



Father Adam Cesarek, Administrator
Karen Jones, Principal

REMINDERS

- 3rd vs 4th Grade annual St. Patrick's Day Basketball game will be held Friday, March 20th at 10:30 am. All are welcome to attend.
- The deadline to apply for tuition assistance for the 2020-2021 school year is April 15th. NO EXCEPTIONS! If you are currently receiving a scholarship, you must reapply every year and have your 2019 taxes filed to apply. Please visit our website to complete the necessary steps.
- All K-5 Students will perform at Fine Arts Night on April 23rd.
- We will celebrate our graduates Sunday, May 3rd during 9:30 Mass followed by the graduation brunch. (Brunch is for graduates and parents)
- Please remind your child to check the Lost and Found. March 9th it will be put in the school foyer if parents would like to check for items. After March 20th all items left will be donated.
- Coaches and Concession Chairs who are done with your seasons please return your keys to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you!

NEXT WEEK'S PREVIEW

March 8- March 14	
9	Scholastic Bowl @ Odell 4:00 7 th Grade Volleyball Sectional @ SMS 6:30
10	Student Council Pizza Lunch 8 th Grade Volleyball Regionals @ SMS 5:30
11	Families are invited to join choir class at 12:20 and K-5 music classes. Contact the office for class times. Scholastic Bowl @ Woodland 4:00 8 th Grade Volleyball Regionals @ SMS 5:30
12	Families are invited to join band class at 12:20
13	End of Third Quarter 1 st Reconciliation 9:00
14	IEMA Solo & Ensemble Contest

MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH

March is National Music in Our Schools Month! During this month, Schools across the country take time to celebrate music as part of our state and national core curriculum. St. Mary's is celebrating the week of March 9-13! We will have special performances during our morning assemblies each day, and families are invited to come sit-in and listen to some of our music classes! You are welcome to come listen to Band on Tuesday or Thursday from 12:15-12:45, or Choir on Wednesday from 12:15-12:45. Solo/Ensemble performers (who compete on March 14) will be performing at those times! You are also welcome to sit-in on your child's K-5 music classes on Wednesday. Call the office to find out your student's music class time.

Good luck to the many music students we have competing in Solo/Ensemble music competition on March 14th in Benson!

SAVE THE DATE

- March 18 – Gondola Lunch
- March 20 – 3rd/4th St. Patrick's Basketball Game
- March 20 – Report Card Day
- March 20 – Early Dismissal Spring Break 11:30
- March 23-27 Spring Break
- April 8 – Progress Report Day
- April 9 – Early Dismissal – SIP Day 11:30
- April 10 – NO SCHOOL – GOOD FRIDAY
- April 13 – NO SCHOOL – Easter Monday
- April 18 – Run for Respect 10:00 Join the SMS team!
- April 23 – Fine Arts Night
- April 24 – DrawDown
- April 26 - First Holy Communion

DRAWDOWN

Have you bought your ticket to our 29th Annual DrawDown yet? This is our biggest fundraiser and all of our students benefit from the proceeds. We need 100% participation from our school families. As an incentive, any school family who sells 8 tickets will receive their ticket for free! And who knows, your free ticket may win you \$2,000 cash! The only exclusion to this incentive is that tickets may not be sold to other SMS parents. Join us for a fun evening and live music by Hurricane Reggae Band, featuring one of our very own SMS dads! We look forward to seeing you there!

PRINTABLE TAX SUMMARY

- Step 1: Go to: school.stmaryspontiac.org > Links > FACTS Management
- Step 2: Log in to your FACTS account
- Step 3: Select 'View Details' next to Payment Plan & Billing
- Step 4: Select 'View Payment Summary'
- Step 5: Select 2019 and print

Dear Parents,

We recently had our Non-public state school visit. This visit occurs every 4-5 years according to Mark Jontry, Supt. of ROE. The team from the Regional Office of Education, along with Mr. Kel Krenz (Principal of Central School) took a tour of our school, visited classrooms, and reviewed policies and curriculum. They were very impressed with our cutting edge curriculum, namely, Lucy Calkins Writing and Eureka Math. Thank you for supporting our school and our many programs. We couldn't be the school without each of you.

Have a great weekend, Blessings,
Mrs. Jones