

## Notes for FYI 12/15/2023

- Take a minute to read the letter from Fr. Stuart on the front of this FYI concerning the Principal Search.
- Lost and Found is still on exhibit across from the Health Room. Take a minute after the Christmas parties (today) to admire our collection and possibly reclaim a lost item. All items without a name will be donated to charity right after school on Friday, 12/15 (today).

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*Have a wonderful Christmas*



December 15, 2023

Dear Families and Members of our Church and School of Saint Mary Community,

As we prepare to begin our Christmas Break at the School of Saint Mary, I wish to update everyone on the current status of the search for a new principal. Understandably, it is the "great matter" as we consider the future of our school. The selection of someone to lead the School of Saint Mary is of vital importance, and as pastor I am determined that we should find the person who is the best fit for our community and will help us to excel.

Words cannot express my gratitude for Mrs. Suzanne Nelson's leadership as principal over these last several months. I am daily impressed by her dedication to our school and willingness to go above and beyond in its service. For that reason, Mrs. Nelson and I are in agreement that she will remain as principal for the 2024-25 school year.

This does not mean that the principal hiring search is not on-going. We have in fact already been contacted by applicants and have begun conversations with them. The search committee, whose membership is being finalized, will receive formal applications and conduct interviews in due course, but the hope is that we will be able to have informal conversations with potential candidates to acquaint them with who we are as a school, and for us to be acquainted better with them. My instinct is that the best applicants will come from a process of networking among Catholic educators.

We may decide on a candidate at any time over the next year, but the expectation is that a new principal will take the reins on July 1, 2025. Should we find the ideal candidate sooner rather than later, it will give us ample time to help him or her prepare for the role and create a smooth transition for the school, such that the new principal has a shorter learning curve and is ready on day one for the responsibilities of the role.

Advent is a time that teaches us patience as we await the good things that are to come, and prayer must undergird all our actions. I appreciate your prayers for me, for Mrs. Nelson, for our teachers and staff, and for the leaders in our school community as we continue discerning God's path for us.

May the peace of Christ be in your hearts and homes as we celebrate this coming Christmas season!

*Fr. Stuart*

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

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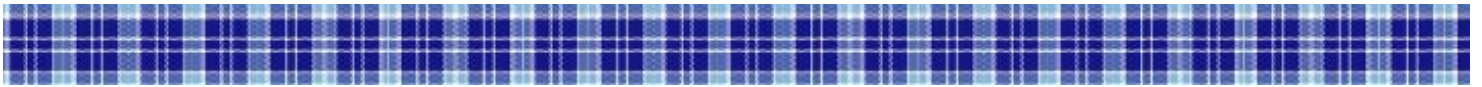
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## December 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
10	11	12	13	14	15 9am Mass-5th 2-2:25 BK Choir Carols in School Halls 2:30-3:00pm Class Christmas Parties	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		<b>Christmas Break!!!</b>				
24	25 	26	27	28	29 	30
31	January 1 No School / Christmas Break	2 No School / Teacher Inservice	3 Classes Resume	4	5 9am Mass	6
7	8 7pm Home & School Mtg.	9 Free Dress	10	11 9:40-12:30 2nd to Aquarium	12 2nd Qtr. Ends 9am Mass with Bishop	13



## Outreach Volunteer Opportunity for Grades 6-8

I am offering middle school service hours Dec 16th and 17th for the Outreach annual Gift Giving Sunday event. Good news, I will give double hours!

I need 6-8 middle schoolers to help parishioners bring in their gifts and place to the correct agency corner in the vestibule at every mass this coming weekend. (Must be there 30 minutes before mass and stay 15 minutes after mass to help late comers unload)

That would be 32 total students that could get 2 hours of service hours for the work of one.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A044BAFAA2DA6FF2-46797108-gift>

Jackie Fusco  
Church of Saint Mary Outreach

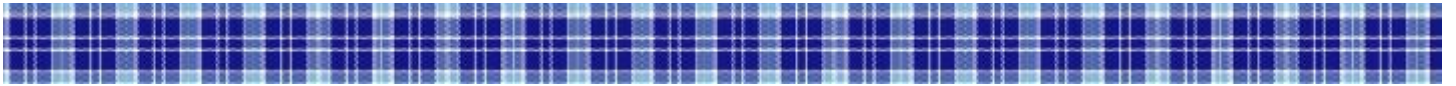
# GUARDIAN SPORTS

live basketball from the School of Saint Mary



- Thursday **December 7** 8:00 7B Saint Mary Guardians vs. Oklahoma Flame
- Monday **January 8** 7:00 6G Saint Mary Guardians vs. Monte Cassino Saints  
8:00 7G Saint Mary Guardians vs. Marquette Meteors Red
- Thursday **January 18** 6:00 8B Saint Mary Guardians vs. Marquette Meteors  
7:00 6G Saint Mary Guardians vs. Marquette Meteors White  
8:00 7G Saint Mary Guardians vs. All Saints Cougars
- Saturday **February 10** 9:00 6B Saint Mary Guardians vs. All Saints Cougars  
10:00 7B Saint Mary Guardians vs. All Saints Cougars  
11:00 8B Saint Mary Guardians vs. All Saints Cougars
- Thursday **February 22** 7:00 8G Saint Mary Guardians vs. Marquette Meteors White  
8:00 7G Saint Mary Guardians vs. Marquette Meteors White
- Monday **February 6** 7:00 6B Saint Mary Guardians vs. Oklahoma Flame Red  
8:00 7B Saint Mary Guardians vs. Oklahoma Flame

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**4 DAY WINTER BREAK CAMP**  
**DEC 18-21. 9AM-3PM**  
(CAMPS IN THE MORNING, FIELD TRIPS IN THE AFTERNOON)

**OPTIONAL AFTER CARE TO 5:30**  
(AFTER CARE FEE \$100.00)

**All Camps 35.00 reg fee/ 250.00 tuition/ 25.00 materials fee per camper**

**Winter Wonderland Fun K-8th:** Four days of all sorts of winter games fun!

**Make it Macrame'! 3rd-8th** Macrame' fun all 4 days!

**Roblox Fun for Beginners! 2nd-8th**  
(must have computer experience (iphone or tablet not accepted))

**Questions: [Tlosncy@m spatulsa.com](mailto:Tlosncy@m spatulsa.com).**  
**To Register: <https://forms.gle/gaczaWwbDPNt5nov7>**

