



# Saint Mary School

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Dear Families,

As we progress through the month of February, please see the important updates below. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know in the Main Office.

## **Science Fair 2/15**

Our Science Fair will take place this evening in the school gymnasium from 6:30-7:45pm. Science Fair projects from students in Grades One through Eight will be on display. All are invited. Please note: all Club students should be picked up by 5pm today to allow for teachers to attend the science fair.

## **Activities – Session Two**

Please see our offerings for afterschool activities attached to this email. A hard-copy will be sent home with students tomorrow (Thursday). We ask that you return the sign-up forms by Thursday, February 23.

## **Early Dismissal on Friday 2/17**

Please note that Friday, February 17 will be an early dismissal at St. Mary School. Club will be open until 6pm.

## **Registration**

Please continue to work on your registration and tuition-assistance forms. If you have any questions, we are here to help. Please remember that our registration fee will increase to \$200 after March 1 (currently \$150).

## **Presidents' Day Winter Break**

Our Presidents' Day Winter Break will take place on Monday, February 20 and Tuesday, February 21. School will not be in session on those days.

## **Home School Association Letter**

Please see the attached letter regarding our Home School Association and upcoming opportunities.

## **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Final Home Basketball Games**

Please join us as we honor our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade basketball players before their final home game. The boys will be celebrated on Wednesday, February 22 at 7:30pm. The girls will be celebrated on Friday, February 24 at 7:30pm.

## **Faculty & Staff Appreciation**

I wanted to take a moment to thank all of the great people that work here at St. Mary School. We have been blessed, from our teachers through to our entire staff, with such dedicated professionals. I appreciate all that they do on a daily basis!

## **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Families**

Please look for communication from Mr. Jodon regarding review classes in March. He would like a response by this Friday, February 17.

*"Saint Mary School is a Christ-centered educational community dedicated to fostering Catholic faith and Gospel values, while striving for academic excellence within a nurturing family atmosphere."*

### **Lunch Bunch Tutoring**

Parents – we are working on a tutoring program that will help struggling students in Grades Three through Five. The extra help will be provided by select upper-grade students for one day a week during lunch time.

If your child is selected to be tutored by their teacher, you will be notified.

### **Online Reading Program**

We are ordering a supplemental reading program for students in Grade K through Grade Four. “Raz-kids” is a great educational tool that our teachers will use in varying ways. The “at-home” component is excellent! More to come from the teachers involved with this new program.

### **St. Mary School Auction 3/11**

Auction committee representatives will be at the Science Fair accepting reservations for Oscar Night. Save time by dropping off your payment of cash or check and reserving your spot at this fantastic adults' night out event!

The link for online reservations: <https://smhsabct.ejoinme.org/nightattheoscars>

### **Karli's Kookies Fundraiser**

Friday is the last day to participate in the Karli's Kookies fundraiser.

### **A Marketing Preview**

Parents – we are working on a promotional piece that we will release soon. However, I wanted to give you a preview of some of the content. Below, you will see direct quotes that will be included:

*St. Mary School prepared me for high school; it taught me to challenge myself academically, to strive for greatness, and to keep Christ first. I found I was particularly prepared in Mathematics my freshman year, and I feel I have always been especially prepared for English classes. St. Mary provided me with a work ethic that still sticks with me today. I truly feel it prepared me to strive to take the more challenging classes and thrive in them.*

***-Bella Iazzetta '14***

*Thanks to the instruction I received at St. Mary's, I feel like I was prepared to examine, interpret and analyze what I read in honors courses in high school. Incorporating ELA (English Language Arts) into other subjects such as history greatly helped to prepare me for the rigors of high school writing assignments.*

***-Madeline Suarez '16***

*St. Mary School students enter Immaculate High School well prepared in Math and Language Arts. In addition to educating students, the grade school experience has molded them to be good people. There is not a curriculum in place for that, as the key to this success belongs to the St. Mary School community. St. Mary students are inspired by examples of faith, encouraged by an environment that serves others, and motivated by a desire to excel academically.*

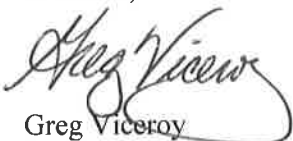
***- Tom Burns, Director of Admissions, Immaculate High School, Danbury, CT***

### **Thank You**

I remain incredibly grateful for all of the work our parents continue do for our students and for our school. We make a great team!

May God continue to bless our entire St. Mary community.

In Christ,



Greg Viceroy  
Principal