

St. Mary's Catholic School

www.stmaryscatholicchesteril.org



GRANDPARENT'S DAY IS THIS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25th

We are excited to once again celebrate Grandparent's Day! Please see the sign up for desserts.

BOOK FAIR STARTS THIS FRIDAY UNTIL NOVEMBER 1st

SMS will be hosting the Fall Book Fair which will also be open at the Grandparent's Day event.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL . . .

Each year when we celebrate Grandparent's Day, it is a natural opportunity to reflect on the fact that we are born into families and are blessed with parents, grandparents and a variety of relatives that are an essential part of our history and identity. Many current SMS students have had several generations of family members attend St. Mary's. We can assume that in God's providence, many of our current students might one day have children, and even grandchildren at SMS! Isn't it amazing to think that some of our kids will come back to their *alma mater* for Grandparent's Day in the future as grandparents themselves?!

It is through the loving support of so many in our community over the decades that truly make our school a "family of families." Since 1863 (over 160 years!!!), through times of blessing and challenge, St. Mary's School has been a resource for formation of minds and hearts to serve God and neighbor by helping students discover their abilities, talents and unique gifts. We are thankful to God and to all of our families for being a valued part of SMS!

SCHOOL PICTURES GO OUT TODAY - ABSENT/RETAKES ON NOVEMBER 4th

We have scheduled a makeup/retake day for Monday, November 4th for any that are interested. November 4th will be a non-uniform day.

PTO POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER - THROUGH NOVEMBER 6th

Please see the flyer for your Holiday poinsettia orders and help raise money for SMS PTO! The price is \$11.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25th, 1:30 P.M. DISMISSAL - BUS IS AVAILABLE

FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S RAFFLE FUNDRAISER - ENDS THIS WEEKEND

Please support this fundraiser which generously assists our students! The drawing will be held on October 27th.

RED RIBBON WEEK OCTOBER 28th - 31st

SMS will be having themed days to celebrate and promote being "drug free."
Monday, October 28th - "Drug Free Team"- Wear your favorite team jersey or shirt.

Tuesday, October 29th - "Follow Your Dreams, Don't Do Drugs" - Pajama or Sweats Day.
Wednesday, October 30th - "Wear Red & Sock it to Drugs" - Wear a red shirt and crazy socks.
Thursday, October 31st - "Spook Out Drugs" - Wear Halloween colors.

UNIFORM REMINDERS

November 1st will be the last day allowed for shorts with the school uniform until next Spring. Please also remember that **all uniform pants must follow the dress code in the school Handbook**. Also, only St. Mary's Spirit Wear hoodies are allowed during the school day.

NOVEMBER 5th (ELECTION DAY) 11:30 A.M. DISMISSAL (BUS IS NOT AVAILABLE)

THANKS TO SANTA'S COTTAGE SPONSORS!

St. Mary's PTO would like to thank and recognize some local businesses that have donated money and gifts to our yearly Santa's Cottage - Dieterich Bank, Salty Dawg, Benson's Wine Bar, Reid's Harvest House, and Ace Hardware. This money was used to purchase items that our students can shop and buy Christmas presents for their family members. The generosity and support of these businesses is greatly appreciated!

SMS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DATE CHANGE - DEC. 11*

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (KC'S) MONDAY LUNCHES

The KC's offers \$11 lunch from 11:00 AM to 1:00 P.M.
Also, check out their Facebook page for news and events.

NEW GYM IMPROVEMENTS

We are now at \$136,481 toward our goal of \$150,000 for the gym! We are excited for the progress that has already been accomplished! There are still some memorial tags available (29) for the bleachers for any size donation. Thank you to all who have generously contributed to this very successful project!