



## From the Principal:

A couple of big thank yous -

The first one to the eighth graders who helped with some cleanup of the courtyard and the trash around the perimeter of the parking lot and playground as well as some leftover construction items in the school hallways that needed to be moved to storage.

A second to the many for their cooperation in relocating the after school pick up lines to the two monitored areas on the parking lot. I have been around long enough to know that any change of the traffic pattern is not a popular move to make, but I appreciate the support and cooperation. It is our promise to each of our families that we will do everything in our power to keep your children safe while they are in our care, and I felt it was a necessary step towards keeping that promise.

We are thirteen days into the new school year, so long enough that there should be grades in every subject. Please check grades online and if there are any questions, talk to your kiddos and/or their teachers to make sure home and school are working together as effectively as possible. The middle school teachers have worked to revise the late work policy so as to be more fair to the students while still holding each accountable. The new policy should have been part of the classroom discussions at Back to School Night. Please review the policy in the Parent/Student Handbook. If you have a middle school student, it is very important that you check grades regularly. Teachers will do their best to post any missing assignment on the day it was due, and students will have 48 hours to complete any missing assignment with a modest penalty. After the 48 hour window closes, there will be no credit given for the assignment. Our goal is to make it more worthwhile for students to complete any missing assignment in a timely manner and to lighten the burden on teachers trying to keep track of missing assignments.

We have four volleyball teams registered for the season and games have begun. Information regarding basketball sign ups will be out in the next week. The school physicals, required for students in the odd numbered grades will suffice for DMSAA (Diocesan Middle School Athletic Association) required sports physicals. Middle school students in 6th and 8th grade will need physicals to be able to practice and participate in basketball and track. We should have had these physicals on file for cross country and volleyball. I was operating under the erroneous assumption that this had been communicated in the spring. It is too late for these to be collected for volleyball and cross country, but we must be in compliance for the remaining sports. DMSAA forms can be found on the school website.

Progress reports for the first quarter will go home on Monday, September 18th and the window for the first round of MAPs testing will be September 18th through September 29th.

I wish for everyone a fun and restful Labor Day weekend.

*Suzanne Nelson*

The School of St. Mary exists to carry out the educational mission of the Church  
by teaching children to live, love, learn and walk with God.

# For Your Information

SCHOOL OF SAINT MARY

[www.schoolofsaintmary.com](http://www.schoolofsaintmary.com)

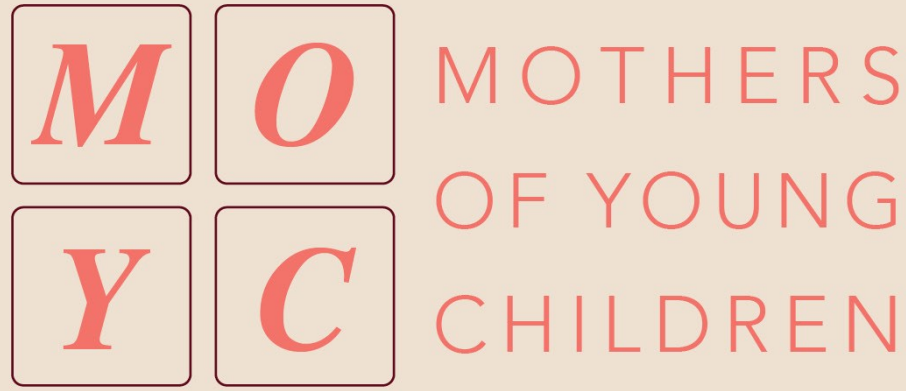
September 1, 2023



## September/October 2023

| SUN                  | MON                                     | TUE                                                               | WED             | THUR                                                                     | FRI                                                               | SAT                  |
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| 3                    | 4<br>Labor Day /<br>No School           | 5<br>Free Dress                                                   | 6               | 7                                                                        | 8<br>Vision Screening<br>9am Mass-6th                             | 9                    |
| 10                   | 11                                      | 12                                                                | 13              | 14                                                                       | 15<br>9am Mass-4th                                                | 16                   |
| 17                   | 18<br>1st Qtr. Progress Rpts<br>Issued. | 19                                                                | 20<br>Pizza Day | 21                                                                       | 22<br>9am Mass-3rd                                                | 23                   |
| 24                   | 25<br>9-12:30pm<br>8th to Cascia        | 26<br>8am K-8 School<br>Pictures in gym                           | 27              | 28<br>9:15-1:15 8th to BK<br>3:45 -7:45pm Parent/<br>Teacher Conferences | 29<br>No School /<br>Parent/Teacher<br>Conferences<br>(8am-12:00) | 30                   |
| October 1            | 2                                       | 3<br>Free Dress<br>6-7pm 8th Grade<br>Parents Cascia Info<br>Mtg. | 4               | 5<br>MaryFair t-shirt/Spirit<br>Wear Free Dress                          | 6<br>9am Mass-6th                                                 | 7<br>MaryFair Dinner |
| 8<br>MaryFair Picnic | 9                                       | 10                                                                | 11              | 12<br>No School /<br>Teacher Inservice                                   | 13<br>No School /<br>Fall Break                                   | 14                   |

## CHURCH AND SCHOOL OF SAINT MARY



Second Tuesdays of the Month  
beginning **September 12, 2023**

Katharine Drexel Meeting Room  
Church of Saint Mary, 1347 E. 49th Pl.



MOYC meets the second Tuesday of each month at 9:45am for fellowship, faith, and friendship. Each month we will have an activity or a speaker relevant to mothers raising Catholic families. We welcome all moms in our community to join us as we share family values and child-rearing experiences. If you are a mother of a young child, then please join us!

*Childcare available by reservation.*

**Questions?** Email [Kate.Hofland@gmail.com](mailto:Kate.Hofland@gmail.com)



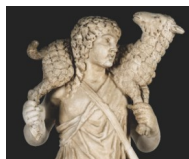
## Parish Vocal Choir (Grades 1-5) and MaryBells

**Parish Vocal Choir:** An After School Opportunity for all parish elementary age kids. Come share your time and talents and at the same time learn the basics of singing and music. This is the 25th season for this parish music ministry program. **For grades 1 thru 5; Begins Wednesday, Sept 6; 3:20 to 4:15pm** in the church choir room. Come give us 3 weeks and see what you think. We sing 4x during the school year at weekend liturgies.



**MaryBells** The beginning handbell choir for adults and kids in grades 2nd and up. This small group is intended for ALL ages. We ring at several weekend liturgies. Rehearsals begins in September. Date and time to be determined by the majority of attendee schedules.

**Contact Karen Hiller for enrollment form and/or questions, if you are interested in either choir.** [khiller@churchofsaintmary.com](mailto:khiller@churchofsaintmary.com) Karen is the Associate Music Director at The Church of Saint Mary.



## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** is a Montessori based approach designed to help a child foster their relationship with God through scripture and liturgy. Registration is now open for ages 3-12! Two of our sessions are offered right after school in the parish atria on Wednesdays from 4-5:30pm and Thursdays 4:15-5:45pm. For more information and how to register, please visit [www.churchofsaintmary.com/cgs](http://www.churchofsaintmary.com/cgs) .

God bless,

Christine Hassink