



Weekly Newsletter

November 1, 2019

Wear Washington Nationals Gear on November 5th!

Root, root, root for the home team! St. Mary's and the entire Archdiocese of Washington Catholic Schools will be celebrating the World Series Champion Washington Nationals on Tuesday, November 5. Students are allowed to wear Washington Nationals gear or red white and blue attire. No other sports team gear is allowed on this day. Please be sure that your student follows these rules and guidelines. This is a no-cost tag day. Go Nats!

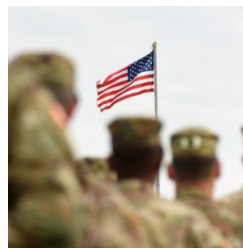


Honor Roll Assembly

We have 26 students in grades 4-8 that have made it on the First Quarter Honor Roll! They will be announced on Friday, November 8 at the Honor Roll Assembly. Please join us in the Parish Hall at 2:00 pm to congratulate them!

Honoring Heroes

Veterans Day is on November 11. We would like to show our appreciation to all Veterans for their dedication and sacrifice for our country. Please send in a photo (printed please) of your favorite Veteran along with their name. Please give it to your child's teacher and the office will collect them. We will create a beautiful display board in the front hall dedicated to our American heroes. Thank you!



Art Club!

St. Mary's School of Piscataway is starting an Art Club for grades 3-8. All students from those grades are invited to join us! The Art Club will provide a comfortable environment for young and aspiring artists. We will learn different artistic skills and grow as a community. Each member is required to bring a sketchbook and pencil to every meeting along with positive energy, creativity, and inspiration. Joining the Art Club is a big responsibility, and we want to ensure that everyone is committed. Third and fourth graders will have to submit a piece of artwork and have a teacher write 2-3 sentences as a recommendation. The Art Club will be held in the 7th grade classroom and is moderated by Mrs. Johnson (Kindergarten Teacher). Students will be released at the entrance of the school (blue zone) after the completion of every weekly session. All students who are not picked up at 4:15 will be sent to aftercare. If your child is not a regular aftercare attendant, hourly charges will be applied to your TADS account. If your student would like to join the Art Club, please register them online at OrgsOnline.com.

High School Placement Test

Attention 8th Grade Parents! The High School Placement Test (HSPT) is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20. The test will be given here at school and everyone is registered and signed up for the test. Please be sure that your 8th grader is well rested and has had a healthy breakfast. We ask the whole school family to pray for these students during that time.

Sign up for Lunch and Recess Duty

Some parents have inquired about volunteer opportunities during the school day. We would love some help during lunch and recess. We need help distributing food at lunch time and then assistance watching the children at recess. You must be Virtus cleared to do lunch and recess duty. Please do not sign up unless you are Virtus cleared or you will be turned away. Click on the link below to choose a date. You will receive an e-mail reminder 2 days before your sign up date. Remember, each family is required to complete at least 20 hours of volunteer service at the school each year. [Click here to sign up for lunch and recess duty.](#)

Looking Ahead

- † **Saturday, November 2**
Support Our Soccer Teams!
St. Mary's vs. St. John's @ St. John's
Pee Wee - 10:00 - 10:45
1&2 - 10:00 - 11:00
3&4 - 11:00 - 12:00
Varsity - 11:00 - 12:00
- † **Sunday, November 3**
Daylight Savings Time - Fall Back
- † **Monday, November 4**
Teacher Collaboration Day
School Closed
- † **Tuesday, November 5**
Washington Nationals Day! Wear your Nats gear or red, white, and blue
- † **Tuesday, Nov. 5 - Friday, Nov. 8**
Student Government Association (SGA) Campaign Week
- † **Wednesday, November 6**
Art Club Meeting 3:15-4:15 register on OrgsOnline.com
- † **Thursday, November 7**
5th Grade Field Trip to the Smithsonian Museum of the American Indian
Last Day to Order Krispy Kreme Doughnuts for SMP Youth Soccer
Appelley Publishing Student Poetry Contest Deadline for Grades 3-8
- † **Friday, November 8**
Lifetouch Picture Retake Day
SGA Election Day
Honor Roll Assembly 2:00
- † **Saturday, November 9**
Support Our Soccer Teams!
St. Mary's vs. St. Columba @ home
Pee Wee - 9:00 - 9:45 Small Field
1&2 - 10:00 - 11:00 Small Field
3&4 - 11:00 - 12:00 Small Field
Varsity - 11:00 - 12:00 Big Field
- † **Monday, November 11**
Veterans Day
SGA Elected Officials Announced
- † **Wednesday, November 13**
World Kindness Day
- † **Sunday, November 17**
Chipotle Fundraiser 4:00-8:00
16110 Cadillac Drive
Brandywine, MD 20613
- † **Tuesday, November 19**
Middle School Field Trip to the Saint John Paul II National Shrine



Tuition Assistance Applications

The window for families to apply for tuition assistance for the 2020-21 school year began on October 1 and ends on December 6. The process requires that you submit tax documents and other forms. We **strongly encourage** every single St. Mary's family apply for tuition assistance. There are two tuition assistance funds, one from the Archdiocese of Washington and one from St. Mary's Parish. The amount of money that is distributed by the Archdiocese of Washington is partially determined by the number of tuition assistance applications they receive from our families. The more applications the Archdiocese of Washington receives, the more assistance we will be able to provide to all of our students. Even if you do not think your family qualifies for assistance, please apply anyway.

We encourage all 8th grade students to apply, even if you decide not to attend to an ADW high school. If you have children in elementary and high school, you only have to apply once for all of your children.

In addition to the money from the Archdiocese, we also have assistance available from St. Mary's Parish. **YOU MUST APPLY FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE** in order to be awarded assistance from St. Mary's Parish. The admissions team will be very strict about this policy for the 2020-21 school year. You will receive several notices between now and December 6th. Thank you in advance for your attention to this.

Soccer Team Krispy Kreme Fundraiser

Please help us raise some dough for the soccer team! The St. Mary's soccer team is selling \$7 vouchers for one dozen glazed Krispy Kreme donuts. Once you receive your voucher, you can redeem it at any Krispy Kreme location. A dozen plain glazed donuts normally sell for \$10.49. If you would like to support the soccer team, send in a cash or check payment in an envelope with your name and the amount on it to the main office. We will pass the envelopes on to Mr. Wellington who is in charge of the soccer program. The deadline to order is Thursday, November 7th.



Order Hot Lunch Online

The November hot lunch menu is now available on OrgsOnline.com. If you do not currently order hot lunch, we encourage you to give it a try. The children really enjoy the food. We strongly suggest ordering hot lunch for the entire month. This way, your kids' lunches are taken care of AND you only have to pay the \$3 transaction fee once! Please note that hot lunch is only available for Kindergarten-8th Grade.

SAVE THE DATE FOR
BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7



Picture Day
is Coming!

Picture Day is:

Friday, November 08, 2019

RETAKE PICTURES ONLY

Picture Day ID:

MJ219439Q1

Order today at
mylifetouch.com



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JOIN THE ART CLUB

Join The Art Club!

Here, you will be able to learn and grow as an artist!

The Art Club is open for grades 3-8 on Wednesdays from 3:15-4:15 pm.

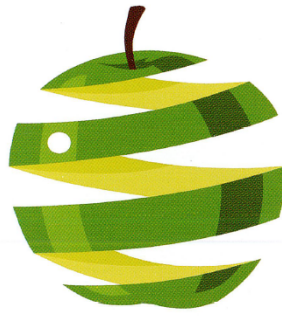
We hope to see you there!

The First Day:

Wednesday,

November 6, 2019

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Student Poetry Contest

Over \$4000.00 in Prizes!

\$500 First Place In Each Grade Division: 3-5 6-8 9-12
Cash prizes for entering \$25 – \$150 (random drawings)
School with highest participation level wins a new computer
Teachers can win a \$500.00 Bonus!

Entry Form

please cut out and staple to poem

PLEASE PRINT



First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____
(do not use school address)

Apartment # _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Poem Title: _____

Grade: _____

School Name: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Student's Email: _____

FREE TO ENTER

Mailing Deadline: November 7, 2019

Please mail entries to:

Appelley Publishing

PO Box 582, Tarpon Springs, FL 34688

Online entries may be submitted through
November 14, 2019 at www.appelley.org

Each student may submit only one original poem on any subject, of no less than 2 lines and no more than 20 lines, in any form other than concrete or blackout. Offensively graphic poems or those containing profanity will not be accepted. Complete rules and restrictions are posted online.

Winning entries will appear on our website on April 7, 2020.

Prize winners will be notified via email.

TEACHERS:

Please visit www.appelley.org for important information on combined mailings, participation certificates, and the \$500.00 "Teacher's Bonus" awards.

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