



Weekly Newsletter September 13, 2019

Vision & Hearing Testing, September 25

Maryland Vision & Hearing will be coming to St. Mary's to offer vision and hearing screenings to all students. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, undetected vision problems are common in school age children. One in four school age children have a vision difficulty. Approximately 6% of children have hearing loss. Difficulties with hearing and/or vision can seriously impact learning and contribute to issues in both behavior and socialization. Early intervention is essential. The sooner a vision or hearing problem is detected; the more likely it can be corrected, helping your child to achieve their full potential in school.

MD Vision & Hearing technicians have over 30 years of experience in vision and hearing screening for children and adolescents. Vision screening for all children, beginning at age 3, consists of visual acuity and muscle balance. Children in grades 1-8 are also screened for color blindness. For hearing screening, your child is screened for the ability to hear a variety of tones that are within the normal range of hearing. To have your child screened, complete the form attached to this newsletter. The form will also be sent home with your child(ren) today. Return the form to school with cash, check, or money order by September 25. Make checks payable to Maryland Vision & Hearing.

School Directory Opt-In Instructions

If you would like to share your personal contact information with other St. Mary's school families, please log in to your Plus Portals account and opt-in. When you log in, you will see your name in the top right-hand corner of the page. Click on the small arrow next to your name and choose "Directory Listing." Then, click on the box that says "List my information in the school directory." After that you can choose what information you would like to share (e-mail address, phone number, etc.). This information will not be publicly posted. It is only available to St. Mary's families that also have a Plus Portals account. This comes in handy when trying to send out birthday party invitations, or when you want to reach another parent at the school. If you have any questions, please contact the main office.

Join the School Band!

All students in grades 4-8 are eligible to join the school band! Miss Suuberg, our band teacher, can teach students how to play several instruments including the flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone horn, drums, and more. If your student is interested in learning how to play an instrument, visit ADWBand.com for more information. There is also a band registration form attached to this newsletter.



Hot Lunch Online Ordering

If you have not already done so, please create an online account on OrgsOnline.com. This is the website that you can use to order hot lunch. The deadline to order hot lunch for each school week is the Thursday prior at 11:59 pm.

If you do not plan to order hot lunch, we still encourage you to create an online account. We will be using Orgs Online to manage other



Looking Ahead

- † **Monday, September 16**
Afterschool Karate Begins
3:30-4:30
- † **Friday, September 20**
Faculty and Staff Retreat
School Closed
- † **Monday, September 23**
Autumnal Equinox
- † **Wednesday, September 25**
Vision & Hearing Screening 9:00
- † **Friday, September 27**
Progress Reports Sent Out
Open House 9:00-1:00
Native American Day
- † **Monday, September 30**
All School Mass
- † **Tuesday, October 1**
Tuition Assistance Application
Period Opens!
Deadline is December 6, 2019
- † **Wednesday, October 2**
National Custodial Worker's
Recognition Day
- † **Friday, October 4**
Feast of St. Francis of Assisi -
Blessing of the Animals
Early Dismissal 12:00
- † **Monday, October 14**
Federal Holiday
No School
- † **Friday, October 18**
HSA Fall Family Festival
- † **Sunday-Saturday, October 20-26**
National Friends of Libraries
Week
- Monday, October 21-25**
Scholastic Book Fair
- † **Friday, October 25**
End of the 1st Quarter
- † **Monday, October 28**
All School Mass
- † **Tuesday, October 29**
Silver Diner Family Fun Night!
(wear your Halloween costume)
- † **Thursday, October 31**
Early Dismissal 12:00
Parent/Teacher Conferences
Report Cards Sent Home
Halloween
- † **Thursday, November 7**



programs and events like field trips, spirit wear, fundraiser tickets, and more. Having an Orgs Online account will make it easier for you to participate.

After School Karate Starts on Monday, September 16

Please sign into your OrgsOnline.com account to register for Karate class. The first session of this school year starts on Monday afternoon. If you have never taken karate, please join us for a demonstration session on Monday at no charge. If you decide to register, you will go log onto your OrgsOnline account and sign up. Directions are attached to this newsletter.

Open to Boys and Girls In All Grades
PeeWee - Tuesdays, 6-6:45pm (Pee-Wee Field)
1st & 2nd Grade - Thursdays, 5:30-7:00pm (Big Field)
3rd & 4th Grade - Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5:30-6:30pm (Small Field)
Varsity - Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5:30-6:30pm (Big Field)

For more details contact
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JOIN THE
SMSP
SOCCER
TEAM!

JOIN THE
ST. MARY'S
SCHOOL BAND!

Open to 4th - 8th grade students
30 minute group lessons once a week during the school day, on a rotating schedule
Students with a year of experience also have a full band rehearsal
All band students participate in the concerts

REGISTER ONLINE AT
WWW.ADWBAND.COM



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL OF PISCATAWAY IS PLEASED TO OFFER

TRADITIONAL **JAPANESE KARATE**

Mondays and Wednesdays

SEPTEMBER 16 - OCTOBER 30, 2019
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
IN THE PARISH HALL

Opportunity to learn prestigious style of Itosu-Kai Japanese Karate, studied in 20 countries worldwide, a rare offering here on the East Coast. Includes traditional training methods (kihon, kata, kumite), Japanese terminology and customs.

TO REGISTER, VISIT WWW.ORGSONLINE.COM. CREATE AN ACCOUNT USING SCHOOL CODE 512SMPMD.

