



Weekly Newsletter

October 18, 2019

Scholastic Book Fair October 21-25

Please mark your calendars for the Fall Book Fair October 21-25. The schedule is as follows:

Friday, October 18 - students will come home with wish lists.

Monday, October 21- Friday October 25 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Book Fair

If you have any questions or are looking for something specific please feel free to contact the librarian, Angela Ingelido, at librarian@smssp.school. Look for your students wish list to come home today, October 18.



Wear **PINK** on October 24

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Many of us have been affected by this terrible disease. You may have suffered from breast cancer or have a loved one that has fought this type of cancer. St. Mary's wants to show our support! On Thursday, October 24, students are encouraged to bring in at least \$1 to donate to breast cancer research (larger donations are welcome). In exchange, students are allowed to be out of uniform to wear **PINK**. Please turn in your donations in an envelope with your child's name on it and write "PINK" on the front. All monies collected will be donated to the Breast Cancer Research Fund. This charity gets an A+ rating by The American Institute of Philanthropy's Charity Watch.



Wear **ORANGE** and **BLACK** on October 31

Help the 8th Grade class raise money for their graduation field trip and other graduation related activities! On Thursday, October 31, students are encouraged to bring in at least \$1 to donate to the 8th grade class (larger donations are welcome). In exchange, students are allowed to be out of uniform to wear **ORANGE** and **BLACK**. Please turn in your donations in an envelope with your child's name on it and write "8th grade fundraiser" on the front. All monies collected will be donated to the 8th grade graduation activities fund.

**WEAR
ORANGE & BLACK
ON OCTOBER 31!**

Thank You,
8th Grade



Looking Ahead

- † **Sunday-Saturday, October 20-26**
National Friends of Libraries Week
- † **Monday October 21**
Enrollment Opens for 2020-21 SY
Enroll before January 26 and lock in your 2019-20 tuition rate! Tuition goes up by 2% on January 27, 2020
- † **Monday-Friday, October 21-25**
Scholastic Book Fair
- † **Thursday, October 24**
Bring \$1 and Wear **PINK**
To raise money for 8th Grade!
- † **Friday, October 25**
End of the 1st Quarter
[Deadline for 8th grade students to register for the HSPT](#)
- † **Saturday, October 26**
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, October 28**
All School Mass
- † **Tuesday, October 29**
Livescan Fingerprinting 4:30-6:30
Virtus Training in Parish Hall
Protecting God's Children for Adults 6:30-9:30
- † **Wednesday, October 30**
Silver Diner Family Fun Night!
(wear your Halloween costume)
Please note that the date of this event changed from 10/29 to 10/30
- † **Thursday, October 31**
Bring \$1 & wear **BLACK & ORANGE** to raise money for 8th Grade!
Early Dismissal 12:00
Parent/Teacher Conferences
Report Cards E-Mailed Home
- † **Friday, November 1**
All Saints Day
Conference Day
School Closed
- † **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**



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 & 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 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.

Virtus Volunteer Training Class and Fingerprinting Here at St. Mary's on October 29!

We were able to secure a Virtus training session, *Protecting God's Children for Adults*, on Tuesday, October 29 from 6:30-9:30 pm here at St. Mary's Parish Hall. If you or one of your family members would like to volunteer at our school or chaperone on field trips, please be sure to have them attend this class. You must register in advance! Log in to your Virtus account (or create a new account) at www.VirtusOnline.org.

In addition to the class, we also booked the company *Prevent First* to come out and do Livescan fingerprinting from 4:00-6:30 ahead of the class. The cost for fingerprinting is \$59 (\$61 if paying with a credit card). Click [HERE](#) to register for fingerprinting only. We will send out an e-mail reminder a few days before the fingerprinting session.

We do not often have Virtus classes at our school, so this is a great opportunity to get both steps accomplished in one day. Remember, each family is required to complete at least 20 hours of volunteer service at the school each year and you must be Virtus cleared to participate. If you are unsure about your Virtus clearance status, please contact the school office.

NAVSEA
NAVAL SURFACE WARFARING CENTER
CCPL/NSWC
INDIAN HEAD EOD TECHNOLOGY DIVISION
STEM FEST
@ WALDORF WEST
OCT 26 @ 1-4 PM | AGES: 8+
PARTNERING WITH THE NSWC INDIAN HEAD EOD TECHNOLOGY DIVISION
10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, MD 20603

TAKE 3 ACTIONS TO FIGHT FLU
Influenza (flu) is a contagious disease that can be serious. Every year, millions of people get sick, hundreds of thousands are hospitalized, and thousands to tens of thousands of people die from flu. CDC urges you to take the following actions to protect yourself and others from flu.

GET YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY VACCINATED!
A yearly flu vaccine is the first and most important step in protecting against flu viruses.
Everyone 6 months or older should get an annual flu vaccine. Protect Yourself. Protect Your Family. Get Vaccinated. #FightFlu

STOP THE SPREAD
Take everyday preventive actions to help stop the spread of flu viruses!
Avoid close contact with sick people, avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth, cover your coughs and sneezes, wash your hands often (with soap and water).

ASK YOUR DOCTOR ABOUT FLU ANTIVIRALS
Take antiviral drugs if your doctor prescribes them!
Antiviral drugs can be used to treat flu illness and can make illness milder and shorten the time you are sick.

WWW.CDC.GOV/FLU #FIGHT FLU



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL OF PISCATAWAY

OPEN HOUSE



Monday, October 21, 2019

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Discover the Difference!

- Meet the teachers
- Learn about our academic standards
- Ask questions!



St. Mary's School is located at
13407 Piscataway Road
Clinton, MD 20735

If you have questions, please call
(301) 292-2522 or email school@smssp.school



SILVER DINER FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

20% of sales is donated to
St. Mary's School of Piscataway

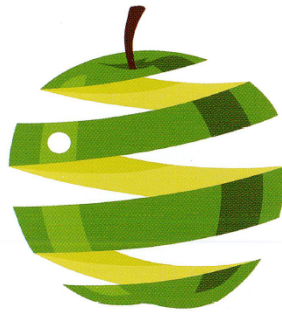
Enjoy delicious food in a fun atmosphere along
with your family and friends while earning funds in
support of our school!

**Wear a
Halloween
costume!**



Silver Diner Waldorf ~ 3081 Festival Way, Waldorf, MD 20601

Appelley
Publishing



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.

www.appelley.org
PO Box 582, Tarpon Springs, FL 34688