



### Weekly Newsletter

November 29, 2019

### Last Week to Apply for Tuition Assistance

The window for families to apply for tuition assistance for the 2020-21 school year is closing next **Friday, 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. If you need assistance, please call the school office. A link to the financial aid application can be found on our website or click on the green button below.



### Breakfast with Santa Tickets On Sale Now

St. Mary's families get \$2 off tickets to Breakfast with Santa. Children 2 and under are free. Simply use the discount code **BWS2019** when purchasing your tickets. Join us on Saturday, December 7 at 9:00 am. The HSA has planned an amazing event for you. Enjoy a breakfast buffet, music, a visit with Santa, and activities for the kids. What a wonderful time for family memories! Visit our website [www.StMarysPiscataway.org](http://www.StMarysPiscataway.org) to purchase tickets or click on the button below. Lifetouch photo will be on hand to take professional photos. They have packages available from \$25-\$35. A flyer is attached to this newsletter.

[Click Here to Purchase Tickets for Breakfast with Santa](#)

### Summer Camp Survey

It is cold outside and we're already thinking of summer. St. Mary's plans to provide a summer camp next year. Give us your feedback to help us design an amazing day camp for the summer of 2020! The survey has just 10 questions and shouldn't take very long to complete.



[Click Here to Take the Summer Camp Survey](#)

### A St. Jude's Christmas!

Please help make someone's Christmas bright! Donate toys and books to the *A St. Jude's Christmas* fundraiser! Please ensure that all of the toys and/or books are new, and please do not donate any stuffed animals due to health reasons. For battery operated toys, please only donate these if batteries are included or include your own batteries. Please send your child to school with toys or books that are appropriate to their age for donation. Please give your donation during Nov. 25 - Dec. 20! This initiative is sponsored by the National Junior Honor Society.

### Looking Ahead

- † **Sunday, December 1**  
Advent Begins
- † **Monday, December 2**  
Classes Resume
- † **Tuesday, December 3**  
First Checkmates Meeting 3:30
- † **Thursday, December 5**  
First Journalism Club Meeting 3:15  
8th Grade Confirmation Class 5:00-7:00
- † **Friday, December 6**  
Progress Reports Sent Out  
Open House 9:00-11:00  
Early Dismissal 12:00  
**2020-21 SY Tuition Assistance Application Deadline!!!**
- † **Saturday, December 7**  
HSA Breakfast with Santa 9:00-11:00
- † **Sunday, December 8**  
Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
Holy Day of Obligation
- † **Monday, December 9**  
All School Mass
- † **Thursday, December 12**  
All School Assembly
- † **Wednesday, December 18**  
Christmas Program 6:00 pm
- † **Friday, December 20**  
**No Aftercare Available**
- † **Saturday, December 1 - Sunday, January 5**  
Christmas Break  
School Closed
- † **Monday, January 6**  
Classes Resume
- † **Monday, January 20**  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
School Closed
- † **Friday, January 24**  
March for Life in Washington, DC  
End of the 2nd Quarter
- † **Sunday, January 26 at 11:59 pm**  
**Deadline to Enroll for the 2020-21 School Year and Lock In Your 2019-20 Tuition Rate!**
- † **Sunday, January 26 - Saturday, February 1**  
Catholic Schools Week
- † **Monday, January 27**  
Tuition for 2020-21 School Year Increases
- † **Friday, January 24**  
March for Life in Washington, DC  
End of the 2nd Quarter



### Join the Journalism Club

Extra! Extra! Read all about it! St. Mary's is starting a Journalism Club. This new club is moderated by our 3rd grade teacher, Mrs. Hare. This club is open to students in grades 5-8. Journalism Club members will produce a new monthly student newspaper. They will learn about journalistic writing and editing. Writers, photographers, and illustrators are encouraged to join. Due to the nature of this after school program, space is limited to just 10 students. If your child would like to participate, log into [www.OrgsOnline.com](http://www.OrgsOnline.com) and click on "Enrichment Classes." The first Journalism Club meeting is on December 5<sup>th</sup>. A flyer is attached to this newsletter.

### Join Checkmates

One of our grandparent parent volunteers, Mr. Maximo Mararac, is volunteering his time to teach our students about the game of chess. Mr. Mararac says that he can teach any age child to play chess, but this class is recommended for students in grades 3 and up. If your child would like to join, please log into [www.OrgsOnline.com](http://www.OrgsOnline.com) and click on Enrichment Classes. Students, parents, and staff are welcome to join too.

### Hot Lunch Website Sponsors

Do you own a business? Would you like to reach 140 families that view our OrgsOnline website regularly? If you would like your business information to appear in our online lunch ordering system. You can become a sponsor for just \$250 per school year or \$125 for 1/2 school year! Sponsor names are displayed in the website where the school families place their online school lunch orders.

The lunch system can display sponsor recognition for up to four sponsors. There is one sponsor listed per page as families place lunch orders. A family with one student will see at least four pages during their transaction.

#### Artwork Specifications

Acceptable image files are: .....jpg -or- .png file formats  
Sponsorship display area is: ..... 250px wide & 100px high


Having sponsors helps us to offset the cost of the hot lunch program. If you are interested in placing an advertisement on our website, please contact May Robinson in the school office.

## Join the Journalism Club

Est. 2019      Friday, November 22, 2019      Clinton, MD

# EXTRA! EXTRA!


Calling All Young Journalists!  
Do you like to ask questions? Do you like to write?  
Do you want to see your name in print?



### Journalism Club Meets on Thursdays 3:15 pm - 4:15 pm

Learn journalistic writing and editing. Discuss journalism and media. Write articles for the new student newspaper. Writers, photographers, and illustrators are encouraged to join. Journalism Club is open to students in grades 5 - 8. Visit [www.OrgsOnline.com](http://www.OrgsOnline.com) and click on Enrichment Classes to register. Space is limited to just 10 students. Join today!

*Report the news from your perspective. See your name in print. Find your voice.*



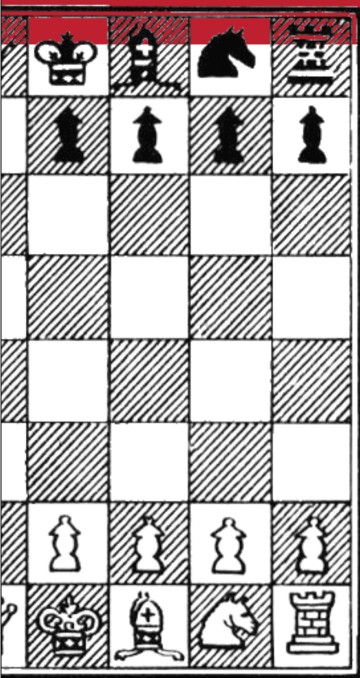
## JOIN CHECKMATES!

ST. MARY'S IS BRINGING THE CHESS CLUB BACK! LEARN THE BASICS OF CHESS AND DEVELOP WINNING STRATEGIES.

MODERATED BY MAXIMO MARARAC (GRANDPARENT VOLUNTEER)

TUESDAYS  
DEC. 3 - FEB. 4  
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM  
SCIENCE LAB

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.  
STUDENTS, PARENTS, & STAFF ARE WELCOME!



# Breakfast with Santa

& Mrs. Claus!

Saturday, December 7

9:00 am - 11:00 am

St. Mary's School of Piscataway's Auditorium  
13407 Piscataway Road, Clinton, MD 20735

All proceeds from this event benefit St. Mary's School of Piscataway  
Have your photo taken with Santa! Enjoy a breakfast buffet  
music, and activities for the kids!

**\$10**  
per person

Children  
ages 2 and  
under are  
**FREE**

For tickets, visit  
[www.StMarysPiscataway.org](http://www.StMarysPiscataway.org)  
[@smspiscataway](https://www.instagram.com/smspiscataway)



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# Breakfast with Santa Photo Packages

Saturday, December 7 9:00 am - 11:00 am

## Package A

2-5x7 Portraits  
8-2x3 Gift Wallets

**\$25**

## Package B

3-5x7 Portraits  
12-2x3 Gift Wallets  
2 Magnet Frames

**\$30**

## Package C

4-5x7 Portraits  
16-2x3 Gift Wallets  
4 Magnet Frames

**\$35**

Photo packages may be purchased on the day of the event. Cash, checks, and credit cards are accepted.

Be sure to purchase your Breakfast with Santa tickets in advance at [www.StMarysPiscataway.org](http://www.StMarysPiscataway.org)



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# EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL

NO MORE CLIPPING. ALL YOU NEED IS YOUR SMARTPHONE.

The NEW and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

LOOK FOR THE NEW LABEL:



## HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:



### BUY BOX TOPS PRODUCTS

You can find Box Tops on hundreds of products throughout the store.



### SCAN YOUR RECEIPT

Use the app to snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.



### EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL

Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated at BTFE.com.

You do not need to clip or send Box Tops labels to school.



## BOX TOPS CLIPS ON PACKAGES

Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store as packages transition to the new Box Tops labels. **You can still clip these and send them to school.** Please make sure each clip has a valid expiration date.



**BUY**  
BOX TOPS  
PRODUCTS



**CUT**  
OUT THE BOX TOP  
FROM EACH PACKAGE



**SEND**  
YOUR BOX TOPS  
TO SCHOOL

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