



### Weekly Newsletter

**October 25, 2019**

### Last Chance to Sign up for Virtus and Fingerprinting

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](http://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.

### Join us for Silver Diner Family Fun Night

Skip cooking dinner and join us for Silver Diner Family Fun Night! The event is on **Wednesday, October 30 from 5:00-8:00 pm** at [Silver Diner Waldorf](#). The address is 3081 Festival Way, Waldorf, MD 20601. 20% of all sales during that time will be donated to St. Mary's. The more the merrier! Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join you for good food and fellowship.

### 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.



### In Search of Tech Support

We are looking for help with getting our web domain name switched from [www.stmaryspiscataway.org](http://www.stmaryspiscataway.org) to [www.smsp.school](http://www.smsp.school). If you have any experience with website building or IT support and would like to help, please reach out to the office. Thank you so much!



### Looking Ahead

- † **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**  
Daylight Savings Time  
Fall Back
- † **Monday, November 4**  
Teacher Collaboration Day  
School Closed
- † **Tuesday, November 5**  
Election Day  
SCHOOL IS OPEN
- † **Thursday, November 7**  
Last Day to Order Krispy Kreme  
Doughnuts for the SMP Youth Soccer  
Appelley Publishing Student Poetry  
Contest Deadline for Grades 3-8
- † **Friday, November 8**  
Lifetouch Picture Retake Day
- † **Saturday, November 9**



Thank you for Supporting **PINK** Day at St. Mary's!



We raised \$152!

### 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

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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.

**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](http://WWW.CDC.GOV/FLU)

#FIGHT FLU



**CAN YOU HELP US RAISE SOME DOUGH?**

**Krispy Kreme**  
DOUGHNUTS<sup>®</sup>  
**FUND RAISING**

Attendance Matters.

"But it's just 10 minutes!"

JUST BEING 10 MINUTES LATE EVERY DAY CAN ADD UP!

10 MINUTES PER DAY = 30 HOURS PER YEAR

30 HOURS = 4.29 SCHOOL DAYS

DON'T BE LATE OR YOU'LL MISS SOMETHING GREAT!

**NAVSEA**  
WALDORF 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



# SILVER DINER FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

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

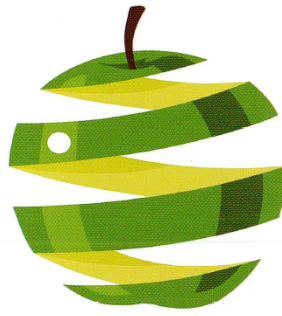
20% of sales is donated to  
St. Mary's School of Piscataway  
Enjoy delicious food in a fun atmosphere along  
with your family and friends while earning funds in  
support of our school!

**Wear a  
Halloween  
costume!**



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

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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](http://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](http://www.appelley.org)

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

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