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**REMINDERS**

- Our all school Mass will be held on Thursday's at 8:15.
- The first Friday of each month will be SMS Spirit Wear day.

**RE-ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR**

Current families can now re-enroll for next year. Simply login to [Facts Family Portal](#) using District Code > Apply/Enroll > Enrollment/Reenrollment. A \$10 Facts registration fee is due at the time you submit your enrollment information. **All families must complete and return the Statement of Faith form prior to re-enrolling.** Thank you.

**DRAWDOWN UPDATE**

Do you have a ticket to our upcoming DrawDown event? This event brings in more than \$25,000 each year and money raised provides vital classroom resources to our students. If you have not yet had a chance to purchase a ticket, we would really appreciate your support. Thank you.

**SAVE THE DATE**

Totus Tuus, the summer catechesis program brought to us through the Diocese of Peoria, is back! If you have a student entering Grades 1 through 6, please join us Monday June 26 through Friday June 30th from 9am to 2:40pm. If you have a teen entering Grades 7 through 12, please join us Sunday June 25 through Thursday June 29 from 7-9pm. We will send out registration forms for all participants in May. See the attached flyer below for extra details!

We are also looking for families who are willing to host 4 warm, energetic and engaging college kids for one dinner during that week. I have been told that meeting these college kids has been a summer highlight for many families in the past and a great way to show our fellowship at St Mary's. Any volunteers will receive credit on the Active Parishioner Verification Form.

We hope to see your kids there this June!

**NEXT WEEK'S PREVIEW**

<b>March 12-18</b>	
13	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade VB Sectional TBD
14	Scholastic Bowl vs Corpus Christi 4:00
16	Saints vs Irish Game 12:30 Report Card Day 1:30 Dismissal – <b>NO AFTERNOON BUS SERVICE</b>
17	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – Faculty Inservice 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade VB State <b>Happy St. Paatrick's Day!</b>

**SAVE THE DATE**

- March 20 – 24 – Spring Break
- March 30 – First Reconciliation
- April 1 – DrawDown
- April 3 – Solo/Ensemble Contest 4:30
- April 6 – Progress Report Day
- April 7 – NO SCHOOL Good Friday
- April 9 – Easter
- April 10 – NO SCHOOL Easter Monday
- April 27 – Fine Arts Night
- April 30 – First Communion

**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 2022 and print

**LOST AND FOUND**

Please have your child check the lost and found for any missing items. Anything left unclaimed by Spring Break will be donated.

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Greetings,

Congratulations to our 7th Grade Girls Volleyball team for winning Sectionals! They play Friday night in Clinton at 8:15pm. Our prayers are with them to continue with their success!

As I watched our student section cheering for girls, I saw smiles, laughter, and students having fun. They were clearly displaying joy! When was the last time you unabashedly laughed or just had fun? Maybe yesterday, maybe a month ago, maybe longer than that??

Father David made the comment recently when we forget to show joy, we are only looking at ourselves and making it all about ourselves. Our behaviors at St. Mary's are, "It's Not about Me, Tangible Faith, and Showing Joy" During Lent and beyond Lent, I need to remind myself, it's not about me, sometimes, it is easy to make it about ourselves and only have tunnel vision for our own issues, but that is not what Jesus wants, we are to give our issues and concerns to him. When we pray, attend Mass, and give of ourselves, we are showing glory to God.

I invite each of you to smile, laugh out loud, have fun, and to praise God for all of your blessings!

With prayers,  
Mrs. Jones