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# For Your Information

SCHOOL OF SAINT MARY

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

February 6, 2025



## February/March 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
2	3	4	5	6 4pm Parent/Teacher Conferences	7 No School / Parent Teacher Conferences	8
9	10	11 Pajama Day 6:30 Advisory Council Mtg.	12 10:15 All School Adoration	13 2:30 Class Valentine's Day Parties	14 Diocesan Teacher's Mtg. / No School	15
16	17 No School / Presidents' Day	18	19 Pizza Day	20	21 9am Mass-6th 6pm H&S Trivia Night	22
23 Confirmation	24	25 Grades 5-8 Kairos Cookie Baking Class with Chef Lisa 9:30-11:30 1st to play at Mabee Center 6:30pm Security Town Hall Meeting for School	26 8:15-9:15am School Spelling Bee	27 Grades 5-8 Kairos Cookie Baking Class with Chef Lisa Grades 6/7 to Islamic Society of Tulsa	28 9am Mass with Bishop Konderla -8th	March 1
2	3	4 Free Dress	5 Ash Wednesday 9am Mass-7th	6 Home & School Restaurant Day	7 10-12pm 8th to Greenwood Rising Museum	8

### Cafeteria Workers

Parents are asked to work 10 hours per semester in the cafeteria. Missing cafeteria hours are billed at \$15 per missing hour at the end of each semester. Families will be billed for missed cafeteria hours the end of each semester.

**Sign up to work in the cafeteria by going to the "SIGN UPS & RSVPS" section in ParentSquare.**

# Parental Choice Tax Credit

## How-to for Parents and Guardians

The Parental Choice Tax Credit law provides refundable tax credits of \$5,000 to \$7,500 per child, per year, to help all Oklahoma families with the cost of tuition and fees at a participating private school.

### 1 Who qualifies?

The lower a family's income, the larger the tax credit. The refundable tax credit is provided in two installments, at semester.

The maximum credit for families earning:

- Up to \$75,000 is \$7,500
- \$75,001 to \$150,000 is \$7,000
- \$150,001 to \$225,000 is \$6,500
- \$225,001 to \$250,000 is \$6,000
- \$250,001 and up is \$5,000



### 2 Important 2025 Dates and Deadlines

Online applications for the 2025-2026 school year open on **February 18, 2025**, on the [Oktap.tax.ok.gov](http://Oktap.tax.ok.gov) website. Priority applications -- those families whose adjusted gross income is \$150,000 or less, **MUST** be submitted within the first 60 days to receive priority consideration.

### 3 Requirements for Parents / Guardians

A parent or guardian must request an Enrollment Verification Number (EVN) for each student from the school the student attends or plans to attend. The EVN is used on the taxpayer's application.

### 4 Application Status Notification

After verification is completed, the taxpayer is notified by email. Applicants also can check the status of an application on the [oktap.tax.ok.gov](http://oktap.tax.ok.gov) website.

### 5 Checks are Mailed to Schools

Checks are mailed to the private school. Taxpayers can either pick up the check or sign it over to the school for payment of tuition and fees




When: June 9th-13th  
 Ages: 4 years old - 5th grade  
 Includes: games, lessons, crafts, snacks & prayer  
 Adult & teen volunteers needed.  
 Nursery available for young children while parents volunteer.

For more information, contact Christine Hassink at [chassink@churchofsaintmary.com](mailto:chassink@churchofsaintmary.com)

Saint Mary Home & School

## SUPERHERO TRIVIA NIGHT!!!

February 21st, 2025  
 Doors open at 6pm | Trivia starts at 7pm  
 Our Lady of Grace Center; St. Joseph Hall  
 Tables \$400, price increases to \$450 on 1/1/2025

**PURCHASE TABLES AND MORE INFO** 

<https://form.jotform.com/243084501155045>

# SIPS & STORIES

FEATURING SPEAKER  
**MIKE ROCCO**



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18  
 7 P.M.  
 ST. JOSEPH HALL

*ALL PARISHIONERS 21+ ARE INVITED TO CONNECT WITH AND BE INSPIRED BY A PARISHIONER SHARING HIS OR HER STORY OF FAITH. EACH EVENING WILL INCLUDE A SPECIAL DRINK TO SIP, REFRESHMENTS, AND TIME TO SOCIALIZE. DOORS OPEN AT 6:30.*

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## February 11 at 9:45am

Trisha Short, Saint Mary school parent and church parishioner, will give her presentation, "Maternal Care Decoded: Tools for a Safe and Supported Birth"

Trisha Short is a Senior Clinical Implementation Specialist at Ariadne Labs, where she works to improve childbirth care across the U.S. With 18 years of experience as a high-risk obstetrical nurse, Trisha brings her passion for quality improvement to her current role, helping hospitals implement a communication and teamwork intervention called TeamBirth. She will share more details about maternal care in the US and how you can advocate for yourself in your birth experience.

*Please reserve childcare by Friday, February 7.*  
 Email [CHassink@churchofsaintmary.com](mailto:CHassink@churchofsaintmary.com) to make a reservation.



K-5 Conference Schedule

Thursday, February 6, 2025						
	Balaskovits/Gehring	Craig	Bloomfield	Stoops	Armstrong	Luschen
4:00	Griffin, H.	Andrews	Allen	Palominos	Nichols	
4:15	Hughes, H.	Nichols	Griffin, G.	Andrews	Carpenter	Allen
4:30	Beers	Smith	Hastings	Ozaras	Atwood	Whitsitt
4:45	Szlavy	Ozaras	Whitney	Whitsitt	McDuffie	
5:00	Manley	<b>Break</b>		Partham	<b>Break</b>	Whitney
5:15	Griffin, J.	Lair	<b>Break</b>	<b>Break</b>		<b>Break</b>
5:30	<b>Break</b>	Bausch	Griffin, M.	Bahlinger	Webb	Frucci
5:45	Ceci	Weldin, W.	Dalgleish	Kiefer	Griffin, R.	Krigel
6:00	Dalgleish	Barrett, L	Ceci	Sveltic	Azadi	Short
6:15	Dixon	Allen, E.	Uriarte	Lane	Nguyen, E	
6:30	Lane	Batchelor	Nguyen, C.	Fincher	Uriarte	Wollmershauser
6:45	Neely	Scott	Craft	Stricklen	Walker	Batchelor
7:00	Spanich	Nguyen, L.	Walker	Neely	Craft	Williams
7:15	Hilger	Parr	Williams	Hassink	Klein	Hernandez
7:30	Brown	Weldon, A.	Thompson		Bliss	Hassink
7:45	Munkhai	Cervantes	Sharp		Thompson	Long
<b>Friday, February 7, 2025</b>						
8:00	Thul	Morelli	Svejkosky		Weber	Hofland
8:15	Morelli	Hagen	Thul		Kmetz	Morelli
8:30	Masso	Schauf	Hofland	Hagen	Macha	Rhoads
8:45	Mordhorst	Gibbens	Kmetz	Harrison	Cameron	Gibbens
9:00	Cawiezell	Oliver	Harrison	Duncan		
9:15	Stoops	Upton	McElroy	XXXXXXXXXX	Nguyen, J.	Oliver
9:30	<b>Break</b>	Hassink	Nguyen, J.	Uzunhan	<b>Break</b>	Goss
9:45	Zink	<b>Break</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>Break</b>		<b>Break</b>
10:00	Brauche	Guglielmo	Reh	Zink		Lopez
10:15	Hauth		Mehl	Lopez		Chonka
10:30	Chonka	Wegner	Mehl	Goodwin		
10:45	Wegner		O'Hare	Watkins		
11:00	Carr			Wegner		
11:15						
11:30						
11:45						





Dear Saint Mary Families,

As February gets going and we approach the opening of the Parental Choice Tax Credit application portal, I want to remind you to **make sure you have received an enrollment verification number for each of your children and that all the information is correct**-birth dates and names must be exactly as they appear on tax documents. Should you find an error, please let me know immediately so I can make the necessary corrections and request a new enrollment form be sent to you. Any errors on the enrollment verification forms must be corrected before you apply. Applications with incorrect information will be rejected. The application portal will open on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 9:00 AM. I am attaching information regarding the application process. Applications are for the 2025-26 school year, and every family must re-apply for each child. Below you will find information and resources from the tax commission.

The taxpayer application for school year 2025-2026 will be available for taxpayers to complete beginning on **Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 9 a.m.**

- Due to the high volume of applications and call volume expected, applicants should allow up to 6 hours to receive their submission confirmation emails and should expect longer wait times for any inquiries.
- Applications with a priority status (those with a Federal Adjusted Gross Income of \$150,000 or less) will be reviewed during the priority period.
  - ✦ The priority period is 60 days from the application open date, February 18, 2025, at 9 a.m. through April 19, 2025, at 9 a.m.
  - ✦ Priority applications will be reviewed and notified within 30 days from the date of the submission.
  - ✦ After all priority applications submitted during the priority period have been reviewed and a final determination is made, all other applicants can expect to be notified of their status within approximately 30 days of the priority period ending or within 30 days of application submission if submitted at a later date. Please note, each application is unique, and as such, a manual review may be conducted to ensure accuracy.

The link below will take you to the page on the Oklahoma Tax Commission website which provides resources to help with the application process.

[Application Information-Parental Choice Tax Credit](#)

*Suzanne Nelson*