



### Weekly Newsletter September 20, 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.

#### Tuition Assistance Applications

The window for you to apply for tuition assistance for the 2020-21 school year begins on October 1 and ends on December 6. The process requires that you submit tax documents and other forms. We suggest that you be prepared with all of the information ahead of time.

#### Progress Reports Available Next Friday

Next Friday, your child's progress reports for the 1st quarter will be available for your review. Please be sure to log into Plus Portals account before then. Call the office if you have questions.

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.ADJWBAND.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](http://WWW.ORGSONLINE.COM). CREATE AN ACCOUNT USING SCHOOL CODE 5125MPMD.

### Looking Ahead

- † **Monday, September 23**  
Autumnal Equinox
- † **Wednesday, September 25**  
Vision & Hearing Screening 9:00
- † **Thursday, September 2**  
St. Mary's Ryken HS  
Presentation for 7th & 8th  
Graders 1:00
- † **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**  
Appelley Publishing Student  
Poetry Contest Deadline for