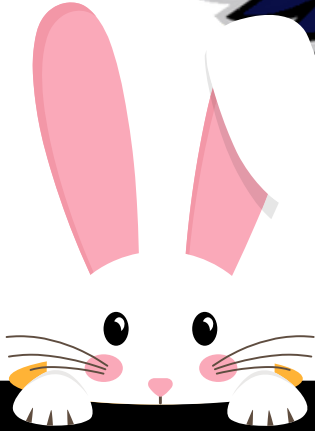


FALCON FLYER

School Newsletter | 22 March 2024



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO WERE ABLE TO ATTEND THE RECENT TOWN HALL MEETING. OUR COMMUNITY'S PARTICIPATION AND ENGAGEMENT ARE CRUCIAL TO THE GROWTH AND SUCCESS OF OUR SCHOOL. FOR THOSE WHO COULDN'T MAKE IT, HERE ARE THE KEY POINTS:

EASTER EGG HUNT & FUN DAY: WE'RE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE AN EASTER EGG HUNT ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27TH HOSTED BY HSA. THE DAY WILL BE PACKED WITH FUN ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING SKY ZONE FROM 4:00PM – 5:30PM FOLLOWED BY DINNER AT SILVER DINER.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS: WE WILL BE PROVIDING MORE CHOICES FOR THE SCHOOL UNIFORMS NEXT YEAR; INCLUDING UPDATED POLO SHIRTS, SKORTS, NEW P.E. SHIRTS AND AN ONLINE WEBSITE STORE FOR PURCHASES.

CAMPUS SECURITY: THERE WAS A CAR THEFT NEAR THE CHURCH CAMPUS. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

THE SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS IS ALWAYS OUR TOP PRIORITY. WE'RE ADDRESSING ALL CONCERNS AND TAKING MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN THE SECURITY ON CAMPUS.

INFORMATION FLOW: WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT INFORMATION HAS BEEN TRICKLING DOWN SLOWLY TO OUR FALCON FAMILIES. THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON (ADW) APPROVES WHEN AND HOW THE INFORMATION IS DISTRIBUTED. WE'RE WORKING DILIGENTLY TO EXPEDITE THIS PROCESS AND GET THE INFORMATION OUT TO YOU IN A TIMELY MANNER.

OUR MAP SCORES ARE NOT WHERE THEY NEED TO BE. WE'RE CONTINUOUSLY WORKING ON STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE THESE SCORES WITH OUR ULTIMATE GOAL BECOMING A BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL.

WE'RE DELIGHTED TO INTRODUCE A NEW MUSIC TEACHER, MS. KENT, AND A NEW 7TH GRADE HOME ROOM TEACHER AND MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH TEACHER, MS. BRITNEY. WE'RE CONFIDENT THAT THEIR EXPERTISE AND PASSION WILL GREATLY BENEFIT OUR STUDENTS.

I AM ONE OF THE FINAL CANDIDATES FOR THE PRINCIPAL POSITION. I BELIEVE THAT MY RESUME, EXPERIENCE, AND VISION ALIGN WITH WHAT THE PARENTS OF ST. MARY'S SCHOOL WANT AND NEED TO BECOME A BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL. I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO LEADING OUR SCHOOL TOWARDS THIS PRESTIGIOUS RECOGNITION, AND I'M CONFIDENT IN THE SELECTION COMMITTEE.

THANKS TO ALL FOR HOPPING ON TO THE TOWN HALL THIS WEEK. WE WILL HAVE THE LAST ONE AT THE END OF THE YEAR IN PERSON.



FUNDRAISER AT SKY ZONE

We're putting the F-U-N in FUNdraising.

Join us for another afternoon of fun at Sky Zone
on Wednesday March 27, 2024 from 4-5:30 pm

Sky Zone

4390 Crain Highway

White Plains, MD 20695

Tickets go on sale Monday, March 1st \$20/ticket.

After March 25th, \$25/ticket

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

GRADE: _____

NUMBER OF TICKETS: _____

AMOUNT DUE: _____

St. Mary's School of Piscataway



Family Dinner Night Out



SILVER DINER



March 27, 2024

4:00 - 8:00 PM

**Dine in or Carry Out
See QR Code for Menu**

**3081 Festival Way
Waldorf, MD 20601
(301) 645-1224**

CLASSROOM NEWS

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL OF PISCATAWAY
7TH GRADE CLASS PRESENTS LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS



IT'S GOOD TO HAVE GOALS



SOCCER PRACTICE IN FULL EFFECT



SOME OF OUR FALCON SCHOLARS ENJOYING THE BOOK FAIR



BIRTHDAY CORNER

Alora R. 03-02

Louis-Mattias 03-03

Dylon B. 03-06

Nolan J. 03-07

Tanise C. 03-08

Isabella S. 03-08

Anastasia G. 03-10

Selena R. 03-11

Kruz T. 03-11

Grae H. 03-12

Devyn H. 03-12

Kayden J. 03-13

Chidozie O. 03-15

Emma L. 03-15

Tiffany S. 03-22

William P. 03-24

Charlotte P. 03-24

Zahra O. 03-28

Carter S. 03-29

Myles P. 03-30



HSA Corner



EASTER

AS PALM SUNDAY MARKED THE BEGINNING OF HOLY WEEK, JESUS' LAST DAYS, WE WORK TOWARDS DEMONSTRATING GRATITUDE AND SHARING OF BLESSINGS TOWARDS OUR CHILDREN, TEACHERS AND SCHOOL STAFF. ON MARCH 27, 2024, WE CELEBRATE THE SCHOOL'S EASTER ACTIVITIES AND FUNDRAISERS.

- PRE-K 3 THROUGH FOURTH GRADE WILL PARTICIPATE IN A EASTER EGG HUNT. ALL KIDS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH EASTER THEMED BAGS FOR THEM TO COLLECT EGGS FILLED WITH TOYS AND CANDY.
- FIFTH THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE WILL PARTICIPATE IN A SCAVENGER HUNT. THE KIDS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TEAMS, AND THEY WILL HAVE TO SOLVE A RIDDLE AND COMPLETE A CHALLENGE (E.G., PUZZLE, HAIL MARY, BASKETBALL HOOPS). THE TOP THREE TEAMS WILL BE GIVEN PRIZES, AND ALL SCAVENGER HUNT PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE A GOODIE BAG.
- OUR TEACHERS AND SCHOOL STAFF WILL FIND TREATS IN THE RESOURCE ROOM. MANY THANKS TO ALL THE PARENT VOLUNTEERS THAT WILL ALLOW US TO GIVE THE TEACHER A MINI BREAK TO ENJOY THE TREATS WHILE THEIR KIDS ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE EASTER EGG HUNT OR SCAVENGER HUNT.
- A SKY ZONE OUTING FOLLOWED BY "FAMILY DINNER NIGHT OUT" AT THE SILVER DINER IN WALDORF, MARYLAND. PLEASE-PLEASE PASS THE WORD AROUND TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS. WE HAVE THE OPTION OF DINING IN OR PLACING AN ORDER FOR CARRY OUT.

WE ARE HAPPY TO REPORT THAT THE SPELLING BEE IS COMING TO ST. MARY'S. KINDERGARTEN THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE. A SIGN-UP FORM WILL BE SENT HOME FOR ALL THOSE INTERESTED TO BE COMPLETED. THANK YOU TO THE EBORN FAMILY FOR MAKING THIS POSSIBLE!

THE HSA IS PLANNING FOR ITS NEXT PARENT MEETING WHICH WILL BE HELD IN PERSON ON APRIL 12, 2024 IN THE PARISH HALL. PLEASE JOIN US FOR A MEET AND GREET AND INFORMATIONAL SESSION ON UPCOMING SCHOOL ACTIVITIES. STAY TUNED AND PLEASE SUBMIT QUESTIONS TO THE HSA BY SENDING A MAIL MESSAGE TO HSA@SMSP.SCHOOL.



Upcoming Calendar



Dates:

Wednesday, March 27	End of 3rd Quarter All School Mass Early Dismissal 12:00 Noon NO Aftercare SKYZONE Family Event Followed by dinner at Silver Diner
Thursday, March 28 ~ April 7	Easter Break ~ School Closed
Monday, April 8	Classes Resume ARK Testing begins (grades 3-8)
Friday, April 12	ARK Testing Ends (grades 3-8) All School Mass Early Dismissal 12:00 Noon
Monday, April 15	Map Growth Spring Testing Begins (grades 2-8)
Thursday, April 18	3rd Quarter Honor Roll Assembly 2:00pm
Friday, April 19	All School Mass
Wednesday, April 24	Administrative Professional Day
Friday, April 26	All School Mass



ALL volunteers **MUST** be fully VIRTUS Child Protection Cleared

REQUIRED STEPS

1. Complete, sign, and return the **Application** to the school coordinator
2. Visit www.virtusonline.org to **Register** for Virtus training
3. Read the Archdiocese Child Protection Policy Booklet and sign the **Acknowledgement Form**
4. Complete FBI **Fingerprinting** at a location near you
5. Be sure to **Submit** all final documentation to the SMSP coordinator

Be a soccer coach or referee....Chaperone field trips....Assist with events or parties....Support the front office...Host class parties...Serve on committees....Help with campus events... and lots, lots more!!!!

Frequently Asked Questions:

- I was cleared at another Catholic Parish; do I have to take the class again?
Please contact St. Mary's coordinator, Ms. Goodman, at (301) 292-2522
- Where do I find a Virtus class? <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/index.cfm?>
- What organization do I select when registering for a class? *Washington, DC (Archdiocese)*
- Where do I find a fingerprinting center?
<https://www.dpscs.state.md.us/publicservs/fingerprint.shtml>
- Is there a fee? *Yes, approximate fee for fingerprinting is \$40 - \$60, which is required at the time of service.*