



## WEEKLY BULLETIN January 25, 2024

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Mrs. Karen Jones, Principal

### Illness Policy

**Students may not return to school until they have been fever, and symptom free for 24 hours, without pain medication.**

### Reminders

\* Our all school Mass will be held on Thursdays at 8:15am. Please join us!

\* Please be sure to write your child's name or initials on their fleeces and sweaters.

### Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week begins Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. We are excited to celebrate this fun week! Please view the attached schedule of events for Catholic Schools Week. Monday, students may wear red, white, and blue.

### Concessions and Gate Signup

Lots of rescheduling has been done and the regular season concessions/gate sign-up genius is now updated. There are 22 open shifts remaining. All sports families that are not coaches attending daily practices, were asked to work 3-5 shifts this school year. There is some flexibility in the times listed. If you have a conflict and cannot work an entire shift, please contact Allyson (815-822-4536, [ale\\_814@hotmail.com](mailto:ale_814@hotmail.com)), some accommodations can be made if necessary.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4AA5AD2DABF4C61-46879064-2ndsemester#/>

### DrawDown Ticket Sale

The annual St. Mary's School DrawDown will be held Saturday, April 13. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Last year our profits exceeded \$33,000! Tickets will go on sale Thursday, February 1. We are asking every family to help with ticket sales. During the month of February students get to engage in a little friendly competition! The class with the highest percentage of tickets sold by Feb. 29 will win a pizza party before spring break. Watch for more information next week.

### Upcoming Games

- Boys' Basketball:
  - Jan 27- Regionals 9:30am (8<sup>th</sup> Grade)
  - Jan 29- Away; Odell (5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade)
  - Jan 30- Regionals TBD (8<sup>th</sup> Grade)
  - Jan 30- Home; 5:30pm (5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade)
  - Jan 31- Regionals TBD (8<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- Girls' Volleyball:
  - Jan. 26- Home; 5:00pm (7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade)
  - Jan. 27- Away; Corpus Christi (5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade)
  - Jan. 29- Away; Lexington (6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade)
  - Jan. 30- Away; St. Michael (6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade)
  - Jan. 31- Home; 4:30pm (7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade)
  - Feb. 1- Away; PJHS (5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade)

### Save the Date

- Jan. 25- TAPS Meeting 5:30pm
- Jan. 28- Catholic Schools Week begins
- Feb. 1-3- Blue Ribbon Book Fair
- Feb. 2- Early Dismissal at 1:30- **NO AFTERNOON BUS SERVICE**
- Feb. 2- Kevin Casson Tournament begins
- Feb. 8- Praise & Worship 7:15am – 7:45am
- Feb. 14- Ash Wednesday & St. Valentine's Day
- Feb. 15- Scholastic Bowl at Saunemin, 4:00pm
- Feb. 19- **NO SCHOOL**- Presidents' Day
- Feb. 19- Scholastic Bowl at Home, 4:00pm

### Quick Draw Winners

Congratulations to December's Quick Draw winners. Callie Clement, Dave Charlier, Jill Legner, Holland Tissiere, A. Trost, and Margaret Legner. Thank you for supporting St. Mary's School.

### Printable Tax Summary

Step 1: Log in to [FACTS Family Portal](#) (District Code: SMS-IL)  
Step 2: Select Financial, and then click the Financial Home link  
Step 3: Under Payment Plan and Billing select 'View Details'  
Step 4: Select 'View Payment Summary'  
Step 5: Select 2023 and print

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Greetings,

THANK YOU to each of you, parents, grandparents, aunts/uncles, older siblings for helping to make this week's E-Learning a huge success. E-Learning is not something we want to do, however, if COVID taught us anything, it was the ability to still have school even if we can't be in person.

A huge THANK YOU to our faculty and staff for all of their work in preparing for E-Learning. We are blessed to have some of the finest teachers I have ever worked with. They teach from their heart and it shows in everything they do.

I was asked several months ago, what is our "MORE"? Our "more" is our families and teachers working together to do the best for our children. Building relationships with one another and with God enables us to handle anything that comes our way, which this week included the weather.

Catholic Schools Week begins this Sunday. Please join us Sunday at either the 7am or 9:30am Mass, come to the Knights of Columbus Breakfast in the Parish Hall and then come into school for our Open house. The school will be open until Noon.

Thank you again for your patience and grace while we were home this week.

With prayers of gratitude,

Mrs. Jones



**Catholic Schools**  
**United in Faith and Community**