



ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The Pink Note

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From the Desk of Mrs. Miscavish

Dear Parents:

Our 6th graders will return from Camp Storer this afternoon with many great stories I am sure! I stopped by yesterday morning, not exactly on my way to work, but well worth going to work the long way! I was very impressed by the campgrounds and what a beautiful location to be in as fall comes in to full bloom. As I rounded a curve, a group of twenty turkeys were crossing the road, the frost was on the pumpkin, and the horses were just coming out of the stable. I did not get there early enough to hear the roosters waking up the campers. When I peeked into see their sleeping quarters, their rooms were spotless. Come to find out later in the day, our student's lodge won the Golden Toilet Seat & Golden Dust Pan Award. As winners of this prestigious camp award, the students were able to crown their leaders with the Golden Toilet Sit – what 6th grader would not jump at the opportunity to put a toilet seat over an adult's head! Mrs. Griffore is keeping a daily blog of the day's events with stories & photos so that parents who stayed home can enjoy the camp experience from a distance. One important message they are learning is called "*Third*" and it is one that we should all remember in life: God first, others second & ourselves third. Take a few moments and review a typical day in your life and see if you succeed in this important message. We wish them a safe journey home and hope that they all get a good night's sleep; Thursday morning should be very interesting in 6th grade! Fifth graders & their parents, get ready, next year it is your turn to be the Happy Campers!

Tomorrow we hope that you will join us at St. Peter for The Living Rosary presented by our 8th Grade students at 2:30. The month of May all Catholics associate with Mary, but many forget about October. I also find that many Catholics do not know how the concept of the Living Rosary began or what it is all about. Before I share a little history of this form of prayer with you, I wanted to take a moment to invite all our parents, grandparents, family, friends, babysitters, etc. who are picking up from school tomorrow to consider joining us at St. Peter @ 2:30 to join us in prayer. You are coming here anyway or you are sending someone, why not come a few minutes early and join us. The family that prays together, stays together; so join us or make a special trip if you are not the designated pick-up person tomorrow!

A short history lesson and some "fun facts" about The Living Rosary:

The first time I heard of a "Living Rosary," I was reading about Saint John Paul II. Throughout his life, as many of his biographers noted, he was a member and proponent of Living Rosary prayer groups.

What is a Living Rosary? The devotion appears to have begun in France in 1826, when Venerable Pauline-Marie Jaricot formed the Living Rosary Association. She was inspired to pull together groups of 15 persons who would each be responsible for praying one decade of the Rosary each day, so that the full 15-decade Rosary would be prayed each day by the group.

Over a century later, during the Nazi occupation of Poland, a young layman named Jan Tyranowski formed prayer groups of 15 men in his parish, representing the 15 mysteries of the Rosary. One of the group's leaders was the young Karol Wojtyla—the young St. John Paul II (who would later introduce the Luminous Mysteries in his pontificate). Tyranowski met with the men in prayer and guided them in spiritual direction. He called it the Living Rosary prayer group. Wojtyla, the future pope, remained devoted to the Living Rosary prayer group and brought this model into his own parishes after he became a priest.

In some places today, a school or youth group will organize a Living Rosary and it can be done in many variations.

Our 8th grader leaders of St. Mary have worked very hard to present this form of prayer to our student body, so please consider arriving early and joining us. Their variation will involve candles, but that is all I will say, come and join us to see the rest! Dismissal is from St. Peter for grades 1 – 8 tomorrow, so just think, if you come early, you get a really good parking spot along with your heart being lifted up in prayer – a winning combination for sure!

Whether you are a Wolverine or a Spartan fan – Friday is your day to show your maize/blue or green/white – the choice is up to you! For a \$1.00 donation you can show the world who you will be rooting for come Saturday afternoon. Please remember all donations will be going to sponsor a child with Type 1 Diabetes to attend Camp Midicha. Additional donations may be made by writing a check to St Mary or directly to Camp Midicha. Thank you in advance for your donation to this worthy cause!

Another noteworthy event happening on Friday that involves six of our St. Mary Alumni from De La Salle are the State High School Division 2 Tennis Finals being held at Hope College in Holland, Michigan. Last Friday, the following boys from St. Mary won in Regional play to advance to the finals; at one point, they were all playing on different courts at the same time! Congratulations to Alek Beginin, Andy Janusch, Joe Janusch, Daniel Miscavish, Robby Shiner, and Alec Westphal. Go Pilots/Mountaineers!

This is our last Pink Note before our 8th graders head off to Washington D.C. before the crack of dawn on Monday morning. Please keep all our students, parent chaperones, Mrs. Falk, Ms. Upchurch and me in your prayers as we board the bus to begin a whirlwind adventure in our Nation's Capital. They will be kicking off their weekend before with the Jr. High Dance this Friday – let the fun begin!

Quick note of business, the dental office & insurance company across the street are great neighbors. Their office hours begin shortly after our day, but their offices are open after our day is over. Their patrons come for appointments at all times and they deserve to have a place to park if their appointment is during our dismissal. Please be respectful of their private property & STAY OUT! I can only ask and will only ask once; sadly enough my advice to them is to call the Sheriff's Department if my asking does not rectify the situation. Those who are involved in this parking issue, good time to think about "Third" in this situation; 1st - God, 2nd - dental patients or insurance company patrons, 3rd – yourself - who hopefully will now opt to park in the lanes or in the municipal lot! Thank you very much for helping to end this issue.

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 26th.



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. We hope that you will be able to attend this ceremony. Dismissal for grades 1-8 will be from St. Peter.



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.

- 1st Prize: \$2000.00 cash
- 2nd Prize: \$1000.00 cash
- 3rd Prize: \$500.00 cash

You need not be present to win!

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.

Save the Date

- October 18 ~ Mandatory Parent Sacrament Meeting for 2nd & 4th grade parents & 8th grade parents and their child.
- 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 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 19 ~ Noon Dismissal
- December 20 —January 2 ~ No School - Christmas Break



PICTURE RETAKE DAY Friday, November 2nd

- 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. You may also “dress-up” on this day.
- Please make sure you have a valid reason for getting your child’s picture retaken.

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.



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.

Hearing Testing

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

Weekly Highlights

Thursday, Oct. 18

Kdg., 2 & 4 Hearing Screening
Living Rosary at St. Peter 2:15
Dismiss from St. Peter
NJHS Tutoring Team A & B 3:10-4:00
Mandatory Sacrament Meeting
6:30 @ St. Peter—
Grade 2 & 4 Parents and
Gr. 8 Students & Parents

Friday, Oct. 19

Mass at St Peter Gr. 1-8
Jeans Day \$1.00 U of M vs MSU
Proceeds for Camp Midicha
Gr. 7 & 8 Dance 6:30-8:30
No Athletics

Saturday, Oct. 20

CYO Prep Bowl
Children's Choir sings at 4:00 Mass

Sunday, Oct. 21

Rock Youth Gr. 6-8 Meeting 6:00 pm

Monday, Oct. 22

Gr. 8 leaves for Washington DC
Mass at Union 8:15 Gr. 5-8
Gr. 7 CPR Training
Altar Serving 2:00-3:10

Tuesday, Oct. 23

Gr. 1 Metro Park Nature Center
Gr. 7 Stream Leaders
Little Mountaineers 12:30-2:00

Wednesday, Oct. 24

Mass at Union 8:15 Gr. 1-4
Waste-Free Wednesday
Gr. 7 Lansing

Coming Home

Pink Note
Holiday Party Grand Raffle

E-mailed Home

Halloween Parent Information Pre-4
Instructional Basketball Gr. 3 & 4
Glow Bracelet Order Form



CAFETERIA NEWS

Lunch time volunteers are needed for October 18, 19, 22, 25, 26 & 29.
Log in <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20foe4ca8a72aaof58-lunch2>
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 DYNAMIC PARISH NEWS

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!

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

Upcoming classes in our area:

St. Kieran Parish (Shelby) Thursday, October 18 @ 6:00 PM

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

Crocker House Children's Etiquette Class

Tuesday, November 20, 1 p.m.

cost \$15

Tickets are limited, non-refundable

Please call 586-465-2488 for your reservation today.

Help prepare your children to dine properly and learn everyday etiquette with certified etiquette instructor, Kim Parr. This class is offered during Thanksgiving break making it the perfect time to prepare your children to practice their new, improved dining skills for the holiday season.

Kindness to others, how to introduce, answer the phone and shake hands are some of the other subjects covered in this class.

Refreshments included.

Girl Scouts can take this opportunity to earn their Social Butterfly badge. (Extra fee for this badge)

St. Peter Catholic Church

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Out of the Past, **THE FUTURE**



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