



Saint Mary HASA News

Building Bridges Between You and the Classroom

December 2017

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Dear Saint Mary School Families,

The Christmas Season is upon us!

Saint Mary School students and faculty have been busy preparing for and celebrating the birth of our Savior. Mrs. Weidemoyer and our seventh grade put on a spectacular play 'Christmas De-Light'. Our students showcased their musical talents at the SMS Christmas Music Show, and Santa and his elves were busy at work preparing for the Secret Santa Workshop. As we head into the final week of school before the Christmas break, please join us on December 21st at 1:45 pm in the church for the annual Christmas Pageant. You do not want to miss this beautiful live Nativity performance.

Saint Mary School Home and School Association would like to take this time to wish you all a very, ***MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!*** May you enjoy this time with family and friends and may 2018 be filled with health, happiness and abundant blessings!

Peace, Joy, and Love,

Saint Mary School Home and School Board



Schedule of Events

1/5—9:00 AM School Mass

1/11—Science Fair

1/19 - March for Life,
Washington DC

1/19—6:30 PM HASA
Family Bingo

January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Classes Resume	4	5 School Mass	6
7	8	9	10	11 Science Fair	12	13
14	15 No School	16	17	18	19 March for Life HASA Family Bingo	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			
Catholic Schools Week						

Upcoming February Events

- 2/2—9:00 AM School Mass
- 2/2—Talent Show
- 2/10—Mardi Gras—Night at the Races
- 2/14—9:00 AM School Mass—Ash Wednesday
- 2/19—NO SCHOOL

SMS Students artwork will be on display at the Upper Perkiomen Library throughout the month of January! Be sure to stop in and view these beautiful pieces of art work!



SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE

SAB Members

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MARDI GRAS NIGHT AT THE RACES AND CASINO

SAVE THE DATE 02.10.18

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH • 6:00PM - 11:00PM
TO BENEFIT SAINT MARY CATHOLIC EDUCATION

GATHER YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS OR BRING YOUR SWEETHEART
A VARIETY OF SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE!!!
PURCHASE YOUR OWN HORSE FOR ONLY \$10 AND WIN \$50* IF YOUR HORSE WINS!!

ELECTRONIC RAFFLE ITEMS PREVIEW FROM 5:00PM - 5:45PM
COCKTAILS AND BUFFET DINNER 6:00PM - 7:00PM
RACES BEGIN AT 7:15PM • CASINO OPEN FROM 7:00PM - 11:00PM
INCLUDES BLACKJACK, POKER, ROULETTE WHEEL & CHERRY RIP-OFFS
MUSIC AND DANCING • 50/50 • ELECTRONIC RAFFLE ITEMS
AMAZING DOOR PRIZES AND SO MUCH MORE!!! STAY TUNED!!!

* THE MORE HORSES SOLD THE BIGGER THE CASH PAYOUT - MUST BE 21 TO ATTEND

Race For Education



We met our goal of raising \$35,000.00! Thank you all for your support of our first major fundraiser of the 2017-2018 school year!

A very special **THANK YOU** to Maria Tosco and the many volunteers who helped make this event a great success!



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MARDI GRAS NIGHT AT THE RACES AND CASINO IN SAINT MARY PARISH HALL!
A VARIETY OF SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE AT WWW.CHURCHOFSAINTMARY.ORG**


MUST BE 21 TO ATTEND OR TO PURCHASE A HORSE

**\$35 per person includes buffet dinner by French Quarter Bistro, 1 complimentary drink,
and a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of many door prizes!!!!**

Seating is limited so reserve your spot early! Visit www.churchofsaintmary.org




A GIFT FOR YOU!!!




**Looking for a great stocking stuffer or gift this
Christmas? Purchase a horse gift certificate for
only \$10 as part of our Night at the Races Event and
support Saint Mary Catholic Education! If the horse
you own wins the race, it pays \$50.00!**

**Gift certificates can be sent home through school
or picked up at the parish office.**

**See reverse side for the horse sale form and more details or visit
www.churchofsaintmary.org to learn more about sponsorships and to reserve your seat!**



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40 SPRING MOUNT ROAD, SCHWENKSVILLE, PA • 610.287.8156 FOR MORE INFO



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH • 6:00PM - 11:00PM
TO BENEFIT SAINT MARY CATHOLIC EDUCATION

HORSE SALE FORM - Please use one form per individual. Form can be copied if more horses are needed.

Each horse is \$10 and you can name your own horse. Be creative! Please consider purchasing a horse as a gift and naming it for each member of your family! **If the horse you own wins the race, it pays \$50.00.** Must be 21 to be a horse owner. **Get your horses early!** You do not have to be present to win! **Horse Gift certificates** are available in the Parish Office and must be purchased and named in advance of gifting. In order to receive gift certificate(s) by Christmas, horses must be purchased and named by December 20th and can be sent home through school or picked up in the Parish Office. To be included in the Race Program, please return completed form and payment by January 26th.

CHECK HERE IF THIS IS A GIFT

1. Horse Name: _____	Horse Owner: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Horse Name: _____	Horse Owner: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Horse Name: _____	Horse Owner: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
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19. Horse Name: _____	Horse Owner: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Horse Name: _____	Horse Owner: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please make checks payable to "Saint Mary Catholic School" and return completed form and payment to the school office marked "Night at the Races - Horses" or drop off or mail to:

Night at the Races, Attention Sandi Olzinski • 40 Spring Mount Road • Schwenksville, PA 19473

For more information contact: Sandi at 610.287.8156 or go to www.churchofsaintmary.org

Seller's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Student's Name and Grade (if applicable): _____

Number of Horses Purchased: _____ X \$10 = \$ _____ Amount Enclosed

Please send home gift certificates with my student. I will pick up my gift certificates at the Parish Office.

Every Student Counts. Every Gift Counts. Thank you for your Support!

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November Student of the Month

Congratulations to the following Saint Mary School students who were named student of the month for November.

- Isaac Shortall
- Violet Maine
- Joshua Goudsward
- Ivan Morales
- Anna Kost
- Angela Lista
- Isabel Berquist
- Christopher Amalfitano
- Tatiana Randolph
- Kate Kessler
- Ava Mauger

November's theme was 'Graciousness' as represented by Saint Anne.

Citizenship Essay Contest

Nathan Ponzek was honored at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia as one of the ten semi-finalists on December 14, 2017!

The Citizenship Essay Contest is an opportunity for 4th and 5th graders in the Philadelphia area to express themselves regarding a current issue facing our democracy. This year's challenge question was: "Should the Constitution of the United States be amended to impose term limits on members of Congress?" Nathan performed a skit of his essay along with the help of Kieran Brady, Andres Lugo, and Andrew Urban.

Congratulations Nathan!!

Calendar Contest Winner

Alana Swartz is one of the winners of the 2018 Drug-Free Calendar Contest. Her art work will represent the month of November in the 2018 Pennsylvania Attorney General's Drug-Free calendar. Fifth graders from across the Commonwealth were encouraged to compete in this prestigious Art award. On December 12, Alana and the other winners had lunch with the Attorney General in Harrisburg.

Congratulations Alana!!

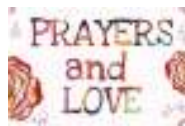
Secret Santa Workshop

SMS students had a great time shopping for family and friends on Friday, December 15th. A lot of time and effort went into preparing for this event. We would like to thank Karina and Steve Barzousky, Karen and Matt Gribosh and the following volunteers who made this event possible!

- Amy Missimer
- Dana Schuler
- Jill McCafferty
- Kim Jones
- Jen Satalin
- Nancy Lugo
- Andrea Schiele
- Vanessa Platt
- Alicia Kirby
- Karin Flanagan
- Maria Tosco



Thank you!



On Wednesday, January 13th a tragedy struck the Schwenksville community. A house fire started in the home of Bryan and Tracy Lukens. Bryan Sr, Tracy and their daughter Sofia were able to escape the fire. Sadly, their two young boys, Bryan Jr. and Parker, did not make it out of the fire.

Our Saint Mary School and Parish Community have organized special collections over the past week to help provide monetary support to the Lukens Family. Please continue keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Saint Mary HASA email address has changed! You can reach us via email using the following address:

hasasaintmary@gmail.com



“SHOES FOR A CAUSE”

Dear Friends,

Saint Mary Catholic School is excited to announce that we are partnering with Funds2orgs, a social enterprise company that provides developing nations with gently used or new shoes so that these nations can create their own economic opportunities; while providing a socially responsible way of repurposing gently used or unworn shoes and helping our environment.

WHAT IS NEEDED: Shoes of all types are acceptable. From flip flops, bedroom slippers, sneakers, all sport shoes, and yes we will take your high heels! Basically anything you put on your feet (excluding SNOW BOOTS) The shoes you donate to this drive should be in good condition meaning that the soles are intact, they have laces (if necessary) there are no holes, they are dry and clean, and still have life in them. ***(If you wouldn't give them to a friend, then they are not worthy to submit with our collection.)***

WHERE TO SEND: If your child attends Saint Mary Catholic School you may send your shoes to school with them in a plastic bag. Collections will be made in the classroom. For others there will be large plastic containers by the front door of Saint Mary School for drop off. Please put all shoes in a plastic bag.

WHY: Saint Basil the Great quoted:

**“The shoes in your closet that you don't wear belong to someone else”
We are asking you to please pass your shoes forward!**

WHEN: Our shoe drive officially kicks off on Tuesday, January 2, 2018, in celebration of Saint Basil the Great's feast day, and will end on Wednesday, February 28, 2018.

HOW IT WORKS: The shoes we collect will be added to other shoes collected in North America and shipped to developing nations all around the globe to supply micro-economies.

GOAL: Our goal is to collect **2,500 pairs** of shoes. The “Shoes for a Cause” event will benefit the Enrollment Office of Saint Mary Catholic School.

Thank you for your generosity.

Suzette Moyer



CYO News

For everything CYO
check out the
website!

www.stmarycyo.com

Basketball season is in
full swing!!!

Come out and
support the Spartan
basketball teams!

All the schedules are
posted on the website!!

Friday Night Lights 2018

January 5th—*Triple header!!!*

- * Varsity A Boys
- * Varsity A Girls
- * Varsity B Girls

January 12th

- * Varsity B Blue Boys
- * Varsity A Girls

January 19th

- * JV A Boys

January 26th

- * Varsity B Girls
- * Varsity B White Boys

Come Out and Show Your Support!

Saint Mary CYO donated proceeds from the December 16th home basketball games to the fund set up to assist the Lukens family.

All proceeds from the January 5th Friday Night Lights games will also be donated to the Lukens Family Fund. Come out and support your Saint Mary Spartans and the Lukens Family.

<https://www.gofundme.com/lukensfamilyfund>

