



St. Mary Catholic School News
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Mr. Anew Carner, Principal

Dear SMS Parents and Students,

Welcome! I hope you all have enjoyed your summer break! I am so very excited for the completion of the school roof and new paint on the ceiling beams. I have witnessed our teachers learning, organizing, and working hard at making this 21st Century, STREAM based school a fantastic environment for our children to Collaborate, Communicate, Create and use the Critical Thinking concepts to help them succeed in life. My goal is to build our youth for the future; the world is changing and we are changing with it. I believe with all of our new state-of-the-art technology we have integrated, coupled with the innovative Discovery Hall, our students are provided with all the tools necessary to thrive in today's society socially and academically.

I would like to extend a giant Thank you to Mrs. Nancy Kaesgen for spearheading this project and giving her time and talents in making sure this new development is a success for St. Mary Catholic School. I am also grateful for Mrs. Lealynd Tuskan; she has played a crucial role in educating our teachers with academy classes and guiding them through this entire process. And finally, a big thanks you to those who donated toward this worthy project. This could not have been completed without all your contributions! I am truly looking forward to a great year ahead!

We have been monitoring class enrollment over the past few months and in responding to the size of each grade level the following decisions were made over the summer by Fr. John and myself:

<i>Grade 8 – Mr. Jones</i>	<i>Grade 6A- Mr. Blum</i>	<i>Grade 3A – Ms. Aversano</i>
<i>Grade 7A – Mrs. Patena</i>	<i>Grade 5A- Mrs. Krajnak</i>	<i>Grade 2A – Mrs. Giblin</i>
<i>Grade 7B – Mrs. Smith</i>	<i>Grade 4A – Mrs. Reinstatler</i>	<i>Grade 1A – Mrs. Schiele</i>
<i>Kindergarten – Mrs. Dober</i>	<i>Preschool – Mrs. Lake & Mrs. Sambenedetto</i>	

As you can see, there have been a couple changes to our faculty and staff as well. We are very excited to welcome our new Parochial Vicar Father Michael Feldtz and Mrs. Krajnak, the new fifth grade teacher, to the SMS staff. In addition, we'd like to welcome our new teacher assistant, Mrs. Patton, who is so kind to volunteer her time to assist our first & fifth grade teachers this year.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the **Back to School Ice Cream Social sponsored by the PTO that will be held on Sunday, August 26th from 12:30pm – 2:00pm at SMS.** The school will be open, and the teachers will be ready to greet you and show you the classrooms as well as individual desks and lockers. Many parents and students take advantage of this family event to bring in school supplies to eliminate the heavy book bags on the first day. You are welcome to bring in as much or as little as you care to on this day. Our PTO will be serving ice cream in the school gym while you have time to socialize with your classmates, faculty, staff, and administrators.

~Andrew Carner, Principal

CALENDAR AUGUST / SEPTEMBER

August 21 Tuesday @ 6:30-8:00pm Mrs. Reinstatler's room (Transition into 4th Grade mtg)

August 22 Wednesday @ 6:30pm Preschool Orientation SMS Gym

August 23 Thursday @ 6:30pm Kindergarten Orientation KDG room

August 26 Sunday @ 12:30-2pm ALL Families Ice Cream Social SMS Gym

August 30 Thursday ALL Day-First Day of Phys Ed (Please check class schedule)

August 31 Friday @ 10:00am ALL School Mass at St. Mary Church (no kdg)

*****Friday August 31, Forms DUE** (Please see first day forms below).

September 9 Sunday:

@ 9:30am Sacraments Mass 2nd & 8th Grade

@ 10:30am Sacraments Class 2nd Grade Father Garrity Center

@ 6:00pm Sacraments Class 8th Grade Father Garrity Center

September 10 MAGAZINE SALE BEGINS

September 12 Wednesday @ 6:30pm All SMS Parent Meeting^{SMS} Gym (Mandatory)

Parent meetings are designed to discuss school policies, curriculum, daily routines, and student expectations. The meetings may be followed by a visit to the classrooms to meet the teacher and learn more about grade specific procedures. (Additional dates are posted on the school calendar.)

September 14 Friday @ 1:50pm All School Mass at St. Mary Church

September 15 Saturday @ 6:30-8:30pm Mother/ Son event at SMS Gym

September 16 Sunday:

@ 9:30am 1st Reconciliation 2nd Grade & 8th Grade mass at St. Mary Church

@10:30am Sacraments Class 2nd Grade at Father Garrity Center

@6:00pm Sacraments Class 8th Grade at Father Garrity Center

September 17 YANKEE CANDLE SALE BEGINS

September 18 @ 6:30-8:30pm High School Night at St. Mary School

September 19 PICTURE DAY

September 21 Friday NO SCHOOL (Teacher Day)

September 24 Monday @ 1:50pm All School mass at St. Mary Church

September 28 Friday DRESS DOWN DAY / Stewardship/ Faith Families

PTO – PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

The PTO will be very busy planning all fundraising activities, as well as, family social events and special activities. Please mark your calendars for the SMS Family Hayride to be held at the Metropark Chalet in Strongsville, Friday, October 5th. Also, our biggest annual fundraiser will be a Polka Dance scheduled on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at Father Garrity Center. Watch the Friday Family Emails for more information.

PTO Social Events & Activities include:

Parent Breakfasts, Stewardship, Graduation Breakfast and Reception, Back to School Social, Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week, Hayride, Mother/Daughter/Grandmother Tea, Father/Son Day, Father/Daughter Dance, Light Up Berea Parade, End of Year Family Dance

STEWARDSHIP & FATHER MARTY UPDATE

The 2018-2019 Stewardship Program gives our students the opportunity to make a difference by reaching out to those in need throughout our community, state, country and even internationally. The many activities that the students will participate in are possible because of the direct involvement of our PTO and SMS parents. We hope to make this year's Stewardship program the greatest.

Fr. Marty, and the students enrolled in Our Lady of Nazareth Mission School in Nairobi, are extremely grateful for the generous donation made by the students of SMS. The donated money was collected throughout the past school year through monthly \$1 Dress Down Days. A check for over \$2,000 was mailed to Our Lady of Nazareth from this past school year. The Mission School is located in the middle of Nairobi's largest and worst slum named Mukuru, where 250,000 people struggle to survive. In Swahili, makuru means "garbage dump." The only way out of this disease filled and unsanitary area is through education. Thus, the importance of Our Lady of Nazareth School, that was founded by Fr. Marty, where over 1,800 children are enrolled! Our donation will make it possible to educate and feed over 100 children for a full year at Our Lady of Nazareth Primary School.

This school year we will continue to hold monthly \$1 Dress Down and Stewardship Days. **The first dress down and Stewardship day will be held on Friday, September 28th.** Thanks again for your support!

~Schedule for Dress Down Days~

September 28	October 26	November 30	December 21	
January 25	February 22	March 29	April 12	May 17

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- School buses will be available on the first day of school. Information will be sent to you from Berea, Strongsville, and Olmsted Falls Transportation Departments. Please call the Transportation Department if you have any questions regarding your child's bus. Students may enter the classroom any time after 8:30am. Classes will begin with the 9:00am bell and will end at the 3:10pm bell. Dismissal will begin at 3:20pm. If you plan to drive your child to school, you must drop them off and pick them up in the playground area (parking area in rear of the building). Please observe parking lot procedures. Staff members will be posted at all doors to receive and dismiss your child every day. The area in the circle in front of the school is reserved for buses. Please do not enter or park in this area.
- If your child rides a bike to school, please remind him/her that the bike is to be walked on school grounds. It is your child's responsibility to lock the bike during the school day. The school will not be responsible for any damaged or stolen bike.
- Parents visiting the school during operating hours are to use a designated parking space in the rear parking lot. Remember, NO CARS are permitted to park in the fenced portion of the rear parking lot during school hours.
- No motorbikes or skateboards are permitted on school property.

PARENTS AND VISITORS TO SMS

All parents and visitors entering the school building between the hours of **8:00am and 4:00pm MUST** enter through the north door labeled **SCHOOL ENTRANCE** adjacent to the side driveway. A **VISITOR'S PASS** will be issued. Persons with appointments after 4:00pm must enter through the Extended Care door (rear GYM ENTRANCE adjacent to the rear parking lot) and check in with the Day Care personnel. Also, please know our policy remains that no student may re-enter the school after 4:00pm to retrieve items from a classroom.

EMERGENCY/MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM

An Emergency/Medical form will be sent home with your child on the first day of school. Parents are requested to **complete one form for each child and return it to the school the by August 31st**. Please do not fold or staple this form, as copies will be made for the Extended Care, classroom teacher, and clinic.

*****FIRST DAY FORMS**

On the first day of school your child will bring home the 1) Emergency Medical form; 2) Permission to Walk to Church; 3) Parent/Student Handbook; 4) Acceptable Use Policy; 5) Chromebook Use Policy (Gr. 6-8); 6) Google Apps for Education 7) Cell Phone Policy 8) Back Pack Permission Policy (Gr. 6-8). These forms are on white paper, please complete, sign, and return these forms to the school the by August 31st. (Forms, also, available on website).

STUDENT MEDICATION

WHEN IT IS NECESSARY FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL TO ADMINISTER PRESCRIBED MEDICATION, THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES ARE TO BE FOLLOWED:

- All school personnel must be informed that the administration of any drug (prescription or over the counter) without the order of the physician and the permission of the patient/guardian could be interpreted as practicing medicine and is PROHIBITED by law.
- WRITTEN REQUEST must be obtained from the physician, and the parent/guardian, before any medication (prescription or over the counter) may be administered by school personnel. The request must include instructions as to the name of the medication, dosage, time and duration of the medication, and possible side effect. NOTE: A proper prescription bottle of medication DOES NOT take the place of the physician's written note with a signature giving permission to administer medication. All medications must have both a physician's written request and a parent's written request to administer medication.
- Medication must be in the ORIGINAL containers (child-proof) and have an affixed label including the student's name, name of the medication, dosage, route of administration, and the time of administration.
- The medication and the SIGNED permission forms must be brought to the school by the parent/guardian. (Forms are available in the school office, clinic, or can be printed from our website.)
- New request forms must be submitted each school year and as necessary for changes in medication order.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

A list of supplies students should have on a regular basis throughout the school year is posted on-line. All students will receive a free homework assignment notebook, a two-pocket folder, and book covers on the first day of school thanks to support from several local businesses. Students in Grade 4 must purchase a set of subject binders the first day of school (Grades 5-6-7-8 optional) – details are included on the Student Supply List. The cost for these binders is \$20.00. Checks made payable to SMS.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Gym classes will begin on the second day of school Thursday, August 30^h. All students are expected to be dressed for class. The classroom teacher will let your child know when he/she will be scheduled for physical education. The students in Grades 1– 8 will need tennis shoes, over the ankle white socks, SMS gym shorts, T-shirt, sweatshirt, and sweatpants. Please mark your child’s name on the tag of gym uniform. Our Physical Education uniform dress code requires students to wear the gym uniform to school on gym days and remain in gym uniform throughout the entire day. Please refer to the Parent/Student handbook for complete dress code information.

2018-2019 UNIFORM POLICY

All students are expected to be in School Uniform on the first day of school. The Uniform Policy is posted on-line and in the Parent/Students handbook. Reminder: new options are available for both the gym uniform and school uniform. Refer to the handbook for the specific information on this update.

The SMS School Uniform Policy for Grades 1 through 8 will be vigorously enforced from the first day of school through the last. Students must be in compliance with the Uniform Policy every day. Uniforms should be washed and pressed as needed. Students receiving three dress code violations in one semester will be issued a lunchtime detention. Do not purchase uniform clothing items or shoes unless you are positive they will be in compliance with the Uniform Policy. The change in the Uniform Policy for St. Mary Catholic School is as follows:

JUNIOR HIGH NEWS

Special dances will be held during the school year for the Junior High students. All students must be picked up at the school by their parents or an adult at the conclusion of each dance. These arrangements must be made in advance and indicated on the permission slip or the student cannot attend.

Also, Eighth Grade students will be receiving an invitation to attend High School Night. During this meeting, the local Catholic high schools will inform you of their curriculum and activities, and answer your questions. This evening is a perfect way to preview Catholic high schools as the search begins for where your child would like to apply. Additional information, dates, and locations will be forwarded to you as soon as it becomes available.

HONOR ROLL

We will utilize the Honor Roll for students in Grades 4 through 8 to provide encouragement to our students and honor their hard work and academic achievement.

Honor, Merit, and Achievement Awards will be announced quarterly. Certificates will be given and a list of students achieving Honor and Merit status will be posted in the main hallway.

<u>Grades 6-8</u>	<u>1st Honors</u>	All A’s and one ”B” in Religion, Social Studies, Science, Reading, English, Math and a “B” or higher in the special classes
	<u>2nd Honors</u>	All B’s or higher in Religion, Social Studies, Science, Reading, English, Math and special classes. <i>(Spanish, Computer, Music & Phys Ed)</i>
<u>Grades 4-5</u>	<u>1st Honors</u>	All A’s and one “B” in Religion, Social Studies, Science, Reading, English, Math and no “N” or “U” in any subject including all special classes.
	<u>2nd Honors</u>	All A’s and B’s in Religion, Social Studies, Science, Reading, English, Math and no “N” or “U” in any subject including all special classes.

PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK

The Parent/Student Handbook is available on-line. Parents will receive a “return and sign” form acknowledging that you and your child have reviewed and are aware of the school policies and procedures posted within the handbook. In addition, the teachers and principal in the classroom will review portions of the handbook.

CAFETERIA/PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION

Parents have the opportunity to volunteer in the cafeteria. Parent duty is from 11:50am until 1:10pm. Duties include wiping down tables after each lunch rotation, help students with food packages, keeping noise level at a minimum, and making sure not student leaves the cafeteria without permission. **Please contact office if you would like to volunteer.**

Students will rotate between lunch and recess during this time. Parent volunteers will need to arrive PROMPTLY at 11:45am and remain till 1:10pm. This schedule will require inside and possible outside supervision during the lunch hour. The teachers and assistants will follow a rotating schedule to be outside with students during the recess period.

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM & MILK TICKETS

The cafeteria will continue the same CASH procedure. Monthly menus are posted on-line. The amount for each item is listed on the menu. Simply send in the proper amount of cash each day with your child in Grades 1-8 to purchase a hot lunch or a la-carte item. Please be sure to look at the menus carefully as some of the prices have changed. The Kindergarten teachers will inform parents on lunchroom procedures, snacks, instructions for ordering milk, and participation in the hot lunch program.

MILK TICKETS will be sold on the FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH. The cost will be 20 tickets for \$5.00. A Milk Ticket Order Form will be sent home the first day of school and will be given on an as needed basis.

FRIDAY FAMILY EMAILS

SMS will continue to use a Friday Family Email for the 2018-2019 School Year. This program has streamlined communication between families and the school. On Friday you should expect to receive an email containing school and community correspondence that needs to be shared with families. The email will be **sent out at the end of the Friday school day**. This program has eliminated lost or misplaced forms, letters, and notices. Over the weekend, find time to review the contents of the Family Email and respond to anything that needs addressed. These responses or any concerns should be given to the child’s homeroom teacher the following Monday.

VIDEO TAPING

Videotaping will occur at SMS for educational purposes. If you have any questions, please speak to the principal.

EXTENDED CARE & PRESCHOOL DAY CARE PROGRAM

We will continue to provide before and after school care, providing children time for relaxation, snacks, physical activity, homework, or tutoring supervision when needed. The program is not an extension of the school day nor will it be an unstructured “baby-sitting” service. The hours will be 6:30-8:30am and 3:30-6:00pm on school days for students in Kindergarten through Grade 8. The Preschool Day Care is available every weekday between 6:30am and 6:00pm.

If you are interested in utilizing this program, please complete the registration form that can be found online, and return it to the school office along with the registration fee prior to using this service. Contact Mrs. Lake for questions regarding the Extended Care & Preschool Day Care Program at 440.234.7210.

FAMILY VACATIONS

Your child's daily **attendance at school is VITAL** to their academic success. Please refer to your annual school calendar prior to making vacation plans.

Many times parents ask for schoolwork prior to leaving for a vacation, however, much of the instruction in class is done hands-on, in groups, with a partner, and one-on-one with a teacher. None of these activities can be replaced with a worksheet. Worksheets are used in class for practice and as a way for the teacher to assess if the student has mastered the concepts that have been taught. So when a parent asks for worksheets, the student is only getting a very small part of the learning process that takes place in the classroom.

If you take a vacation during the school year, the teacher will provide you with work when you **RETURN** from your trip. All work should be completed and returned within one week or as specified by the teacher. Your child may need to miss several recess periods so that the teacher can address what was missed during his/her absence. Remember - when your child misses a day, he/she misses a lot!!!



2018- 2019 YEAR-LONG PAPER DRIVE

We are asking you to help us reach our paper recycling goals. Throughout the year St. Mary Catholic School collects newspapers, catalogs, magazines, paper, and old mail to the Green and Yellow Paper Retriever bins located in our parking lot. Money earned through this program helps defray some of our school expenses. Your help is appreciated!

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING & URGENT MESSAGES

SMS will continue to use email, telephone and television announcements to inform parents of emergency school closings. Remember, if Berea City Schools are closed – so is SMS. Please inform the school office when there are changes to your emergency contact information, i.e., telephone numbers or email address.

SMS will utilize (3) BLIZZARD BAGS as needed. Blizzard Bag procedures will be explained at the opening Parent Meetings.

TWO HOUSEHOLD FAMILIES

As stated in our Student/Parent Handbook, it is expected that parents will share all school information with each other for the benefit of their child. SMS does offer the opportunity for a parent living at a different address to receive a mailing of all progress reports and report cards. Contact the school office if you wish to take advantage of this mailing procedure. Please access our website for all school information www.smsberea.org

AS FOLLOWERS of CHRIST WE LIVE AS A CATHOLOIC COMMUNITY
TO LEARN AND TEACH IN WAYS
THAT WILL EDUCATE THE MIND AND NURTURE THE SOULS.



August/September 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

AUGUST

Wednesday 29
 Thursday 30
 Friday 31

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| A. Chicken Patty Sandwich \$1.25 | B. Hot dog \$1.00 |
| A. Bosco Cheese Sticks & Sauce \$2.50 | |
| A. Cheese Pizza \$1.25 | B. Pepperoni Pizza \$1.25 |

SEPTEMBER

Monday 3
 Tuesday 4
 Wednesday 5
 Thursday 6
 Friday 7

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| Labor Day - - - No School | |
| A. Nachos & Cheese \$1.25 | B. Turkey/Cheese wrap \$1.50 |
| A. Mozzarella Sticks/Sauce \$2 .00 | B. Corn Dog \$1.25 |
| A. Macaroni & Cheese Wedges \$2 .00 | B. Hot Pocket \$1.50 |
| A. Cheese Pizza \$1.25 | B. Pepperoni Pizza \$1.25 |

Monday 10
 Tuesday 11
 Wednesday 12
 Thursday 13
 Friday 14

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| A. Chicken Patty Sandwich \$1.25 | B. Hot Dog \$1.00 |
| A. Chicken & Fries \$2.50 | |
| A. Pretzel & Cheese \$1.50 | B. Cheeseburger \$1.25 |
| A. Cheesesteak Sandwich \$2.50 | B. Hash Browns \$1.25 |
| A. Cheese Pizza \$1.25 | B. Pepperoni Pizza \$1.25 |

Monday 17
 Tuesday 18
 Wednesday 19
 Thursday 20
 Friday 21

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| A. Chicken Patty Sandwich \$1.25 | B. Hot Dog \$1.00 |
| A. Corn Dog \$1.25 | B. Mexican Pizza \$1.25 |
| A. Bosco Cheesesticks & Sauce \$2.50 | B. BBQ Rib Sandwich \$1.25 |
| A. Meatball Sub \$2.50 | B. Corn Dog \$1.25 |
| A. Cheese Pizza \$1.25 | B. Pepperoni Pizza \$1.25 |

Monday 24
 Tuesday 25
 Wednesday 26
 Thursday 27
 Friday 28

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| A. Chicken Patty Sandwich \$1.25 | B. Hot Dog \$1.00 |
| A. Grilled Cheese Sandwich \$1.25 | B. Chicken Noodle Soup \$1.25 |
| A. Ravioli \$1.50 | B. Garlic Bread \$.50 |
| A. Mexican Pizza \$1.25 | B. Calzone & Sauce \$2.00 |
| A. Cheese Pizza \$1.25 | B. Pepperoni Pizza \$1.25 |

CAFETERIA SCHEDULE

August 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		29 E Jackson	30 C Haas	31 G Kast

September 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Labor Day	4 C Haas	5 E Jackson	6 D Smith	7 S Cardilino
10 S Goss	11 C Haas	12 J Luca	13 D SmithS	14 S Cardilino
17 P Popovich	18 J Steffan	19 J Luca	20 D Smith	21 G Kast
24 P Popovich	25 D Smith	26 S Goss	27 G Kast	28 J Steffan