



### Weekly Newsletter

**November 8, 2019**

#### 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!



#### Character Development

Each month we focus on developing good character traits. This month we are working on KINDNESS. Please take a look at the attached sheet about kindness. Learning begins at home. Take the time to read, practice, and talk about kindness at home!

#### 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.](#)

#### 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

### Looking Ahead

#### † 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

#### † Wednesday, November 20

High School Placement Test

for 8th Grade

2nd & 3rd Grade Field Trip to

The Children's Science Center

#### † Friday, November 22

Pancakes and Pajamas 6:00 - 8:00 pm

#### † Monday, November 25

All School Mass

#### † Wednesday, November 27

Pastor's Holiday

School Closed

#### † Thursday, November 28 -

Monday, December 2

Thanksgiving Holiday

School Closed

#### † 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

#### † Friday, December 6

Progress Reports Sent Out

Open House 9:00-11:00

Early Dismissal 12:00

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Application Deadline!!!

#### † Saturday, December 7

HSA Breakfast with Santa

#### † Sunday, December 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception



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.

### 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.

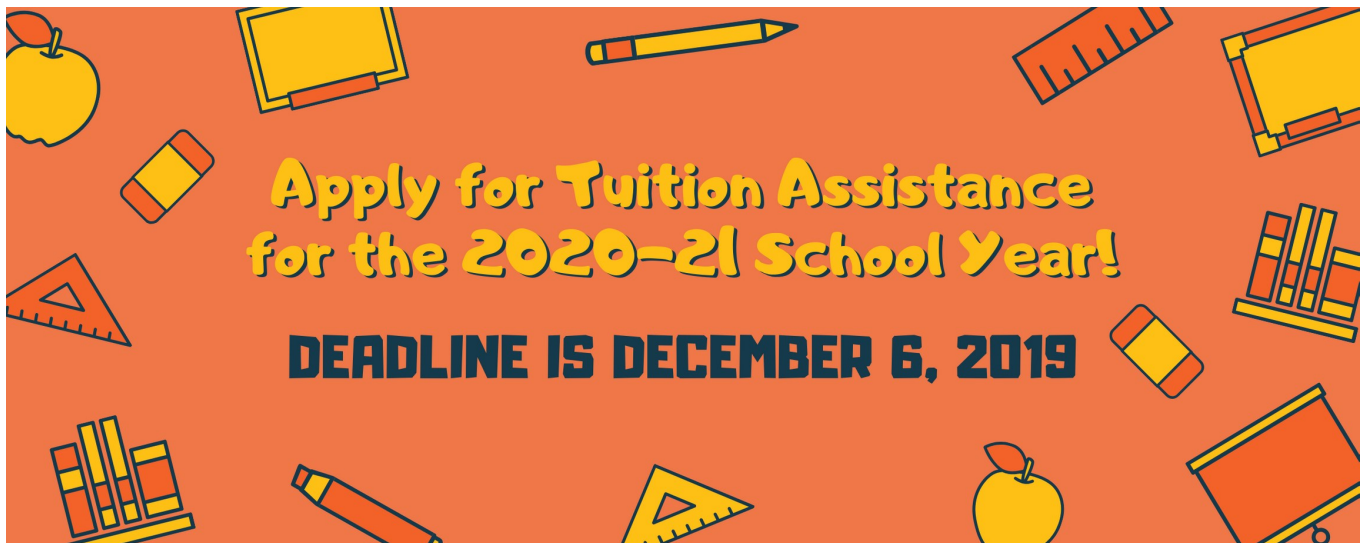
The lunch system can display sponsor recognition for up to four sponsors. There is one sponsor listed per page as families place lunch orders. A family with one student will see at least four pages during their transaction.

#### 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.



# All About Kindness

Parents,

Hello! Here at school, we have been very busy learning about kindness- what it means and how we can be kind to others! Learning happens best when it is done both at school and at home. Below are many ways that you can help your child continue to learn about the theme of kindness through reading about it, talking about it, and practicing it! We have really enjoyed exploring this topic at school, and I hope your family will enjoy it just as much!

## Read About It!

Here are some books to help you learn more about kindness:

- How Kind! by Mary Murphy
- The Golden Rule by Ilene Cooper
- The Lion and The Mouse by Jerry Pinkney

## Practice It!

Spend time writing encouraging notes to people in your community. This could be neighbors, policeman, teachers, nursing home residents, firefighters, anyone! Have your child go with you to deliver your notes of kindness!

## Talk About It!

Here are some discussion points to help you talk about kindness with your child:

- Tell me about a time when someone was kind to you. How did it make you feel?
  - What do you think kindness means and why is it important?
  - Who is someone in your class you can be kind to?
- What are ways you can be kind to people at home, at school and in the community?

# SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support St. Mary's School Of Piscataway. Come in to the Chipotle at **16110 Cadillac Drive** in Brandywine on **Sunday, November 17th** between **4:00pm** and **8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to St. Mary's School Of Piscataway.



MEXICAN GRILL

Online orders will not be included in the fundraiser total. To ensure your purchase is counted in the fundraiser, be sure to order and pay in-restaurant. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.





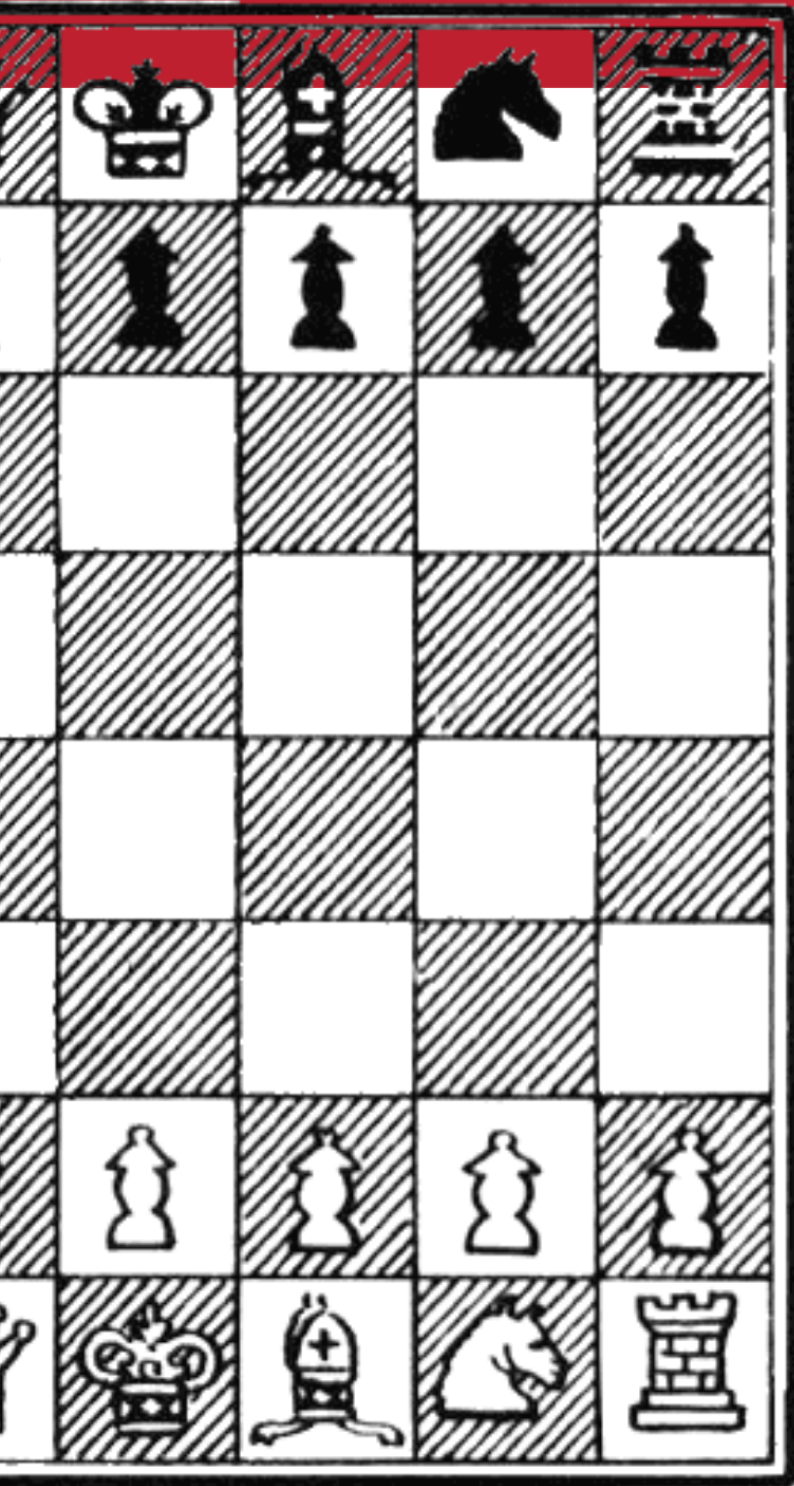
ST. MARY'S  
SCHOOL OF  
PISCATAWAY  
PRESENTS

# PANCAKES AND PAJAMAS!

FRIDAY  
NOVEMBER 22  
6 PM-8 PM

- Pancakes, sausage, fruit, and juice served
- Hot Chocolate Bar
- Books, board games, and fun!
- Wear your favorite pajamas
- Bring at least one non-perishable food item to be donated to the DC Soup Kitchen

RSVP at [www.StMarysPiscataway.org](http://www.StMarysPiscataway.org)



# 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!