



SMS NEWS 2019 NOVEMBER Edition

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Dear St. Mary Catholic School Families,

Astounding that the month of November is already here! Traditionally, November is dedicated to the deceased. It is a time for all to pray for those who have left the physical realm.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Report cards will be sent home on November 8, and students will be attending the All Saints Day Holy Mass, the Thanksgiving Prayer Service, and Faith Families, during this month. Chess Club will begin, and November is reserved for beginner play only: always a challenge, but very rewarding. Those chess players more advanced with the game will begin Monday, December 2. Don't forget to register your chess player!

Student Council organized a Halloween parade throughout the school for Kindergarten through Grade 5 on Thursday, October 31st. The costumes were great! Thank you Student Council and Junior High Students for purchasing and distributing candy!

Many thanks, to the Berea Fire Department, for providing safety lessons to the second grade students, with their safety trailer.

Mr. Carner, Principal

WINTER WEATHER

The weather is getting colder. Outdoor recess occurs when the temperature exceeds 20⁰ F (wind chill included). Your child **MUST** be properly clothed and prepared 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).

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 **12 CALAMITY DAYS** per school year. Should calamity days exceed 12 days, teachers will email parents with homework to be completed, as stipulated by the State of Ohio. Once 12 Calamity Days are used, additional days off will be administered to the end of the school year, as required by the State of Ohio.

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

(Calendar of events to follow)
IMPORTANT NOVEMBER DATES

Friday, November 1	All Saints Day Holy Mass, 10:30am, St. Mary Catholic Church
Monday, November 4	Chess Club, 7:30-8:30am, Discovery Hall (beginners only) Assembly, Gr. 6-8, 2:30pm SMS Gym
Tuesday, November 5	Kdg. Field Trip
Wednesday, November 6	Band Practice, 3:30-4:30pm, Spanish Room
Thursday, November 7	Engineering Club, 3:45-5:15pm, Discovery Hall
Friday, November 8	Power of Pen, 3:30-4:30pm 8 th Grade Homeroom Classroom of Champions, 3:30-4:30pm, 8 th Grade Homeroom
Saturday, November 9	Mother/ Daughter Tea, JBella Restaurant, 10am-12pm
Sunday, November 10	Sacraments, <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>
Monday, November 11	Chess Club, 7:30-8:30am, Discovery Hall Faith Families, (not a dress down day) Student Council, 8AM, Library
Tuesday, November 12	No Homework- Family Night
Wednesday, November 13	All School Mass, 10AM St. Mary Catholic Church (weather permitting)
Thursday, November 14	Engineering Club, 3:45-5:15pm, Discovery Hall
Friday, November 15	Fr. Marty Stewardship & Dress Down Day (\$1)
Monday, November 18-25	Scholastic Book Fair Chess Club, 7:30-8:30am, Discovery Hall
Thursday, November 21	Engineering Club, 3:45-5:15pm, Discovery Hall
Friday, November 22	Thanksgiving Prayer Service, 2:30PM, SMS Gym Power of Pen, 3:30-4:30pm 8 th Grade Homeroom Classroom of Champions, 3:30-4:30pm, 8 th Grade Homeroom
Monday, November 25	Parent/ Teacher Conferences NO SCHOOL ALL WEEK THANKSGIVING BREAK
Monday, December 2	All School Mass, 10AM, St. Mary Catholic Church (weather permitting) Chess Club, 7:30-8:30am, Discovery Hall (all players)