeans Day  
4yr. Pre Halloween Party 10:00  
Pre- 4 Halloween Parade 11:15  
SMS Backpack until 4:00

### Thursday, Nov. 1

All Saints Day  
Mass at St Peter 8:00 Gr. 2-8  
Prayer Service at SMS 8:15, Pre - Gr. 1  
Gr. 8 Ste. Anne de Detroit  
Advanced Readers Club 3:10-4:00  
NJHS Tutoring Team C 3:10-4:00  
No Athletics

### Friday, Nov. 2

No Mass  
Picture Retake 8:00 AM  
Reconciliation – Sorgeloos

### Saturday, Nov. 3

Children's Choir sings at 4:00 Mass

### Sunday, Nov. 4

Daylight Savings Time

### Monday, Nov. 5

No Mass  
SVdP Food Drive begins

### Tuesday, Nov. 6

SVdP Food Drive Continues  
Little Mountaineers 12:30-2:00  
Gr. 6 Art Club

### Wednesday, Nov. 7

SVdP Food Drive Continues  
No Mass  
Report Cards  
Gr. 7 Sacred Heart Seminary

### Coming Home

Pink Note  
Picture Packages - for those that ordered

### E-mailed Home

Halloween Parking & Parade Route

### St. Peter Parish **DYNAMIC PARISH NEWS**

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Family Bingo Night  
Friday, October 27 after 4:00 Mass  
Fr. Welch Hall  
Bring a food donation  
for St. Vincent dePaul  
Dinner and Prizes provided  
RSVP for Food Count text  
or call 586.354.3690

Attention 7 & 8 grade Students: This event  
eligible for 1 service hour!

### St. Peter Parish **Middle School ROCK Meeting**

November 11, 2018 is the next  
Middle School ROCK meeting!  
Join us from 6-8 PM in the youth  
room! Bring a friend and your  
Bible!

Check [rockyouthmin.weebly.com](http://rockyouthmin.weebly.com)  
for more dates, events, and  
information!

## Parent Volunteers

All volunteers must complete the Protecting God's Children class and submit a Background Check form to be a volunteer in the school or on a field trip. **Please turn in a copy of your PGC certificate and completed background form to the school office.**

Protecting God's Children is a one time class. We encourage all parents to sign up and take it so that you will be all set when your child has that field trip or event that you would like to be part of.

To register for the Protecting God's Children class, go to the [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org)

Upcoming classes in our area:

St. Paul on the Lake (Grosse Pointe Farms) Thursday, October 25 @ 6:30 PM  
St. Paul of Tarsus (Clinton Twp.) Saturday, November 3 @ 9:00 AM  
St. Isidore (Macomb) Saturday, November 10 @ 9:00 AM

## Support the Student Council Food Drive Benefiting St. Vincent de Paul November 5<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>

The St. Mary Student Council is partnering with St. Peter St. Vincent de Paul Society to provide food for families in need. Our goal is to donate the items that the pantry is in need of at this time.

**Students from each grade are invited to donate the following items:**

Preschool - pork & beans  
Kindergarten - canned tuna  
First Grade - canned veggies  
Second Grade - canned chicken  
Third Grade - canned fruit  
Fourth Grade - mac & cheese  
Fifth Grade - pasta sauce  
Sixth Grade - instant potatoes  
Seventh Grade - jelly or jam  
Eighth Grade - canned yams

The Grade with the most points at the end of the food drive wins a prize. We will also will take used **clean, dry** grocery bags.

*St. Peter Catholic Church*



Out of the Past, **THE FUTURE**



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