



Dear St. Mary Catholic School Families,

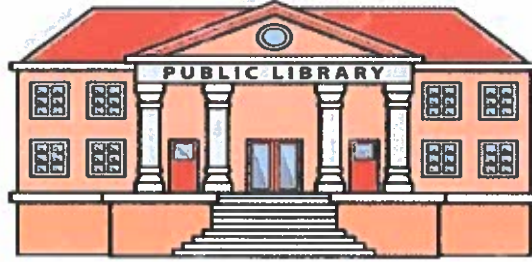
Please remember to mark your calendars for the following upcoming concerts...

- 1) The Christmas Band Concert will be held on Wednesday, December 19th, from 7-8:00pm at the **school gym**.
- 2) The Christmas Vocal Concert, for grades 3, 4, & 5, will be held on Thursday, December 20th, from 7-8:30pm at **St. Mary Catholic Church**.

Both are sure to bring some joy into your heart.

Sincerely,

Mr. Andrew Carner, Principal



Cuyahoga County Library - Berea Branch

Once Upon a Fairy Tale - A Great Lake National Puppet Theater Performance

(Ages 3 and up with a caregiver)

The magic of puppetry and storytelling come alive as the Great Lakes National Puppet Theater presents *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* and *Rumpelstiltskin*. **PLEASE NOTE:** Registration is required for all attending—children and caregivers.

Saturday, December 15th

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

STEAM Team: LED Art

(Grades 4-8)

Fourth through eighth-graders, want to light up your artwork? Get ready to create your own art with LEDs and simple circuits. Registration required.

Tuesday, December 18th

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Noon Year's Eve Celebration

(Ages 2 and up with a caregiver)

Families are welcome to celebrate the New Year early with a giant dance party. Ring in 2019 with music, a ball drop and a countdown at noon. **PLEASE NOTE:** Registration is required for all attending—children and caregivers.

Saturday, December 29th

11:00 a.m. – 12 noon

Lunch Bunch Book Club

(Grades 4-6)

Students in grades 4 - 6 are invited to enjoy a lively book discussion and a pizza lunch. The book *RESTART* by Gordon Korman will be available starting November 26th at the Berea Branch. So, pick up a copy, read the book, and join us for a great discussion on Saturday, January 5th! Registration required.

Saturday, January 5th

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.





Dear St. Mary Catholic School Families,

St. Mary Catholic School will be having an ugly sweater contest on Friday, December 21. Those choosing to participate need to wear a Christmas sweater appropriate for a Catholic School. One student from each homeroom will be selected, and then one final lucky winner will be determined and announced. This day is also a SMS dress down day.

Good luck and have fun!

Sincerely,

Mr. Andrew Carner

DID YOU KNOW:

Over 13 million children in this country go to school hungry each day?



Hungry Kids Are:

- more likely to miss school because of illness
- unable to sustain concentration
- likely to fall behind academically
- more likely to suffer from depression and anxiety
- prone to developing behavior problems

+ Food Insecurities

- A family that has enough money to buy groceries only three out of four weeks.
- Mom skipping dinner so her kids can eat.
- Choosing between buying groceries and paying the rent.

"There are food insecure and hungry kids in every congressional district and every demographic," according to Lucy Melcher, Director of Advocacy and Government Relations for the non-profit, **Share Our Strength**, which runs the **No Kid Hungry** campaign.

SMS Families Can Help!

Join us in helping the teachers of our sister school, **Metro Catholic in Cleveland, OH**. Students at Metro Catholic are coming to school hungry and the teachers try to fill their bellies the best they can.

During the month of December we will be collecting pre-packaged, pre-wrapped, healthy breakfast foods that these teachers can give to their students.

Foods such as granola bars, pudding or fruit cups, Belvita snack bars, protein bars or other *non-perishable* individually portioned breakfast items.

**Participate in the SMS BREAKFAST WARS:
The class that donates the most breakfast items will receive a Spudnut Donut reward!**

Won't you help? Send in your donation to St. Mary School by **December 21st**. It's as easy as adding just one item to your grocery cart the next time you go shopping. Thank you for caring.



For Gr. K-4

Eager Artists

St. Mary Elementary

Our award winning way of creating art-breaking projects down into simple steps— has been proven to actually help academic performance. We promote individuality, self-accomplishment and fun! We work with over 20 different mediums in a session, including 3-D and clay. New projects each & every week.

Winter projects include: Prismacolor Owl Families; Watercolor Winter Trees; Tigers in the Jungle; Cats on Transparent Rainbow Paper; Clay Chocolate Valentine Truffles & more.

All New Lessons EVERY Session!

Classes Held:

Thursdays

3:30pm-4:30pm

1/31– 3/7 Winter Session I

3/14– 4/11 Winter Session II

5/2– 5/30 Spring Session

(no class 2/7, 4/18 & 4/25)



Tuition:

\$210 for All 3 Sessions

\$140 Both Winter Sessions

\$75 Per Session



Payment Options:

enroll online at

www.creativeclasses.org

Visa, MC, Discover, Amex

(credit or debit)

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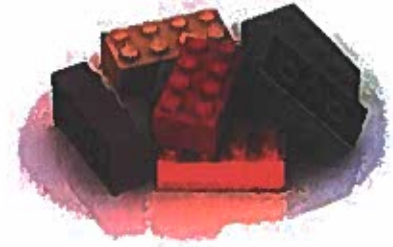
Questions? Call us at (216) 273-6900 or email us: info@creativeclasses.org

Eager Artists is held at the end of the school day in your school. We provide all the supplies and instructor. Pick up is at the front of the school at 4:30pm. If your child attends after-care at the end of our class, we will escort them to after-care.

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Saint Mary Lego Club

Who: Students in grades kindergarten through third

What: Structured and guided Lego building challenges. Children are responsible to provide their own Legos in order to participate.

When: Every Wednesday 3:30pm- 4:15pm

The first session will begin on January 16th

(More specific dates will be given once I know how many students are interested)

Where: Discovery Hall

Please return the below slip if your child is interested. Permission slips are due back by Wednesday, December 19th!

Space is limited.

Student Name: _____ **Grade:** _____

Parent Name: _____ **Signature:** _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email:** _____

Would you be interested in volunteering to help with Lego Club?

Yes or No

More information will be provided after winter break once I receive all permission slips. Thank you, Mrs. Schiele