

Parent Memo
From Ms. Lorie
St. Mary's Grade School

Friday, January 26, 2024

Dear St. Mary's Families:

Please read this memo carefully and note all the activities happening next week and all the events happening in the future.

There are also several important attachments!!

We will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week beginning with Sunday, Jan 28. Please wear Formal Uniforms to mass on Sunday.

Reminders:

*****Valentine's Party Day** has been moved to February 13 at 1:30 because February 14 is Ash Wednesday and we have to attend mass that afternoon.

HOPE Scholarship recipients: The renewal window opened on Jan 3 and will extend to June 15. We highly recommend that you begin the renewal process now for the 2024-2025 school year.

TAPS – Tuition Assistance Program opens February 1, 2024 for the 2024-2025 school year. This year there will be 3 phases of awards. Phase I is open to Catholic families only. Enrollment is Feb 1 – April 30, 2024. Awards announced in late May.
Phase II is open to ALL families. Enrollment is open until July 14. Awards announced in August.
Phase III is open to All families and enrollment is available until August 23, 2024. Awards are announced in September.
Please see the attachment for further information.

Catholic Schools Week: We will celebrate Catholic Schools Week next beginning with Sunday, Jan 28: All students wear Formal Uniforms to mass
Monday: Dress Up as a Community Worker, ND Girls basketball game at 1:00 – Concession Stand will be open.
Tuesday: Bring A Friend to School Day, students will get an ice cream party to celebrate them!
Wednesday: Dress Up in Red, White, and Blue to Celebrate our Nation, Bring a Loved One to Lunch, Bake Sale will be offered during lunch time to support 6th grade field trip.
Thursday: Formal Uniform Day, Mass with ND at 1:00 to Celebrate our schools.

Friday: Wear Green and Gold Day! Celebrate our staff... You are welcome to send thank you notes to your child's teachers! Volleyball game at ND at 1:00, concession stand will be open.
See attachment...

Girls On The Run: This program will be open for all girls in grades 3-6 starting in March. The first meeting will be Th, Feb 29. Practices will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30-4:00 at the school. This is a great program that combines physical activity with the building of self esteem. Scholarship money is available to help cover the costs of the program. Contact Lisa Thompson with questions at thompssm@gmail.com
See attachment...

Family Portal to view GRADES: This week, Mr. Altovilla sent an email on instructions to set up your Family Portal in FACTS to view your child's grades daily. Now that we have activated this option, there will not be any midterm grading reports sent home. If you missed the email, the instructions are attached.

ND and SMS Elimination Dinner: Our schools will be hosting an Elimination Dinner on Feb 24th in the Notre Dame Gym. Cash prize of \$1000. All funds benefit ND and SMS. Tickets may be purchased online or with a paper form sent home last week. Questions? Ask Ashley Vernon at avernon@stmaryswv.org.
See attachment...

HandS Reminders:

Please join us for the next HandS meeting, February 7th at 6pm in the auditorium.

Valentine's Day Dances will be held at the Clarksburg Country Club.
Mother/son Valentine's Dance - Friday February 16 @ 6pm
Daddy/daughter Valentine's Dance - Saturday February 17 @ 5pm

*If you have any Valentine decorations, please drop off at the school

* You may sign up to volunteer for the dances on the HandS Facebook page (the sign up will be posted soon)

*******CALENDAR *******

Watch for changes each week!

Upcoming Dates and Events:

Jan 28-Feb 2: Catholic Schools Week

Jan 28: Students wear uniforms to mass that they attend

Jan 29: Celebrate Our Community

- Students dress as community workers....fireman, policeman, doctor, lawyer, nurse...
- ND Girls basketball game at 1:00, concession stand open

Jan 30: Celebrate Our Students

- Bring A Find to School grades 4-11 only
- Ice Cream Party provided for our students

Jan 31: Celebrate Our Nation

- Students wear red, white, and blue
- Live Rosary
- Bring A Loved One to Lunch
- Bake Sale at lunch to benefit 6th grade field trip

Feb 1: Celebrate Vocations

- Students wear Formal Uniforms for mass at 1:00 for ND and SMS

Feb 2: Celebrate our Faculty, Staff, and Volunteers

- Students wear Green and Gold
- Volleyball game at ND at 1:00
- Concession Stand is open

Feb 1: TAPS applications open for Catholic families

Feb 2: Re-enrollment for next year's current students opens

Feb 9: Application for new Catholic students opens

Feb 13: Valentine's Day Party for PK3-6 at 1:30pm

Midterm for 3rd grading period – please use Family Portal to view your child's grades

Feb 14: Ash Wednesday Mass at noon

Feb 16: Application for new students opens for general public

Feb 16: Mother – Son Valentine's Dance ...see HandS notes above

Feb 17: Daddy-Daughter Valentine's Dance...see HandS notes above

Feb 19: President's Day – NO SCHOOL

Feb 24: ND and SMS Elimination Dinner...see notes above

Feb 29: Girls on the Run begins, 2:30-4:00

March 14: End of 3rd Quarter

March 15: Shamrock Messages delivered by 6th Grade

March 20: Report Cards home

March 25: Field Trip for 3-6 to 4-H Center, Walking With Dinosaurs

March 26: Field Trip for PK4-2 to 4-H Center, Walking With Dinosaurs

March 27: Easter Party for PK3-6

March 28 and 29: Tech Days, no students in school but work will be assigned

April 1-5: Spring Break

April 8: Students return to school

April 9: Picture Day, students may wear regular clothing