



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2018

Website: www.smsbera.org

Dear St. Mary Catholic School Parents and Students,

November brings forth the beginning of the Holiday Season. It is truly an eventful and spiritual time of the year, bringing peace and excitement to many. All St. Mary Catholic School students will be attending Adoration, All Saints Day Holy Mass, and the Thanksgiving Prayer Service.

Band Director, Mr. Patrick Hickey, has a brilliant event planned for any student wishing to learn an instrument. The Instrumental Petting Zoo will be held on Tuesday, November 13, from 3:30-4:30pm. Students will be able to test a snare, trumpet, clarinet, saxophone, and flute.

This month Preschool, Kindergarten, First grade, and Second grade families have a great opportunity to come together and experience an early childhood faith and family fun event focusing on values, ideals, service, God, prayer, and love. Please join Mrs. Dober, Mrs. Lake, Mrs. Sam, Mrs. Schiele, and Mrs. Giblin, Thursday November 15th, from 6:30-8:30pm, in the school gym, for an evening of crafts and conversation. (Please look in your child's folder for further information).

St. Mary Catholic School faculty and students have completed the first quarter of the school year. Report Cards will be sent home, Friday, November 9th.

An "Incomplete" may be issued on your child's report card if he/she has experienced a longer than normal absence from school. Please keep in touch with the teacher to receive the missed work and due dates. Once the work is completed, the "Incomplete" will be changed to the appropriate grade.

Remember, students in Grades 6-8 will receive a letter grade in Spanish, Physical Education and Music. Students must receive at least a (B-) in these classes to qualify for the Honor or Merit Roll.

Student Council organized a Halloween parade throughout the school for Kindergarten through Grade 5 on Wednesday, October 31st. Faculty and students were delighted to see the costumes. Thank you Student Council and Junior High Students for purchasing and distributing candy!

Special thanks to Officer Gute! His informative Q & A sessions with each grade proved to be a successful law enforcement learning experience for all. Much appreciation, also, to Firefighter Mr. Scott and the Berea Fire Department for providing the students with informative fire safety lessons.

Mr. Carner, Principal

WINTER DRESS & ACTIVITIES

The cold weather is approaching! Outdoor recess occurs when the temperature exceeds 20⁰ F (wind chill included). Every teacher requests that your child dress appropriately for outdoor recess. Please check your child's attire before they come to school. Winter coats, boots, hats, and gloves are a **MUST** on the playground. Snow pants must be worn to play in the snow (sweat pants and gym uniform pants **DO NOT** qualify as snow pants). Please check with your child's homeroom teacher if you are unsure of proper attire.

Junior High students generally don't wear snow pants or snowsuits. Sweat pants are permitted under the uniform skirt for added warmth during outdoor recess only. Students may not throw snowballs or play on the ice. Only "catch" may be played with nerf-style balls on the blacktop area during winter.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING

As the seasons begin to change, it is time to look ahead to the possibility of Calamity Days (snow days). Remember, when **BEREA CITY SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED –ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL is CLOSED!**

Bus service is canceled when other school districts are closed. If St. Mary Catholic School is open parents need to provide transportation. Your child will be marked absent, if not in attendance, and must complete missed work. When surrounding districts have school buses on a **TWO-HOUR DELAY**, and SMS is open, class will begin at 9:00am; parents are asked to provide transportation for their child to school. If parent transportation is not available, your child may wait for the delayed bus and will not be marked tardy. Your child, however, will be required to complete all missed work. The school day will end at the normal time with buses running as usual.

St. Mary Catholic School receives five (5) **CALAMITY DAYS** per school year. The first three days students will **NOT** be given schoolwork to do at home. Should calamity days exceed 3 days, students will be required to log onto ProgressBook and complete assigned Blizzard Bags, as stipulated by the State of Ohio. St. Mary Catholic School administrators will clearly announce, via email & voicemail, where we stand on each Calamity Day. Once five Calamity Days are used, additional days off will be administered to the end of the school year, as required by the State of Ohio.

To retrieve Blizzard Bags:

1. Go to the Home Page on our website: www.smsberea.org
2. Select "For Parents"
3. Select "Progress Book"
4. Select "SMS"--- login --- and download Blizzard Bag

*****NOTE: St. Mary Catholic School Day Care will be open on Calamity Days from 6:30 am to 6:00 pm.** (Please be advised that if the weather is extreme, the Day care will be closed, as well, for everyone's safety. Please refer to school closing emails and phone messages for further information)

MEDICATION ALERT

As stated in our Parent/Student Handbook and in past Newsletters, students must follow the posted procedure when bringing ANY MEDICATION to school. It is a **SERIOUS** matter when a student is found with a prescription or over the counter medication! **ALL MEDICATION MUST BE KEPT IN THE SCHOOL CLINIC along with the proper physician and parental forms.**

SMS SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

The end of 2018 is approaching and perhaps you might consider a tax-deductible donation to the St. Mary Catholic School Scholarship Fund. Each year SMS awards scholarships to outstanding students who will be attending a Catholic High School. Your donation of any size will be greatly appreciated, and your name will be posted in the St. Mary Catholic School Graduation program. A Scholarship Donation Form can be found on our website or at the school office. Many companies provide matching gifts – check with your benefits office if your employer is one of them.

THANKSGIVING BLESSING (*Numbers 6:24-26*)

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.

(Calendar of events to follow)

IMPORTANT NOVEMBER DATES

Thursday, November 1	All Saints Day Holy Mass, 10:30am @ St. Mary Catholic Church Eager Artists, 3:30-4:30pm Activity Room 116
Friday, November 2	Adoration for students, All Day @ St. Mary Catholic School
Monday, November 5	Chess Club, 7:30-8:30am Activity Room 116
Wednesday, November 7	Band Practice, 3:30-4:30pm Spanish Room
Thursday, November 8	Kdg Field Trip Eager Artist, 3:30-4:30pm Activity Room 116 Power of Pen, 3:30-4:30pm 8 th Grade Homeroom
Friday, November 9	Sacraments,
Sunday, November 11	<i>2nd Grade 9:30-10:30am Mass @ St. Mary Catholic Church</i> <i>2nd Grade 10:30-11:30am Class @ Father Garrity Center</i> <i>8th Grade 9:30-10:30am Mass @ St. Mary Catholic Church</i> <i>8th Grade 6:00-7:30pm Class @ Father Garrity Center</i> PTO Mother & Daughter Event, 12:30-2pm, SMS Gym
Monday, November 12	Chess Club, 7:30-8:30am Activity Room 116
Tuesday, November 13	Instrumental Petting Zoo, 3:30-4:30pm Spanish Room Scholastic Books Preview Begins
Wednesday, November 14	Band Practice, 3:30-4:30pm Spanish Room
Thursday, November 15	Eager Artists, 3:30-4:30pm Activity Room 116 Early Childhood Family Faith Event, 6:30-8:30pm SMS Gym
Friday, November 16	Thanksgiving Prayer Service, 2:30pm SMS Gym
Monday, November 19	PARENT/ TEACHER CONFERENCES, ALL DAY, SMS SCHOOL
Monday, November 19-23	Scholastic Book Parent Purchasing Day Thanksgiving Break, No School
Monday, November 26	Chess Club, 7:30-8:30am Activity Room 116
Wednesday, November 28	Band Practice, 3:30-4:30pm Spanish Room
Thursday, November 29	Eager Artists, 3:30-4:30pm Activity Room 116
Friday, November 30	Stewardship, Dress Down Day Faith Families



CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS

November 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 K Zacharias	2 K Rosbough
5 P Popovich	6 B Mordarski	7 A Smith	8 J Irvin	9 K Rosbough
12 K Knaze	13 B Mordarski	14 A Smith	15 E Zachary	16 E Reams
19 No School Parent/ Teacher Conferences	20 THAN	21 KSGIVING BREAK	22 NO SCHOOL	23
26 J Jurcak	27 N Scott	28 T Casciato	29 E Zachary	30 E Reams
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Note: Please check-in at the office on your assigned days. Cafeteria duty is from 11:45 am to 1:10 pm. Contact the school office several days in advance if you are unable to volunteer. Duties include wiping down tables, benches, and helping students open containers. Thank you for your service!



November 2018 Menu

Daily A la Carte

\$1.00 Hot Dog, Cereal/Milk, Salad/Dressing, Veggie/Dip

\$.75 Cookies, Chips, Pudding, Yogurt

\$.75 Fruit Cup, Cheese Stick, JELLO

Daily Beverages

\$.25 Milk (chocolate or white), 100% Apple Juice

\$1.00 Bottle (Large) or \$.50 (Small)



Offered Daily:

C. Hot Dog

D. Yogurt & Cheese

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Thursday 1	A. Mashed Potato & Gravy	\$1.50	B. Calzone	\$2.00
Friday 2	A. Cheese Pizza	\$1.25	B. Pepperoni Pizza	\$1.25
Monday 5	A. Chicken Patty Sandwich	\$1.25	B. Hot Dog	\$1.00
Tuesday 6	A. Cheese Steak Sandwich	\$2.50	B. Hot Pocket	\$1.50
Wednesday 7	A. Pepperoni Bosco Sticks	\$2.50		
Thursday 8	A. Lasagna Roll-ups	\$2.50		
Friday 9	A. Cheese Pizza	\$1.25	B. Pepperoni Pizza	\$1.25
Monday 12	A. Chicken Patty Sandwich	\$1.25	B. Hot Dog	\$1.00
Tuesday 13	A. Mac & Cheese Wedges	\$2.50	B. BBQ Rib Sand	\$1.25
Wednesday 14	A. Chicken Nuggets & Fries	\$2.50		
Thursday 15	A. Mexican Pizza	\$1.25	B. Quesadilla	\$1.50
Friday 16	A. Cheese Pizza	\$1.25	B. Pepperoni Pizza	\$1.25
Monday 19-Friday 23	HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!		NO SCHOOL!!	
Monday 26	A. Chicken Patty Sandwich	\$1.25	B. Hot Dog	\$1.00
Tuesday 27	A. Cheeseburger	\$1.25	B. Corn Dog	\$1.25
Wednesday 28	A. Mozzarella Cheese Stix & Sauce	\$2.50	B. Chix Salad Sand	\$1.25
Thursday 29	A. Ravioli	\$2.00	B. Garlic Bread	\$.50
Friday 30	A. Cheese Pizza	\$1.25	B. Pepperoni Pizza	\$1.25



St. Mary's School Poinsettia Fundraiser

What better way to get ready for the holidays than to purchase poinsettias and support St. Mary's school! These beautiful plants are just what your home needs for the holidays. Or buy some for your friends, family or St. Mary's Church – they make perfect gifts! Simply fill out the attached order form, return it to the school **with your payment** and make plans to pick-up your poinsettias in the St. Mary's Gym.

Order Deadline: November 21st

Pick-Up Dates: December 6 & 7 | 3:15-6:00 | St. Mary's School Gym

****If orders are not picked up by 6:01 p.m. on December 7th, the poinsettias will be generously donated to St. Mary's Church.**

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Pot Size	Cost	Qty. Red	Qty. White	Qty. Pink	Qty. Marble	Total Plants	Total Cost
4"	\$6.00						
6"	\$12.00						
10"	\$22.00						

Total Amount _____

Please make checks payable to St. Mary's School PTO

St. Mary's School | 265 Baker Street | Berea | Ohio





Fall 2018

Dear St. Mary Catholic School Parents,

St. Mary Catholic School will use PTCFast.com to schedule conferences. Conferences are mandatory for parents whose student is in Kindergarten through Grade 8. The portal is OPEN. Please schedule your mandatory conference for Monday, November 19th. **Parents please log into Progressbook at <https://pa.nccohio.org>.** Go to Parent Access, then the News and Information page, and click on the conference link. You will be directed to the PTCfast.com Portal page. The direct link is: https://ptcfast.com/schools/St_Mary_Catholic_School_2.

Conferences are scheduled on a first come, first serve basis. Early registration is recommended to ensure conference times are scheduled close together, (if more than one child attends the school). Parents will receive an email with a reminder of conference times. **Important:** In order to schedule your conference, you will need an active ParentAccess account for Progressbook. If needed, please contact Mrs. Deb Barendt at dbarendt@smsberea.org for further assistance.

Sincerely,

Mr. Carner

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Feast of St. John Paul II

Greetings School Leaders of the Diocese of Cleveland,

Hello from Jacksonville, where I am attending the NCEA's Catholic Leadership Summit to learn from colleagues and share in best practices for diocesan level leadership. I will be in Florida through Wednesday, connecting about our priorities for building authentically Catholic, academically excellent schools throughout our diocese. I hope to have more to report soon.

But first, the crisis created by the recent wave of revelations regarding clergy sexual abuse has affected us all, in ways large and small. To accompany us in this challenge, our diocese is providing listening sessions for all people who are employed in diocesan ministries, including our schools, who wish to talk about the impact the sexual abuse crisis has had on them. [The flyer](#) contains information on the first 5 of these sessions. Please share with employees at your school and consider attending if you feel you would benefit.

The personalization of learning is a paradigm shift for most of our educators, which our elementary principals furthered by leading deep dives on MAP assessment recently. We at the OCFE frequently use the language of "capacity building" which, put simply, means making those around us better. For principals, as instructional leaders, continued development of teachers is critical to our success, so I've been thinking recently about this seminal [article by Kim Marshall](#), at least a 15-20 min read, but still a concise statement on how that tradition of teacher observation can be done in a way that is highly effective at improving practice as opposed to merely nipping at the edges of progress. In this period of change, it is a useful read to reflect on how we as leaders can sustain the growth of our professional colleagues.

Finally, last week we discovered a few schools who believed they had registered but were not confirmed, so to ensure your school is set, please take a moment to go to www.weGiveCatholic.org and search for your school name. Be welcome to contact Linda Corcoran at the Catholic Community Foundation, lcorcoran@catholiccommunity.org, if you encounter any issues.



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Nurturing the Soul.*

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Dear SMS Parents and Families:

Did you know Reading just 20 minutes a day exposes your child to about **1.8 million words** per year. Reading helps students develop a stronger vocabulary, and in addition, students who read for pleasure average higher grades in English, mathematics, science, and history!

Encourage your child to read books for fun by attending our upcoming **Scholastic Book Fair**. Allow your child to choose the books they want to read! The Book Fair provides a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level.

Mark your calendar!

Book Fair dates: **Tuesday, November 13th – Monday, November 19th**

Shopping hours: **Tues., 11/13, 11/14/, 11/15 & 11/16 – 8:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.**
Monday, 11/19 8:00a.m.-6:30p.m. / Parent-Teacher Conferences

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school. Thank you for supporting our readers!

Sincerely,

Mr. Andy Carner
Principal

