



# ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## *The Pink Note*

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

Dear Parents:

To start with, due to the frigid weather tomorrow morning, we will NOT be going to Mass at St. Peter. Thanks to everyone who got up bright and early on Tuesday to get their registration packets in! The office staff is working diligently getting through the pile, it is a task for sure! If you opt to send your packet in with your child, please make sure you instruct them to stop at the office before going outdoors or to their classroom. Please be mindful that open registration begins next Monday, so please do not hesitate to get your packet in, especially if you need a spot that fills quickly. There are only a few spots left in the most sought after preschool slots. As soon as AM fills, we will be opening up the afternoon sessions, but do not wait because every year a current family's spot is given to someone new because someone waited a day too long.

This coming Sunday is our New Family Open House, a special thank you to those of you who have been recommending our school to your friends and family. There have been many who wish we could give them a packet now, but we cannot. Please remind them of the times on Sunday, 1:00 – 4:00, and if they feel they are serious about enrolling, make sure you tell them to stop by the office to pick-up a packet. We will begin again bright and early on Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup> to fill those remaining spots. If you have any questions, please give me a call. It is far better to reach out to me, than to sit at home and try to figure things out yourself. A quick call to the office to speak with someone can solve many issues quickly.

Tuition Assistance from the Archdiocese of Detroit through FACTS should be opening by the end of the month. Rest assured that we will be sending out via email all the information that you will need to apply. It is a guess, but I think it is safe to say, that the cost of applying for the assistance will remain minimal again. Watch for details to come to your inbox as soon as we receive it.

This weekend besides Open House, our Chess Club will be competing in the All Catholic Schools Annual Chess Tournament at Divine Child. This is always an exciting day for our students and a wonderful experience! We wish them all the best and thank you to Mr. Pierce for making it possible!

Good luck to:

4th Graders: Brady Boedecker, Victoria Burnham, Kate Kniga, Eric Kujawa, Ben Lichocki, Isabella Nosotti, Olivia Nosotti, Breckin Osegueda, Joscelyn Ryan, Jack Simasko, Troy Smith & Maria Thomas

5th Graders: Sam Babinchak, Gavin Gaynor & Nicholas Gorday

6th Graders: Jacob Burnham, Katelyn Munger, Dimitri Safie, Thomas Simasko, & Caden Siler,

7th Grader: Dash Heath

Catholic Schools Week kicks off with our New Family Open House on Sunday and the rest of the week will be a blur! This is a very busy week for you as parents, a week that makes you appreciate your school uniforms! Please make sure you pay close attention to what each day will bring and close attention to the “do’s & don’ts” of CSW attire! There is always someone who misses the memo, let us make this the year that no one has to change their clothes!

This week, the curtains in the new gym are being installed, one more piece of the puzzle taken care of. The curtains will be St. Mary navy blue with a separate black curtain to the frame the back of the stage for performances. We are still waiting patiently for our new scoreboards to arrive, but for now, our temporary one is working just fine!

If your children told you on Tuesday that our lights at the very end of the day were blinking on and off, well they were! We continue on our journey of revamping our heating and cooling system and a major component of that project is syncing it to a new computer program. On Tuesday, the process began, but those who were remoting in to our system had a minor glitch with the interface that controls the corridor lighting. The students thought it was pretty cool, certainly gave them all something to talk about!

A Special Thank You to Christina Delgado and Tim Kniga for organizing our Family Fitness Night. Though not everyone who RSVP'd was able to attend, those who did, had a terrific time. This was our maiden voyage with this event and hopefully it will be one we continue for a long time coming – such a terrific and important topic for all our families to learn more about. The next PAC event will be the carnival! Step right up and sign-up to help! The link to the Sign-up-Genius went home yesterday, find your spot and volunteer please!

Tomorrow is the due date for the Daddy Daughter Dance RSVP's. The dance is being held on Sunday, February 24 from 2:00 – 6:00. This is an event that makes memories for life, so please get your RSVP & payment in to attend by tomorrow.

Remind is still working out their issues and they are a step closer due to the outcry by all of us. The catch is that they may reverse it for some and it may not be K-12 school users! Verizon has stated they will reverse some charges, but they have yet to put it in writing. So we need to still do our part, we are urged by Remind to *keep asking Verizon to formally commit to their public statement to #ReverseTheFee and #PutItInWriting*. Please help our text messaging world remain status quo.

Survey says? Please help our 4<sup>th</sup> graders with their Energy Audit, this data is very helpful to them. It is also a great way for them to begin analyzing different types of data and how to use it. The survey will be open through the weekend! Please try to take it today, so that it does not get buried in your inbox and then forgotten.

An equally, well honestly a more important survey, sorry 4<sup>th</sup> graders, is coming to your inbox soon! This is the annual survey from the Archdiocese of Detroit in regard to our school. You received this survey last year, we were the school with the highest response rate, so my hope is that you will help us again and do the same. This helps us continue on with our Strategic Plan process and we need your help. I openly admit the new gym this fall and into winter pretty much took over every waking extra moment that Mr. K and I. The good news, a new gym for St. Mary School has been a part of the strategic plan since we moved, so by the end of February we can check this off the plan! Please watch for the survey and fill it out in a timely manner. Those coordinating this survey will close the survey on Feb. 8. Thanks in advance for your help in this important process.

May grace and blessings be in your path,  
Maureen Miscavish



**Celebrate Catholic  
Schools Week 2019**

January 27 – February 2

**#CSW19**

## OPEN HOUSE

St. Mary School is having two Open Houses. The first one is for new families to visit our school on January 27<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-4:00 pm. Please encourage your friends and family to check out St. Mary School. Any current family that refers a new family will receive a \$125.00 tuition credit for 2019-20.

Mark your calendar for the current family Open House on March 24<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00 pm.



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Beginning January 1, 2019, your family Scrip distribution will be split 75/25 between your child's tuition account and St. Mary School Scholarship Fund. The remaining payout dates for the 2018-2019 school year are the weeks of March 4 and June 10. There will be no Scrip the week of Winter Break, February 18-22.

If you are not currently participating in Scrip and are interested in signing up, please contact Sherry Dempsey for a registration packet at [sdempsey@stmarymtclemens.com](mailto:sdempsey@stmarymtclemens.com), or call the school office.



### St. Mary Annual Carnival

Please join us for an evening of fun on a cold winter night, Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:00– 8:00 pm. The night includes games, cookie walk, photo booth, food & prizes. Ticket information is in your inbox.



### Daddy Daughter Dance

The Daddy Daughter Dance Registration form has come home. This special event is Sunday, February 24, 2 - 6 pm at The Mirage. Cost is \$40 per couple (\$15 each additional daughter) Please return the form with payment in an envelope marked Daddy Daughter Dance to the school office.

**\*Tickets must be purchased by Tomorrow, January 25.**

### Save the Date

Jan. 27 ~ Open House for New Families  
Jan 28 - Feb. 1 ~ Catholic Schools Week  
Feb. 1 ~ Honors after Mass  
Feb. 14 & 15 ~ Noon Dismissal—  
Conferences  
Feb. 18-19 ~ No School - Winter Break  
Feb. 22 ~ Progress Reports  
Feb. 24 ~ Daddy Daughter Dance  
Mar. 6 ~ All School Mass  
—Ash Wednesday  
Mar. 8 ~ No School —Teacher PD  
—Skate Night  
Mar. 21 ~ Pierce 1st Reconciliation  
& Reception  
Mar. 22 ~ Sulek 1st Reconciliation  
& Reception  
March 22 ~ End of 3rd Quarter  
Mar. 24 ~ Open House for Current  
Families & E-cycling  
April 4 ~ Spring Concert  
April 5 ~ No School  
April 18-28 ~ No School -Easter Break

### The St. Peter Dynamic Parish

The Turning Point  
A Gospel of John Bible Study  
Come to 4:00 Mass, followed by dinner in the Fr. Welch Hall and then the bible study. Register at <http://bit.ly/parishbiblestudy>  
Cost is \$15 per participant  
January 26, February 9 & 23, March 23, April 6 & 27  
Check the flyer that was emailed 1-3-19 for more information.

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.



## SPORTS NEWS

Last days for Spring Sports Registration for grades 5 - 8 CYO baseball and softball! Registration forms can be downloaded from our school's website and must be turned into the school office by **tomorrow, January 25!**

Students may now play CYO ball for St. Mary School as well as play for another non-school program.



## Basketball

Come cheer on our Mountaineers this Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> in our St. Mary Gym.

9:00	8G	vs	OL Star of the Sea
10:15	6B1	vs	St. Margaret
11:30	6G2	vs	St. Margaret
12:45	8B2	vs	St. Margaret 2
2:00	8B1	vs	St. Margaret 1
3:15	6G1	vs	St. Kieran
4:30	6B2	vs	St. Kieran



## CAFETERIA NEWS

Lunch time volunteers are needed for January 24, 25, 29 & 31.

A new lunch time sign up genius has been set up for January until June, Please log in and choose dates you are available to help out.

Log in <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20foe4ca8a72aa0f58-lunch2>  
Walk-ins are always welcome.

## St. Peter Rock Middle School Youth Group

Check out the website of our parish youth group to see what is going on! The Youth Group is going on retreat at the end of the month, meetings will resume in February! Watch here for further information.

<https://rockyouthmin.weebly.com/>

## Smart Tuition

If you have questions or concerns with your Smart Tuition account, please log into your account to review the details at <https://www.smarttuition.com/>

## Weekly Highlights

### Thursday, Jan. 24

Gr. 6 DARE

CYO Spring Registration Due  
NJHS Tutoring Team C 3:10-4:00  
CSI Forensics 3:10-4:00  
Newspaper Club 3:10-4:00  
No Athletics

### Friday, Jan. 25

Mass at St. Peter Gr. 1-8

### Saturday, Jan. 26

Children's Choir 4:00 Mass  
Dynamic Parish Bible Study

### Sunday, Jan. 27

New Family Open House 1-4

### Monday, Jan. 28

No Mass at Union  
Wacky Hair—Mix Match  
2019-20 Open Enrollment Begins  
Ecology Club 3:10-4:00

### Tuesday, Jan. 29

COSI Science Day  
Sports Jersey & Jeans  
\$2.00 donation SV deP  
Little Mountaineers 12:30-2:00  
Children's Choir 3:10-4:00

### Wednesday, Jan. 30

No Mass at Union  
Report Cards  
Nostalgia Day! Dress for your favorite decade from the 50's -90's

### Coming Home

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Unplug Information

### E-mailed Home

Carnival Sign-up  
CSW Detroit Mercy Basketball  
New Family Open House Facebook Post  
2019 CSW Survey  
Energy Audit 2018-19