



ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The Pink Note

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From the Desk of Mrs. Miscavish

Dear Parents:

Today I begin with a list of January fun activities for you and your children to either be involved in as participants or ways that you can volunteer:

- **Saturday, January 12: Our parish Dynamic Parish Ministry** would love for you to join them for a family Bible study after the 4:00 Mass. We all want our families to begin their new year with a new refreshed sense of self and that self, includes your spiritual self! Why not go out on that limb this year, step out of your comfort zone together as a family and join! For further information, see your inbox from January 3rd for the flier and further information.
- **Friday, January 18:** Our 7th & 8th graders are having a dance, chaperones are always needed, even if your child will be mortified! While they are dancing the night away, our Kindergarten – 6th graders are invited to our first annual Family Fitness Night sponsored by PAC. I am sure this evening falls right in line with many of your new year's resolutions. In order for this event to be a success, **we are still in need of 3 more volunteers for this fun-filled evening!**
- **Sunday, January 27 from 1:00 – 4:00:** Is our Open House for new families. We need your help to tell your family and friends about this event! Thank you to our parents who have volunteered to be tour guides!
- **Tuesday, January 29:** Coming up during Catholic Schools Week is our COSI Science day! **This event takes 20 volunteers and we are still in need of many volunteers.** This day is an all-day event, 7:30 – 3:00, but just think, you can wrap up all your volunteer hours in one single day! You do not have to know anything about science, the COSI staff will train you at 7:30 on how to run your activity – the kids do all the work! Lunch is provided for all our volunteers. **Please lend us your hand, we cannot hold this day without our parent volunteers.**
- **Friday, February 1:** This is our annual St. Mary Carnival and of course, help is needed! Watch for the Sign-up-Genius to come out soon! 7th or 8th graders in need of Confirmation service hours can sign-up to help, the only catch is a parent must volunteer too!

**Thanks in advance for all your help,
it takes a village of parent volunteers to run a school!**

Now for the most exciting news of January - this Friday is the day we have all been waiting for, the Opening of the new gym! In some ways it seems like the ground breaking in March was just the other day and in other ways it seems like it was an eternity ago. This project has been like all major projects of this magnitude; a great deal of blood, sweat, and tears went into building this lovely gym. A dedicated team of true St. Mary Mountaineers accepted a challenge and saw it through to the end. It has been a long journey of meetings, discussions, a few slight differences of opinions, many "aha" moments, good ones, bad ones, and so on! Quite frankly, every adjective there is, good & bad, has been used to discuss some portion of this project! That is how every project goes and at times, I think the conversations took longer than the actual work to build it!

At times, the finances were a struggle, waiting for donors while you are building something, is never the best scenario. We made the best decisions we could at the time that they were needed, obviously based on the dollars at hand. Fr. Mike assured the parish that we would not go into debt, very much the right thing to do, and we have not. Now that being said, you might question why we did A, B, & C and not X, Y, & Z. We did A, B, & C because the dollars at hand, paid for A, B, & C and perhaps X, Y, & Z were what we really wanted, but the funds were not there. You cannot stay out of debt, “banking” on money you hope will come in later. That is not a good debt free plan and we needed to do our part to keep “Financial Peace!” I am not going to lie, there were times that I so wished donations were coming in at a little faster pace and everyone was doing their part. In my personal world, if I am going to reap the benefits of something, I should contribute in some way. We all know, “it is more blessed to give than to receive” and we are all getting back way more than “tenfold” in my eyes! People are still donating, not every bill has been paid, and perhaps a few minor tweaks can still be made depending on the financial bottom line in the end!

This project brought back many memories of the journey of the summer of 2013, when a similar dedicated team, along with our school staff, parents and parishioners set their sights on opening our new school. All their hard work and dedication, driven from their heart. Part of this journey reminded me too of the “Fence of Dreams” campaign, where in a few short months we were able to raise over \$60,000 to build a fence to define our space and keep us safe. Another great example of a project, built from the heartstrings of our community. As I reflect on the overall St. Peter project, it brought together people from different walks of life, different relationships to St. Mary and St. Peter Parish. People from our community, from across the country, and the world who worked and donated together for a great cause. Their only common bond, their love for St. Mary in their own way. The youngest donor, Francesca Caza, a very generous St. Mary student out of her own piggy bank. One of the oldest, Eileen Convery, a graduate of the St. Mary Class of 1948, who turned 87 this year and was buried on Christmas Eve. Eileen joined us in prayer at Mass on Fridays, she hand wrote thank you cards for cards we sent her, and always expressed her love for our school. She loved St. Mary in her own special way, as we all do, and even though it has been many years since she walked the halls, the bells of St. Mary never stopped ringing in her heart.

There is a great deal all of us can learn from every one of these journeys, something that has nothing to do with brick, mortar or wrought iron. It is my hope that we will all remember the success we share today because of those who have gone before us and that we will do the same, when our time is done. I am very grateful to all who donated, without your generosity there is no grotto or gym! I am also very grateful to those St. Mary Mountaineers from yesteryear, who walked this journey with me, who cared enough to give their very best. It is very humbling to be a part of such greatness and it brings me great pleasure to see the joy the new gym will bring to so many for years to come.

You will be in awe when you see the last piece of this St. Peter Parish project puzzle, it is a beautiful sight to behold. We hope you can join us Friday night to share in the celebration. On Friday, the doors open at 5:00 pm, there will be a few brief words around 5:25 and then Fr. Mike will make history as he tosses the ceremonial tip-off to begin the very first game! It is history in the making and you will want to be a part of it! Go Mountaineers!

May grace and blessings be in your path,
Maureen Miscavish

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

See the email sent home on 12-18-18 for the Sign Up Genius
to RSVP by January 11, 2019

Box Tops for Education

Thank you for all the Box Tops for Education that have been turned in. 2216 were turned in for this collection period! Congratulations to Ms. Venditto's class for the highest number of Box Tops sent in! Ms. Venditto's class will receive a free jeans day!

3yr AM — DiGiuseppe : 61

3yr PM — DiGiuseppe : 74

4yr AM — DiGiuseppe : 57

4yr PM — DiGiuseppe : 0

4yr Pre. — Chalk : 71

Kdg. — Kern/Frawley : 43

Kdg. — Francis : 35

Gr. 1 — Child : 98

Gr. 1 — Azar : 107

Gr. 2 — Beffa : 131

Gr. 2 — Minoletti : 164

Gr. 3 — Barkus : 0

Gr. 3 — Perzanowski : 52

Gr. 4 — Pierce : 25

Gr. 4 — Sulek : 0

Gr. 5 — Sorgeloos : 0

Gr. 5 — Venditto : 470

Gr. 6 — Griffore : 140

Gr. 6 — Kroha : 198

Gr. 7 — Sheils : 10

Gr. 7 — Belknap : 55

Gr. 8 — Falk : 348

Gr. 8 — Upchurch : 77



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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, or call the school office.

Keep Your Information Current!

If you have a new address, phone number or email address, please update your information with the school office. You can email it to sdempsey@stmarymtclemens.com.

St. Mary Annual Carnival



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

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.

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 12 & 26, February 9 & 23, March 23, April 6 & 27

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



Kroger Community Rewards Program

St. Mary Catholic School is now part of the Kroger Community Rewards Program. Please take a few minutes and register your Kroger scan card at <https://www.kroger.com/>.

Select “Kroger Community Rewards” at the bottom of the page and create an account. Select St. Mary Catholic School or DA174, Enter your scan card number, and click “Enroll”.

Attendance Reminder



Please be sure to notify the school office at 586-468-4570 before 9:00 am when your child is going to be late or absent. You have a choice of ways to notify us, either choose the 24 hr. attendance line option by phone or email:

attendance@stmarymtclemens.com

*You may email the teacher, but you **MUST** notify the office.*



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 25th.**



Waste-Free Wednesdays

Please remember each Wednesday, we encourage all students to have a waste-free lunch. That means packing food and drinks 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.



Spring Sports Sign Up

Play Ball! It's CYO Baseball and Softball registration time for students in grades 5-8. CYO no longer restricts participants to choose between playing for their Catholic School/Parish or playing for another non CYO sanctioned team. So, with that being said all participants may play for St. Mary School and play on another team outside of CYO. It is important to note that St. Mary CYO games take precedent over the non CYO St. Mary games. Registration closes on Jan. 24, 2019.

Save the Date

Jan. 18 ~ End of 2nd Quarter
 Jan. 21 ~ No School—Staff PD
 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

CAFETERIA NEWS



Lunch time volunteers are needed for January 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 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/20foe4ca8a72aaof58-lunch2>
 Walk-ins are always welcome.

Weekly Highlights

Thursday, Jan. 10

Vision Screening Gr. 1, 3, 5 & 7
 Gr. 6 DARE

NJHS Tutoring Team A 3:10-4:00
 Newspaper Club 3:10-4:00

Friday, Jan. 11

Mass at St. Peter Gr. 1-8
 Vision Rescreening Gr. 2, 4 & 6
 NJHS Capuchin Field Trip
 Opening Night for the new St. Mary Gym

Saturday, Jan. 12

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

Monday, Jan. 14

No Mass at Union
 Geography Bee 8:15 AM, Gr. 4-8
 Gr. 4 Chess Club 3:10-4:00
 Student Council Meeting 3:10-4:00

Tuesday, Jan. 15

Bagel Day
 Little Mountaineers 12:30-2:00
 Gr. 5-8 Chess Club 3:10-4:00
 Children's Choir 3:10-4:00

Wednesday, Jan. 16

No Mass at Union

Coming Home

Pink Note
 Carnival Flyer (Pre - Gr 4)

E-mailed Home

Family Fitness
 Daddy Daughter Candy Sign Up Genius
 COSI Volunteer Sign Up Genius
 Family Fitness Volunteer Sign Up Genius
 Carnival Information (Pre-gr 4)
 CYO Baseball/Softball Registration Gr. 5-8