



Saint Mary HASA News

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November 2017

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Dear Saint Mary School Families,

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, it is a wonderful time to stop and reflect on our many blessings. Here at Saint Mary School we are truly blessed with our wonderful teachers, faculty, students, and families. We hope each and everyone of you enjoyed your time celebrating with family and friends.

November has been a busy month. The annual Saint Mary Parish Christmas Bazaar was a great success! The Parish Hall and school building were filled with many different vendors. Our talented students provided musical entertainment throughout the day on Saturday! Thank you to Mrs. Weidemoyer for coordinating the musical performances of the weekend!

Parent Teacher Conferences took place as well. We hope you were able to come in and meet with each of your child(ren)'s teachers to discuss what has been going on their classrooms. Be sure to stay up to date with school and classroom news by visiting the school's new website and each teachers google classroom page.

There will be many festive events throughout the month of December such as: the Seventh Grade Play, Santa Workshop, the Christmas Music Show and the Christmas Pageant. You won't want to miss them! Look for more details in this month's newsletter. We hope to see you all there!

As we head into the season of Advent, remember the true meaning of this season. Keep Christ in our hearts and may we help spread love and kindness.

Blessings,

Saint Mary School HASA Board

Schedule of Events

December 2017

12/1—9:00 AM School Mass

12/4—1:30 PM & 7:30 PM
Seventh Grade Play

12/6—9:00 AM St. Nicholas
Mass

12/7—Pep Rally for Casino
Night

12/8- 9:00 AM Mass—
Immaculate Conception

12/13—Seraphim Choir to St.
Philip Neri

12/14 -1:45 PM Christmas
Music Show

12/21— 1:45 PM Christmas
Pageant

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 School Mass	2
3	4 7th Grade Play	5	6 School Mass	7 Casino Night Pep Rally	8 School Mass	9
10	11	12	13 Seraphim Choir to St. Philip Neri	14 Christmas Music Show	15 Santa's Workshop	16
17	18	19	20	21 Christmas Pageant	22 No School	23
24	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i>	26	27	28	29	30
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Upcoming January Events

- **1/3**—Classes Resume
- **1/5**—9:00 AM School Mass
- **1/11**—Science Fair
- **1/15**—NO SCHOOL
- **1/19**—HASA Family Bingo
- **1/19**—March for Life, Washington, DC
- **1/28**—Catholic Schools Week



SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE

SAB Members

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Catholic Identity

Suzette Moyer
Director of Development

Paulann Bellino
Member

Kevin Conwell, Principal
Academic Programs

William Fitzgerald
Chair Facilitator

Kathy Leach
Enrollment & Retention/Marketing

Mary Beth O'Connor
Parish Business & Operations Manager
Consultant

Kathy Wasniewski
Parish & School Bookkeeper
Consultant

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Recording Secretary

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Financial Council Representative &
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Committee

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Night at the Races and Casino



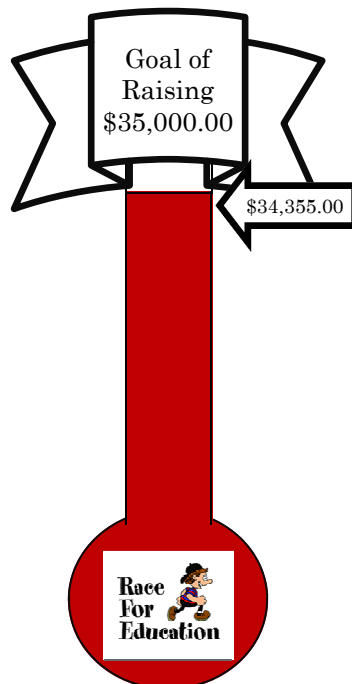
The Saint Mary School Advisory Board will be hosting their second major fundraiser of the school year!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 10th.

Gather your friends and join us for a fun evening out all while supporting Saint Mary School!

More details will be available soon!

Race For Education



Race for Education Fundraiser is underway and is on its way to another successful year! To date, we have raised \$34,355.00! We are SO CLOSE to our goal of raising \$35,000.00!

Thank you to all of our families and friends of Saint Mary School who have donated! We greatly appreciate your support of this fundraiser!

Donations are still being accepted and can be sent in through school or can be made online at www.smk-8.org.

Saint Mary SCRIP Gift Card Program

Gift Cards aren't just for gifts anymore!

**KEEP SHOPPING AT YOUR USUAL STORES
EARN FREE \$\$\$**

Do you shop at places like...Giant? Target? Walmart? or get your coffee at Starbucks?...Purchase gift cards to these locations, and many more, through Saint Mary Parish and earn rewards for the parish and you!



How it Works - Saint Mary Parish purchases gift cards at a discount value, you purchase the gift cards from us at face value. The gift cards can be used same as cash at all locations.



Order - To order online:

- Go to the parish website at www.churchofsaintmary.org
- Click on the SCRIP tab
- To order from our inventory on hand, click on "SCRIP ORDER FORM"
- For a listing of all available gift cards, click on "SPECIAL ORDER SCRIP FORM"
- Choose a pickup location: SCRIP room in back of church after weekend Masses, Parish Office Center during the week, through Saint Mary School or PREP
- Payment for gift cards via cash or check made at time of pickup

You can also purchase at the Parish Office Center, or order by phone, Monday-Friday from 9AM to 5PM



Proceed Distribution - Half the profit earned is returned to you or the parish organization you select from the list; half the profit earned is given to Saint Mary Parish.

For example:

\$100 Giant card = \$5 profit earned

\$2.50 is given to you or whom you select as your recipient

\$2.50 is given to Saint Mary Parish

Join the many others who are making this program a success!
Check the bulletin quarterly for updates on our progress.



SAINT MARY PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL UPDATE

Participating Member Tuition Rate

As a reminder, to receive the participating member tuition rate, each Saint Mary Parish family must contribute \$1,400 directly to the school fund. You must use either the yellow envelopes, FACTs or electronic giving so that your participation can be tracked efficiently.

The most common question we receive is the following:

Do I still need to contribute to the weekly church collection beyond just using the yellow envelope?

Absolutely. The expectation to financially support the church has not changed. We encourage you to continue to contribute to the weekly offering at Mass.

We introduced the new process of the Participating Member Contribution going directly to the School Fund to clearly earmark the contribution for the operation of the school and to simplify the tracking process. As members of our church, your financial support of the church is **important**. Our parish is blessed to have a parish school and our school is an integral part of our church's mission.

Also, please remember that the church subsidizes the school by giving 15% of the total church's weekly offering to support the school's operation.

So the answer is yes, you should absolutely be contributing to the church in addition to what you contribute to help run the school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mary Beth O'Connor – Business & Operations Manager at moconnor@churchofsaintmary.org or by calling the office 610 287-8156.

SECRET SANTA WORKSHOP

HELD ON DECEMBER 15TH 2017

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT IS SECRET SANTA WORKSHOP TIME AGAIN! SECRET SANTA WORKSHOP IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR STUDENTS TO PURCHASE THEIR VERY OWN GIFTS TO GIVE TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS RIGHT HERE AT SCHOOL. WHAT A GREAT WAY FOR THEM TO CELEBRATE THE SPIRIT OF GIVING! ALL GIFTS ARE REASONABLY PRICED AT \$2.00. IN ORDER FOR OUR ELVES TO STOCK UP ON FABULOUS FAMILY AND FRIEND GIFTS WE ASKING FOR YOU TO FILL OUT THE ATTACHED ORDER FORMS FOR YOU STUDENTS.

PLEASE RETURN ORDER FORMS AND PAYMENT BY NOVEMBER 27TH.
PLEASE MARK ENVELOPES SSW C/O PAIGE GRIBOSH GRADE 3B



****SEE ORDER FORMS ON
NEXT PAGE**



Secret Santa Workshop 2017 Order Form

Student Name & Grade: _____

of Adult gifts _____ # of Teen gifts _____

of Child gifts _____ # of Infant gifts _____

of Dog gifts _____ # of Cat gifts _____

Total # of gifts _____ x \$2.00 each _____

Please return this order form to school with payment by Nov 27th

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October Student of the Month

Congratulations to the following Saint Mary School students who were named student of the month for October.

- Olivia Yanan
- Eleanor Berquist
- Quinn Leach
- Scott Larson
- Regan Kirby
- James McCue
- Andrew Urban
- Angelina Pawling
- Aaron Minnerly
- Aidan Bryant
- Aurora Schadler

October's theme was 'Respect God's Creation' as represented by Saint Francis of Assisi.

Neumann Scholarship

Congratulations to Adam Yarrison!



Adam has been named a Neumann Scholar! This scholarship program identified academically talented eighth grade students through an independently administered examination and provides a four year scholarship to one of seventeen Archdiocesan High Schools.

We are Saint Mary Proud of Adam and all of our eighth grade students who sat for the exam!

Saint Mary School Family Directory

The SMS Family Directory has been finalized and is posted on My Student Progress. You can access the directory by logging into your My Student Progress account and selecting 'school files' under the Modules tab in the upper left hand corner.

A very special THANK YOU to Jen Smith for putting together the directory! Your time and dedication is greatly appreciated. *Thank you!*

Stay up-to-date with what is going on here at Saint Mary School!
Visit our NEW school website at

<http://www.smsk-8.org/>

UPPER PERK HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS PARADE

Please join SMS families & friends on Sunday December 3 to march in the Upper Perk Hometown Christmas Parade, one of the largest animal parades in PA with hundreds of creatures decorated in their finest holiday attire!

The parade proceeds down Main St. (Route 29). Participants must arrive and park at **noon (before roads close) outside of the East Greenville Firehouse at 401 Washington St.(end of route)**, where we (and our four legged companions) will be shuttled by bus to the start of the route.

The walk is 2.7 miles and takes about 1 to 1.5 hours. At the end, you will be back at your car. Lunch is provided free of charge for all participants in the firehouse when you return. Attire: Anything festive, comfortable and warm.

Hope to see you there!

2nd Annual Seige Tournament



The 8th grade participated in our 2nd Annual Seige Tournament. This STEAM Project was completed during art class over the past 10 weeks. Check our SMS Website and Facebook page to view more pictures from this fun activity!

Choir and Drama Updates

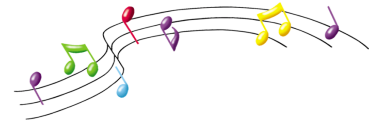
UPCOMING CHOIR PERFORMANCES

Cherubim and Seraphim Choirs, along with our Instrumental Program, will present an afternoon Christmas Show on Thursday, December 14 in the Parish Hall at 1:45 PM. Don't miss these talented children!

Cherubim and Seraphim Choirs will join with our CYO Children's Choir and other members of our Parish Music Ministry in a performance at our Parish Christmas Concert which culminates with an outdoor live Nativity scene on Sunday, December 17, at 3:00 PM IN THE CHURCH. Hope you can join us!

PINNING CEREMONY

Saint Mary School's newest members of the Cherubim and Seraphim Choirs were acknowledged during a pinning ceremony. Thank you to Mrs. Weidemoyer and our talented choir members for sharing you gift of song and music!



Congratulations to the newly elected Seraphim Choir Officers!

President—Jacob Snyder

Vice President—Ryan Ferdock

Secretary—Adam Yarrison

Treasurer— Andrew Grossbauer



A CHRISTMAS DE-LIGHT

This year's seventh grade play : **A CHRISTMAS DE-LIGHT** – is a lighthearted comedy which focuses on the motivations for several families to attend Mass on Christmas.

This play will be presented on Monday, December 4, at 1:30 and 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall.

Both performances are free. Come join us!!

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Our annual traditional school Christmas Pageant will be held on Thursday, December 21, at 1:45 PM in the church. Join us as we bring the Christmas Story to life!

