



ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The Pink Note

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From the Desk of Mrs. Miscavish

Dear Parents:

Welcome back! I hope everyone enjoyed their Winter Break and that you had enough rest and relaxation to last you until Easter vacation. We are jumping right back into the swing of things starting tomorrow with one of our inclement weather CSW days - Super Hero, Star Wars or Disney Villain Day. The rules and regulations of dressing up were sent out way back in January. Check your inbox and if you cannot find them, remember the age old rule: If it makes you pause, do not let them wear it! A quick change in the used uniform closet applies to anyone not following the rules. I know that does not sound nice, but it is the only way to keep it fair for all who do the right thing. Anyone not dressing up should follow a typical jeans day attire code. Mark your calendars for next Tuesday, February 26th. That is our rescheduled Wacky Hair & Mix-match Day; no school year is complete without this day.

Progress Reports are coming up this Friday for grades 1 – 8. The vast majority of you were just here for Parent-Teacher Conferences and should already know where your child's stands grade wise so far this quarter.

Coming up this Sunday are two very special events. The first one is the official Blessing of the new gym. The ceremony will take place after the 12:00 Mass at approximately 1:15. It will be very similar to the Blessing of the new school, the ceremony itself only lasts about 10 minutes. This is a great time to come and take a peek at the new gym if you have not already done so. Though I know many of you will be preparing for our other special event on this day, and that is the Daddy Daughter Dance. This is an afternoon that our young ladies & their dad's look forward to every year. A special Thank You to Tammy Rastigue for coordinating this event, along with many other helpers. This afternoon is always very magical in its own special way and will leave both our girls and their dads with memories that will last a life time.

Next Monday, Jim "Basketball" Jones will be joining us for a reading assembly for our kindergarten through eighth graders. I have no idea what we are in for, except that Basketball Jones comes with rave reviews. His goal, using his basketball skills to motivate our students to read more – sounds like a winning combination!

Wednesday, March 6 is Ash Wednesday and our 1st – 8th graders will begin their day at Mass @ St. Peter. As always, all our parents are more than welcome to join us for Mass. Why not start your Lenten season in prayer with all of us at St. Mary. Once Lent officially begins, we will also begin our schedule of the Stations of the Cross. There are many students who participate in this form of prayer during Lent. Please make sure you join us if your child has a special part. As always, all parents, friends & family are invited to join us. We schedule the Stations of the Cross at the end of the day so that anyone picking up can come @ 2:30 to participate. I hope that you will be able to make at least one of the weeks this year. Watch your March & April calendars for the dates.

May grace and blessings be in your path,
Maureen Miscavish

Important Registration Information

Our Registration is in full swing! It is time to turn in your packet so it can be processed in time for your first payment on March 15th. The 10 month tuition payment plan for 2019-2020 school year is from March 15, 2019 until December 15, 2019. If you are late turning in your packet for March's payment, your tuition will be divided by 9 payments. You may include March's payment with your paperwork. Make your check payable to 'St. Mary School'. Tuition for 2018-19 must be paid in full before 2019-20 can be processed.



TUITION ASSISTANCE

Archdiocese Tuition Assistance Grant information and application is available on our website, www.stmarymtclemens.com for Kindergarten-12th grade. Your application with all information and documentation must be submitted online only by April 30, 2019 in order for your application to be considered for the first level. The Pastor Signature Form can be picked up in the school office and should be sent to Mrs. Miscavish for submission. Please note, tuition assistance is available for high school students as well.

St. Peter Parish Tuition Assistance forms are available in the school office. The application and required documents must be submitted to the school office, 'Attention Mrs. Miscavish' by April 20, 2019. You must be a St. Peter Parishioner and submit the Archdiocese Tuition Assistance Grant application to be considered.



Box Tops for Education Challenge

A new Box Tops for Education Challenge has begun! The Hat & Mittens collection sheet Came home February 6. The classroom with the most Box Tops turned in by Thursday, February 28th will receive a free jeans day. 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.

Waste Free Wednesday



Just a reminder that every Wednesday is "Waste Free Wednesday"! We encourage you to pack your lunches with reusable containers, utensils, and napkins instead of disposable items. Avoid paper or plastic bags, plastic wrap, foil, wax paper, styrofoam, single-serving snacks, single-use cans, bottles, cartons or pouches, paper napkins and disposable forks and spoons. If everyone does a little, we can make a big difference!

Yearbook

A yearbook order form is coming home **only** to students that did not order a picture packet that included a yearbook. Order forms must be turned in by **Tuesday March 5th**. Checks payable to 'Kaiser Studio'. (Extra yearbooks are not available in May.)

Volunteer Hours

Please turn in your completed volunteer log sheet to the office as soon as your volunteer hours are complete. Blank log sheets can be picked up in the school office or found on our website under "Downloads". If you have any questions email Mrs. Dempsey at sdempsey@stmarymtclemens.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/>



Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2019

January 27 - February 2

#CSW19

February 21—Super Hero, Star Wars & Disney Character Day

February 26—Wacky Hair & Mix Match Day

Be sure to check the Catholic School Week Attire Rules & Regulations that was resent February 20th.

TGA Golf Classes

The 3:15 - 4:15 TGA after-school golf class is full, but a second session has been added from 4:15-5:15 on the same dates — Feb. 28; March 7, 14, 21, 28; April 11. The 4:15 class would work well for people already enrolled in the our Backpacks program or who would prefer a smaller class. For more information and to Sign up go to <http://playtga.com/semichigan/> If you have questions, please contact Dave Robinson at 248-252-0208 or drobenson@golftga.com

Ski Club



March 1st will be the last Friday for Ski Club.

Mark your Calendar Electronic Recycling

In keeping with our Green School efforts, we will be holding our annual electronics recycling on March 23rd from 9-12 and March 24th from 11-3. Please check your inbox for more information and a list of what types of items can be dropped off.

SAVE THE DATE Skate Night

Mark your calendars for Friday, March 8 for a St. Mary Roller Skate Party at The Rink in Utica (50625 Van Dyke, Shelby Charter Township, MI 48317). This skate party will take place from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Look for more information to come.



SAVE THE DATE Mother - Son Outing

Mark your calendars for an evening out with your son on Friday, May 17. Our Mother-Son Outing will be held at Jimmy John's Field in Utica, game time 7:05. Watch for ticket details to come . . .

Save the Date

Feb. 22 ~ Progress Reports
Feb. 24 ~ Blessing of the New Gym & Daddy Daughter Dance
Mar. 6 ~ All School Mass @ St. Peter —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 12 ~ Honors, Earth Day Paraliturgy
April 18-28 ~ No School -Easter Break
April 30 ~ AOD Tuition Assistance due for 1st Tier

CAFETERIA NEWS



Lunch time volunteers are needed on February 21, 22, 25, 27 & 28. Please log in: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4ca8a72aaof58-lunch2>

Walk-ins are always welcome.

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.

Attendance Reminder

Please email the school office at
attendance@stmarymtclemens.com
before 9:00 am when your child is going to be late or absent.
*You may email the teacher, but you **MUST** notify the office.*

Weekly Highlights

Thursday, Feb. 21

Dress like a Super Hero,
Star Wars & Disney Villain
Gr. 6 DARE
NJHS Tutoring Team C 3:10-4:00
Newspaper Club 3:10-4:00

Friday, Feb. 22

Progress Reports
Mass at St. Peter Gr. 1-8
Kdg.—3 Dental Health

Saturday, Feb. 23

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

Sunday, Feb. 24

Blessing of the new Gym 1:15
Daddy Daughter Dance
at the Mirage 2:00

Monday, Feb. 25

Mass at Union Gr. 5-8
Jim 'Basketball' Jones Reading Assembly
Ecology Club 3:10-4:00

Tuesday, Feb. 26

Bagel Day
Wacky Hair & Mix-match Day
Little Mountaineers 12:30-2:00
Art Club Gr. 4 & 5 3:10-4:00
Children's Choir 3:10-4:00

Wednesday, Feb. 27

Mass at Union
Gr. 8 DIA—Diary of Ann Frank

Coming Home

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Yearbook Order Form—
for those that did not order one

E-mailed Home

Bagel Day

Because of the Snow Day, Bagel Day has been rescheduled to Tuesday, February 26th.



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
February 23, March 23,
April 6 & 27

Check the flyer that was emailed 1-3-19 for more information.

St. Peter ROCK Middle School Youth Group

The Youth Group Middle School meeting is this Sunday, March 31st. Check the ROCK website for more information.

<https://rockyouthmin.weebly.com/>
Check out the website of our parish youth group to see what is going on!

Boys and Girls Etiquette Class

Sunday, March 3, at 1:00 PM

\$15.00 per person

For age 6-13

The Crocker House Museum
& Macomb County Historical Society
Call for reservation at 586-465-2488