



# ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## *The Pink Note*

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

Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who attended Friday night's grand opening of the new gym! It was a very exciting evening and both our basketball teams won their games! 7<sup>th</sup> grader, Emily Stryzinski, is in the history books for being the first student-athlete to score in the new gym! Just to reiterate, there are still a few finishing touches that need to be made, such as installing our permanent scoreboards, curtains, etc. and all of that will take place in the next few weeks. Until the gym is completely finished we will continue to hold P.E. Class in the "auxiliary" gym. We will be officially Blessing the new gym and holding an Open House for the parish sometime in late February.

Our Geography Bee was held on Monday morning and all our contestants did a wonderful job! They were all very well versed in their geography knowledge and as it usually goes in "bees" like this, they answer the really hard questions and so many times, miss the easier questions. This year's winner is 8<sup>th</sup> grader, Andrew Itchon! Our 1<sup>st</sup> runner up is, 8<sup>th</sup> grader, Jack Cook. Andrew will go on to the next step in this process, which is to test online to see if he qualifies for the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Michigan Geography Bee held at Western Michigan in March.

This Friday please come out and support our PAC event, Family Fun Fitness Night, for our K – 6<sup>th</sup> graders. The event begins at 6:00 and ends at 7:30. A good time will be had by all for sure! Last time I checked, we were still **in need of 1 volunteer.**

Today your registration packets are coming home with your youngest or only child. **Please tuck this away somewhere safe and be ready to register starting on Tuesday, January 22.** Please note, no packets will be accepted prior to January 22. In order to register for the following year, your 2018/19 tuition must be paid in full. That includes those of you whose account may have changed categories after December 31, 2018. Registration will begin at 7:00 AM, or quite frankly, as soon as I pull into the parking lot. I can wait until 7:00, but if you were the first person in the parking lot at 6:00, you will still be the first packet turned in at 7:00. There is no sense in making anyone stay for an extra hour when they will still be first! For those seeking the classes that fill first, Full-Day Preschool, and the AM 3 & 4's preschool classes, the students will be enrolled in the order they arrive. We will deal with the actual enrollment process once the dust settles and you will be notified via email. If a class fills that morning, we will be able to tell you when you turn the packet in what is going on at that point. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office.

If you are a Verizon customer, you already know that our Remind text message service is going through some changes. These changes are being brought on due to Verizon changing their fees and now charging Remind the same fees for companies that send spam over their network. It is quite obvious that Remind is not spam and should not incur such fees. St. Mary has used the service for 6 years, school wide as well as for our Washington D.C. trips and we have never paid a fee for the Remind text message service. I think Verizon failed to do their

homework and will soon realize how many of their customers this decision adversely affects. If your phone is currently on a Verizon plan, I'm sure you will agree with me that they are making plenty of money and should leave Remind alone! Here are two suggestions from Remind that can help St. Mary keep this free service and the 7 million other users!

### **Call Verizon and ask them to #ReverseTheFee**

- Verizon Customer Service: 1-800-922-0204
- You will need your pin account # and if you do not know it when you call, they will send you a text message with a verification code to enter.
- You might have to wait on hold, good time to put on your speaker phone and multi-task.
- This department cannot help you, but what you need to do is tell them the following:
  - This complaint is not for your department, but I am requesting that you send my message on to your higher management department.
  - Please tell them that you value the free Remind School Communication service that your school uses to communicate with you through your Verizon network and you do not want to see this end due to the spam fees that Verizon will now be charging Remind.
  - Ask them politely to relay the above message and end with: **#ReverseTheFee**

### **And/Or**

- **Spread the word on social media**  
Let Verizon know that you're asking them to #ReverseTheFee on Remind - Let them know how you have come to depend on this method of our schools' outreach for important reminders, updates, emergency messages, and so on because St Mary messages are #NotSpam.

### Tweet @verizon

Help us have a voice in fighting a company that last year made a profit of 4.22 billion dollars.

May grace and blessings be in your path,  
Maureen Miscavish

### **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 1:00-4:00PM. 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 1:00-3:00PM.

*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.*

### **Family Fitness Night**

Let's Get Up and Move

January 18, 2019

6:00-7:30 PM Kindergarten –Grade 6

Games ~ Zumba ~ Nutritionist ~ Snacks ~ Music

Check your email for the Sign Up Genius and Information

RSVP by January 11, 2019



## **ShopWithScrip®**

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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@stmarymtclems.com](mailto:sdempsey@stmarymtclems.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 January 25<sup>th</sup>.**

### **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  
Mar. 24 ~ Open House for Current  
Families

### **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.



Congratulations to our Mountaineers for the great job during the Christmas Tournaments!

Varsity Boys #1 - Champions of the Guardian Angels #1 Tournament  
 Varsity Boys #2 Champions of Guardian Angels #2 Tournament  
 Varsity Girls #1 Runner Up of Marian Tournament

Trophies are in the office!



**SPORTS NEWS**

Spring Sports Registration for grades 5 - 8 CYO baseball and softball are just around the corner! Registration forms can be downloaded from our school's website and turned into the school office by **January 24!**

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 on January 19<sup>th</sup> in our St. Mary Gym.

9:00	6B2	vs	St. Thecla2
10:15	6B1	vs	St. Thecla1
11:30	6G2	vs	St. Thecla2
12:45	6G1	vs	St. Thecla1
2:00	8G	vs	St. Thecla1
3:15	8B1	vs	St. Thecla1



**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.

**Weekly Highlights**

**Thursday, Jan. 17**

Gr. 6 DARE  
 NJHS Tutoring Team B 3:10-4:00

**Friday, Jan. 18**

End of Second Quarter  
 Mass at St. Peter Gr. 1-8  
 Gr. 7 & 8 Dance 6:30 PM  
 Family Fitness Night Kdg. – 6

**Monday, Jan. 21**

No School  
 Staff Professional Development

**Tuesday, Jan. 22**

Registration for Current Families Begin  
 Little Mountaineers 12:30-2:00  
 Children's Choir 3:10-4:00

**Wednesday, Jan. 23**

No Mass at Union  
 Gr. 1 & 6 Spiritual Buddy Day

**Coming Home**

Pink Note  
 Registration Packets for 2019-20  
 Catholic Schools Week Information

**E-mailed Home**

Carnival Sign Up Genius  
 Detroit Catholic Link  
 Family Fitness Night

**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/>