

Mission Statement: We partner with parents providing a Catholic school rooted in the gospel teachings of Jesus Christ, modeled by Mary our mother, encouraging a virtuous life following the Catholic faith and pursuing academic excellence.



MARIAN MESSENGER

February 6, 2020

Week –At – A - Glance

Friday, February 14, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 6 ❖ Special Hotdog lunch preordered ❖ 2:00 K-8 Valentine's Day Parties ❖ 3:15 Children's Choir
Monday, February 17, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Morning Prayer; gr. 7 ❖ NO SCHOOL PRESIDENT'S DAY
Tuesday, February 18, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 7:30 Band gr. 5 ❖ Salsarita Lunch ❖ 4:30 Girls' JV and Varsity Basketball Home vs. St. Paul ❖ 6:30 Kindergarten Parent Meeting for 2020-2021
Wednesday, February 19, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Lilli Vera Shadowing in gr. 7 ❖ 8:30 Primary Mass; gr. 4 ❖ 9:30 Morrone Family Tour ❖ Super Builders Robotics Team 4 Cancelled tonight for reconciliation ❖ 6:30 1st Reconciliation for 2nd Gr.
Thursday, February 20, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 7:30 Band grs. 6-8 ❖ PreK-3 only PJ Day

	❖ \$1.00 pizza slices pre-buy today ❖ 9:00/9:45 Adiska Dental Visit PreK ❖ 11:15 Adiska Dental visit gr. K ❖ 1:30 Adiska Dental Visit gr. 1 ❖ 3:15 Chess Club ❖ 3:15 Homework Help
Friday, February 21, 2020	❖ Abby and Anna Adams Shadow grs. 4 and 2 ❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 5 ❖ 3:15 Children's Choir
Saturday, February 22, 2020	❖ 6:00 Fabulous 50's Auction

LUNCH INFORMATION

Grades 6-8 Lunch 11:30-12:00

Grades K-5 Lunch 12:05-12:45

Please provide your students with everything they need to eat their lunch; plate, eating utensil, napkin, drink, condiments

WE CAN USE ANY DONATIONS OF PAPER PLATES (ANY SIZE) AND EATING UTENSILS (Any time the kids put something in the microwave, we need to put a paper plate under it according to the health department. We go through a lot of paper plates! Your help is greatly appreciated.

Principal Notes



2020-2021 Kindergarten Parent Meeting: We will be holding a Kindergarten Informational meeting for new Kindergarten students on Tuesday, February 18,

at 6:30. Anyone who has a student that will be in kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year should plan to attend this meeting. You will have the opportunity to meet Mrs. Long, our Kindergarten teacher, and learn more about our wonderful program. Parents will sign their child up for screening on Monday, March 2 and pick a time to meet with Mrs. Long to discuss the screening results on Thursday, March 5.

If you are unable to make the meeting, please call the school office to set up your screening time and to make your appointment with Mrs. Long. 734-878-5616.

AUCTION NEWS: *THE FABULOUS 50'S* ***AUCTION FEBRUARY 22, 2020!***

The Fabulous 50s AUCTION is February 22nd at 6pm! Come and invite your family and friends. The cost is just \$25 each for a night of fun and dinner! It's time again for our annual auction. Don't miss out on all the fun as we head back to the 1950s.

Please take a look at the auction volunteer sign up on the board in the gathering space. Our biggest needs are kitchen prep on Friday and Saturday February 21-22 and check-in/out and entering bidding data at the event on Saturday February 22.

Remember if you sign up to help you can still come and eat, drink, party and BID!! It's going to be a great time for everyone so we hope to see you all!! AND, in just in case you are worried about how to do your hair 1950s style...see below!



And check out these helpful hair tips!

How To Do 1950s Hair: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ms_Weuljoe8

Six Vintage 1950s Hairstyles: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zM4IRkrB1fw>

Three Easy 50s Hairstyles: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z5vQehx2ftU>



2020-2021 Enrollment: Families will be automatically re-enrolled in grades Kindergarten to Seventh grade for next year UNLESS you notify the school office by March 13th. Enrollment fees will be billed to family accounts starting April 1 or 15 depending on when you chose to be your billing date. **Families will receive 2 tuition statements in April.** Please write two separate checks for that billing period. One check for the current school year with your current account number on it and one check for the enrollment fees with the NEW account number on it. Remember they change the account number from year to year so be sure to check the account number to avoid SMART charging a late fee.

ENROLL NOW

Virtue of the Week

COURTESY meaning: Treating other people with respect, recognizing that all are made in God's image and likeness

LOOKS LIKE: Letting others go first. Letting others speak first. Making eye contact. Holding the door for another. Picking up a dropped item for someone

SOUNDS LIKE: You can go ahead of me. You can ask your question first. Silence. Let me hold the door for you. Let me get this for you.

JOHN 20:2-6

So she ran, and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Peter then came out with the other disciple, and they went toward the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first; and stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in.

St. Mary School Scholarship: The St. Mary School Scholarship is now available in the school office. If you would like to apply for this scholarship, please come to the school office to pick one up. Application are due to the school office no later than 12:00pm on Friday March 20, 2020. Please know that all applications are kept in the strictest confidence. Only the scholarship committee sees the applications.



DIOCESE OF LANSING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION NOW

OPEN! The Diocese of Lansing Scholarship program is a need-based assistance program. Need is determined by an independent, third party service, F.A.C.T.S., which makes its assessment based on income and tax information.

However, the FACTS application does have a section that offers the family to list any changes in their financial situation, *and these are taken into consideration by the individual schools.*

Grant Criteria eligibility for all grants:

Families must complete a FACTS financial aid application online **on or before March 1, 2020.**

Student must show a financial need of at least \$750.00

The Student must be Catholic, attend a Diocese of Lansing school, and belong to a parish in the Diocese of Lansing.

Diocese of Lansing Grants available for the 2020/2021 school year:

Diocese of Lansing Grant:

Grades K-8 \$750.00 per student
Grades 9-12 \$1000 per student

The Venerable Augustus Tolton Scholarship:

Grades K-12 \$500.00

In addition to the Grant Criteria for all grants, student must be African-American or Black and show a need of at least \$500.00

All grant applications must be completed by March 1, 2020 online through FACTS. By completing the FACTS application, you are applying for all grants available through the Diocese of Lansing. No need to complete an application for each grant.

You will receive a determination letter by May 30th. If you received a grant, your school will be notified and the grant will be sent directly to your school in October of 2020.

Other types of scholarships and grants also are available, depending on your school or parish. We encourage all families to meet with the tuition advisor of the school in which they intend to enroll so that all avenues of financial assistance can be explored.

Applying for Financial Aid

There is a \$30.00 fee payable to FACTS through their online application process. Applicants can complete the online form by clicking the FACTS link here: <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>

The link will be available December 1, 2019 and will close March 1, 2020. The **deadline for applications is March 1, 2020**. *After March 1, 2020 please contact your school directly.*

Once the FACTS online form has been completed, the following information will need to be submitted to FACTS:

- Copies of your most recent Federal tax forms including all supporting tax schedules and W2's.
- Copies of supporting documentation for Social Security Income, Welfare, Child Support, Food Stamps, Workers' Compensation, and TANF.

All supporting documentation must be uploaded online through the FACTS online form.

If you have questions about the financial assistance process through FACTS, you may speak with a FACTS Customer Care Representative at 1-866-441-4637 or Diocese of Lansing, Financial Aid Advisor, Mrs. Renee Fischman at 517-267-2107.

It would be great to have families from our school be able to receive this scholarship. The money that we put into Witness to Hope is where this money is coming from. It would be great to have it come back to help our families. I know it costs \$30 to apply, but if you win the scholarship; it is worth it. You can also apply to the St. Mary Scholarship as well. Applying for one does not mean that you can't apply for the other. (The St. Mary scholarship will not be ready until after the first of the year.)

Peace, Veronica Kinsey

CLASSROOM NEWS

MRS. LONG'S KINDERGARTEN CLASS

The kindergarteners can hardly believe that we are halfway to first grade! Last week we celebrated the 100th day of school! We made special shirts with 100 items on them and wore them to celebrate! We also wrote numbers to 100,

wrote about what we would do if we had \$100, built towers with 100 cups, and so much more. It was a great day!

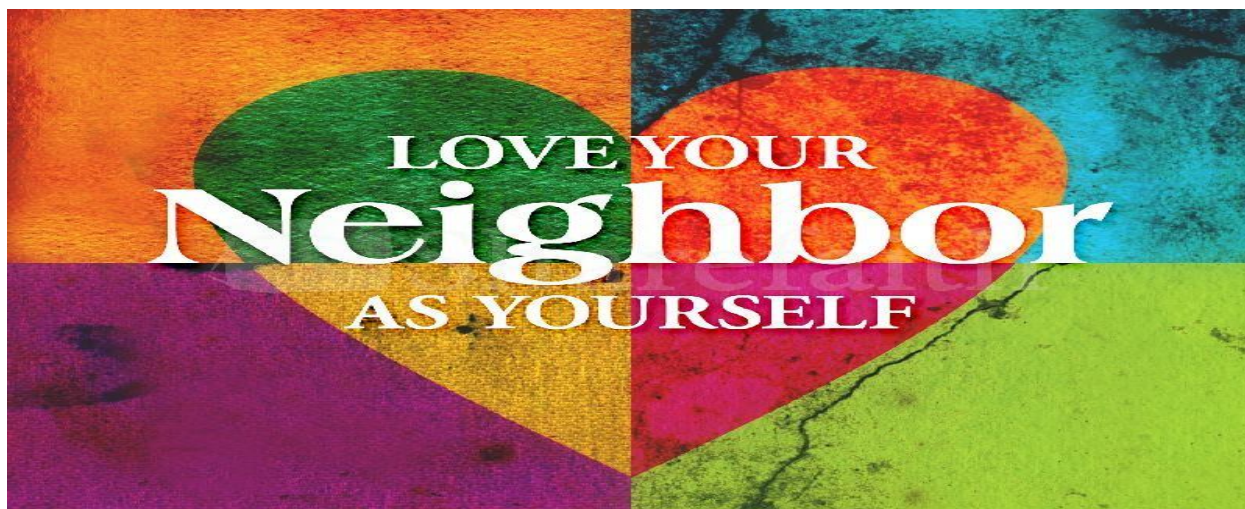
The 100th Day of School



We are just finishing up the chapter on addition in our math books. We have learned that when we add we join together two groups and figure out how much we have in all.

We have also been learning about force and motion. We have been experimenting to see what happens when we apply force (and different amounts of force) to an object. We have also been experimenting with what happens when two objects collide. We discovered that when objects collide they either stop, change direction, or change speed.

In Religion, we are learning about showing love to our neighbors. We have been specifically focusing on Mark 12:31 “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” and talking about what that means.



We have also been learning about sounding out words and stretching words out to spell them independently. We also work on sight words and have learned more than 20 words already!



Did you hear? Next week is the Kindergarten Informational meeting for next year's kindergarteners. The meeting is Tuesday, February 18th at 6:30pm. Please spread the word to any and all families with incoming kindergarteners!

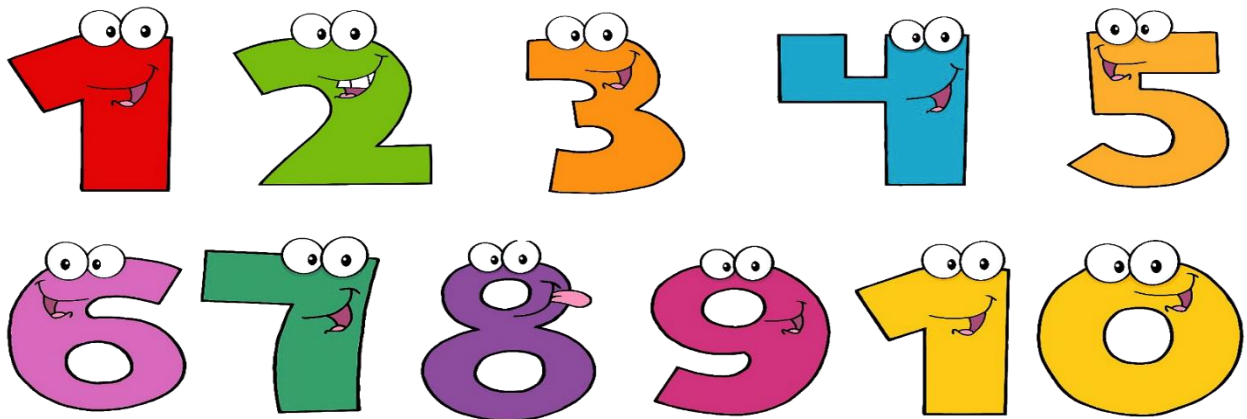
MRS. STODART'S PREK-4 CLASS

It is hard to believe we have entered the second half of the school year. Winter has proven to be an exciting time for the preschool students! Recently, we have had a great time outside enjoying the weather. God is good to give us beautiful snow to play in!

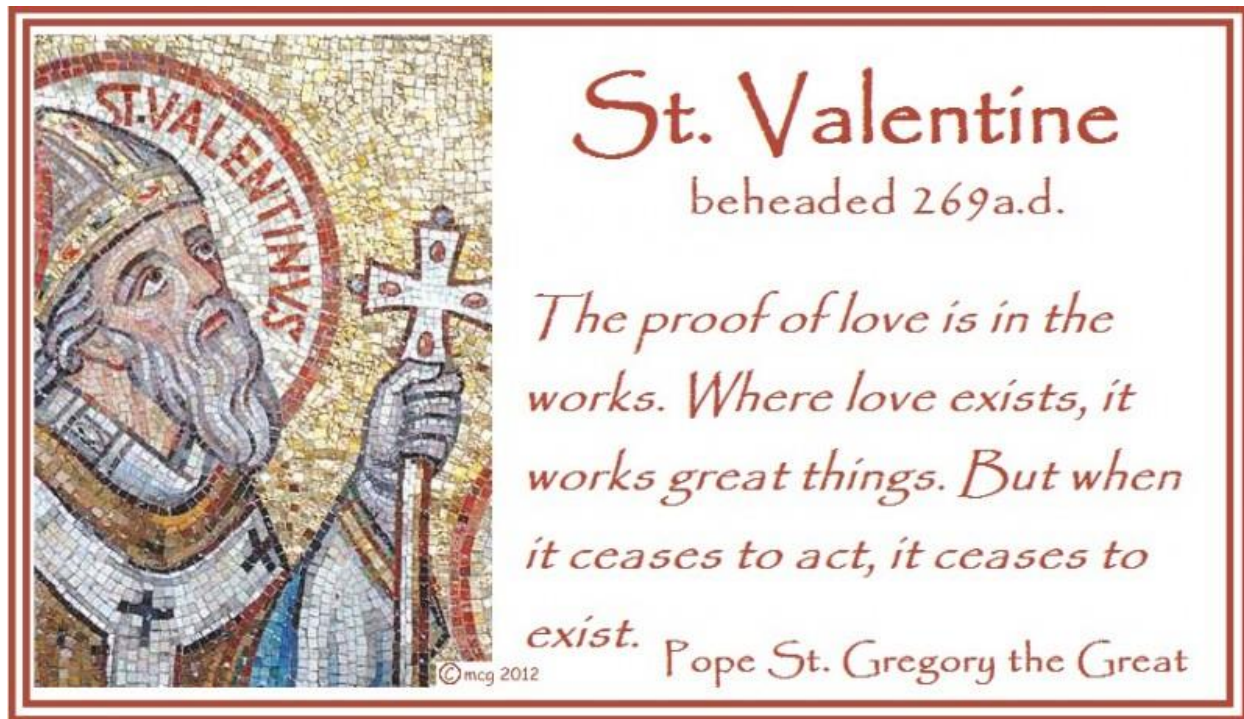


In honor of Catholic School's Week in January, the preschool class participated in the themed days planned for the school and had a great time! We enjoyed Fitness Day and LOVED having the middle school students teach us new exercises!

The preschool and 4th grade class work together every Wednesday morning. During this collaborative learning time, we work on basic skills such as writing numbers/letters, counting, identifying shapes, listening to stories read by the 4th graders and participating in special projects. You can find our latest project displayed in the hallway outside of the preschool classroom. The theme was "Changing the World with Our Own Two Hands". We learned about different ways we can help others and make a difference in the world.



We continue to explore our Catholic faith daily with books, prayers, conversations and in naturally occurring situations. Our curriculum, derived from; God Made the World, helps us to focus on important key concepts. In January, we explored winter weather and focused on the concept “God Makes the Weather”. We are also learning about Saint Valentine and love.



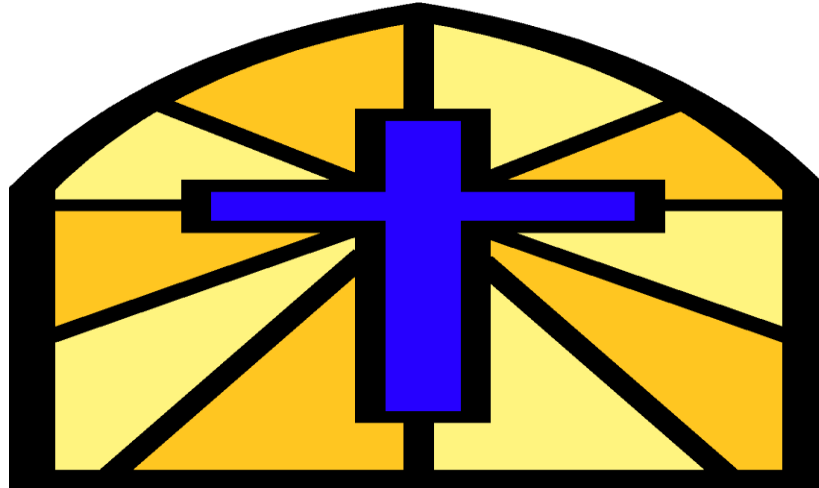
Currently, we have a POST OFFICE set up in our dramatic play area! The children are enjoying stamping, weighing, mailing, delivering and sorting mail. This has provided a great opportunity for the students to explore math and literacy through hands-on learning.



It is this time of year, when we can really see the student's progress. They have been working hard and having fun! I am confident the remainder of the school year will be filled with just as many exciting opportunities for learning.

Beth Stodart and Pamela Prosniewski

Four-Year-Old and Five-Year-Old Class



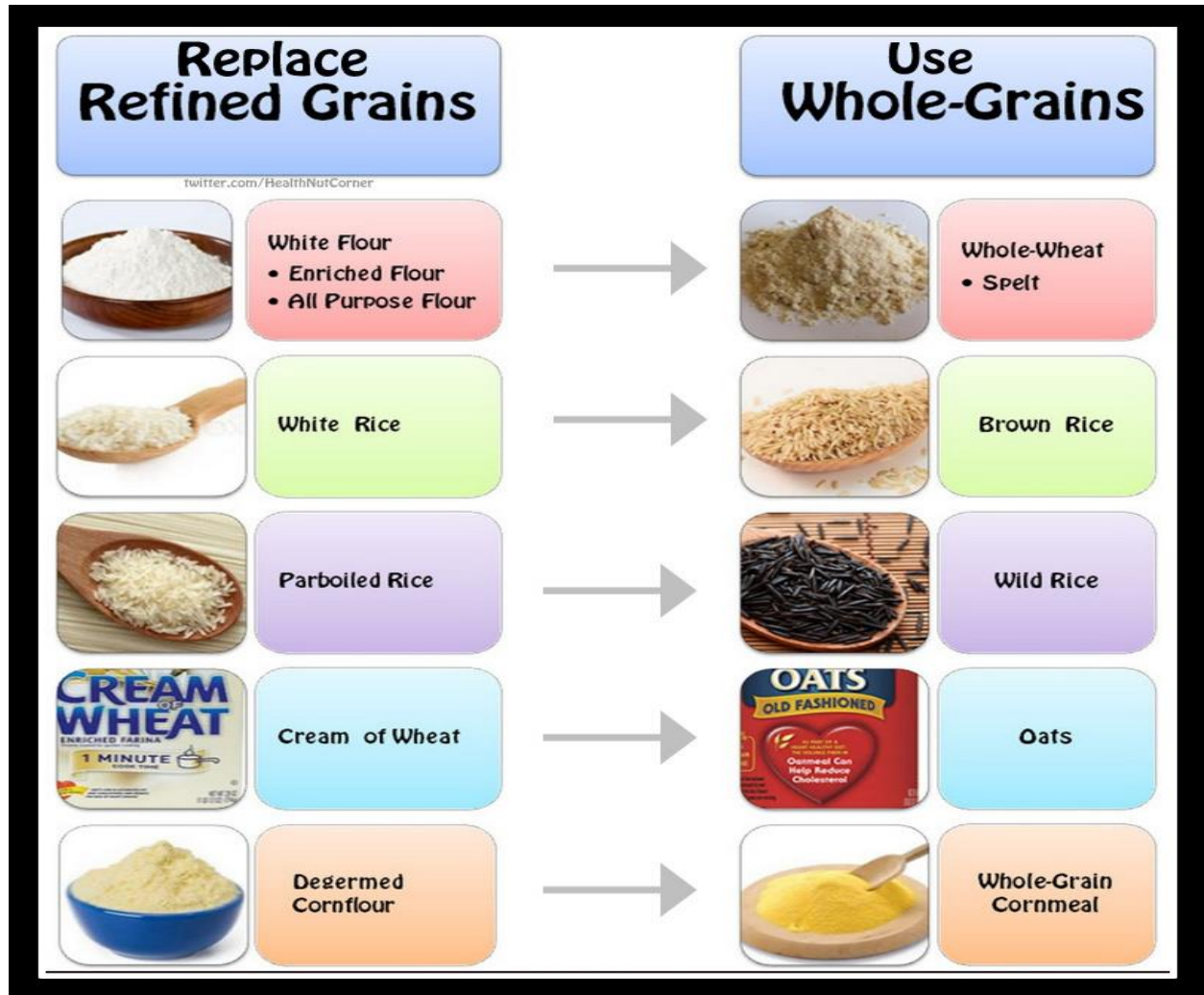
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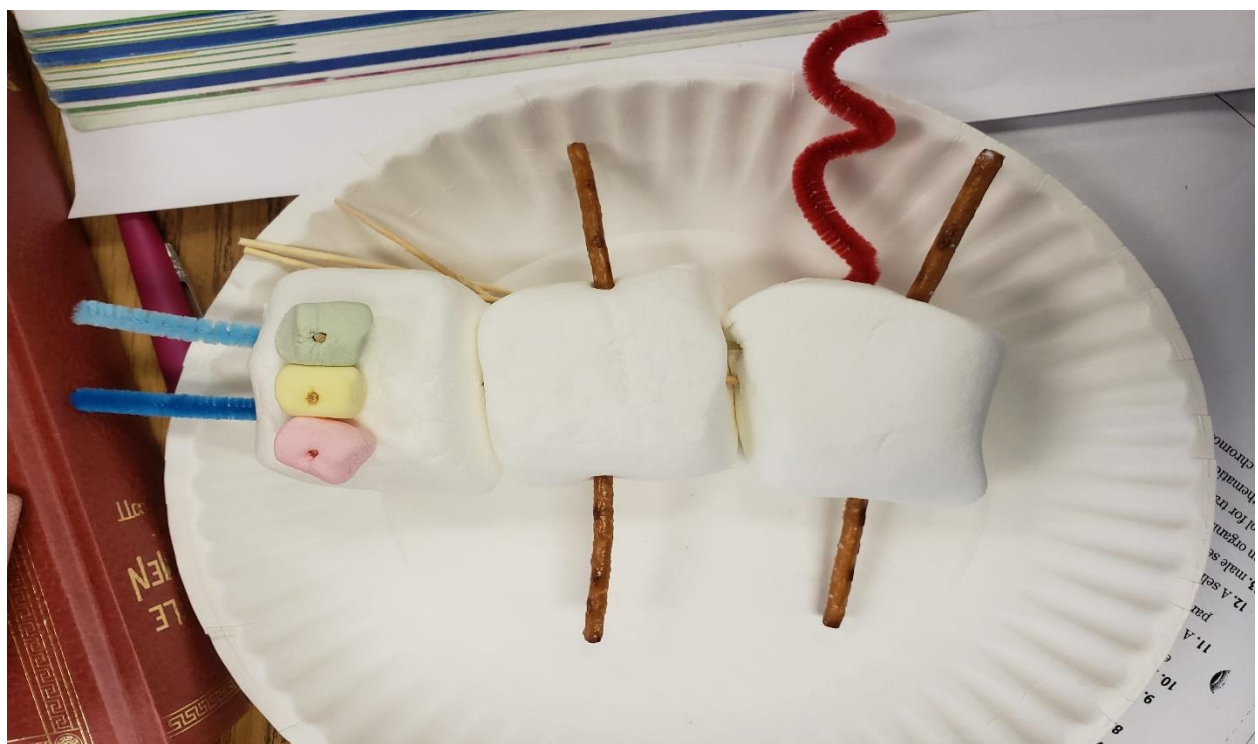
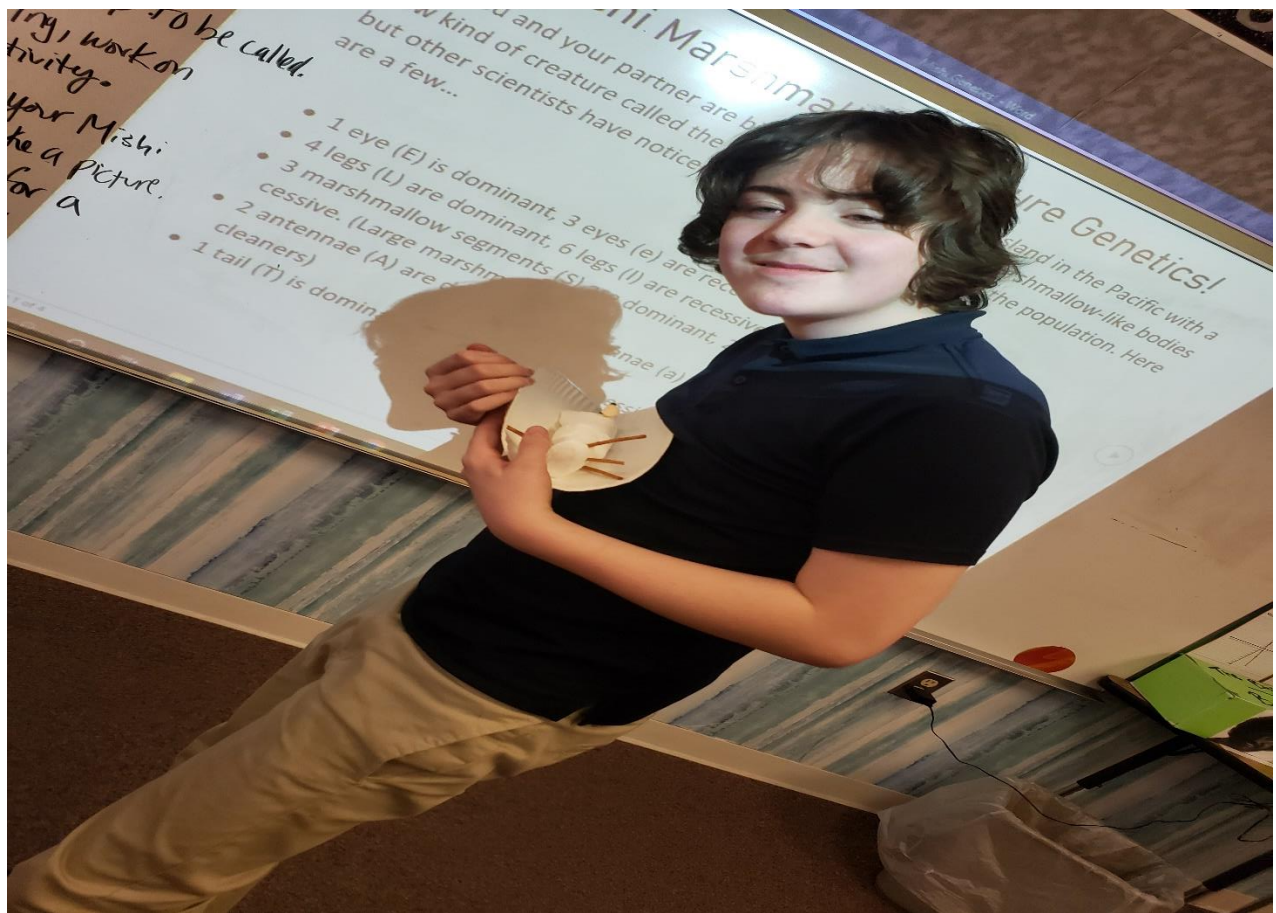


Welcome to
Preschool

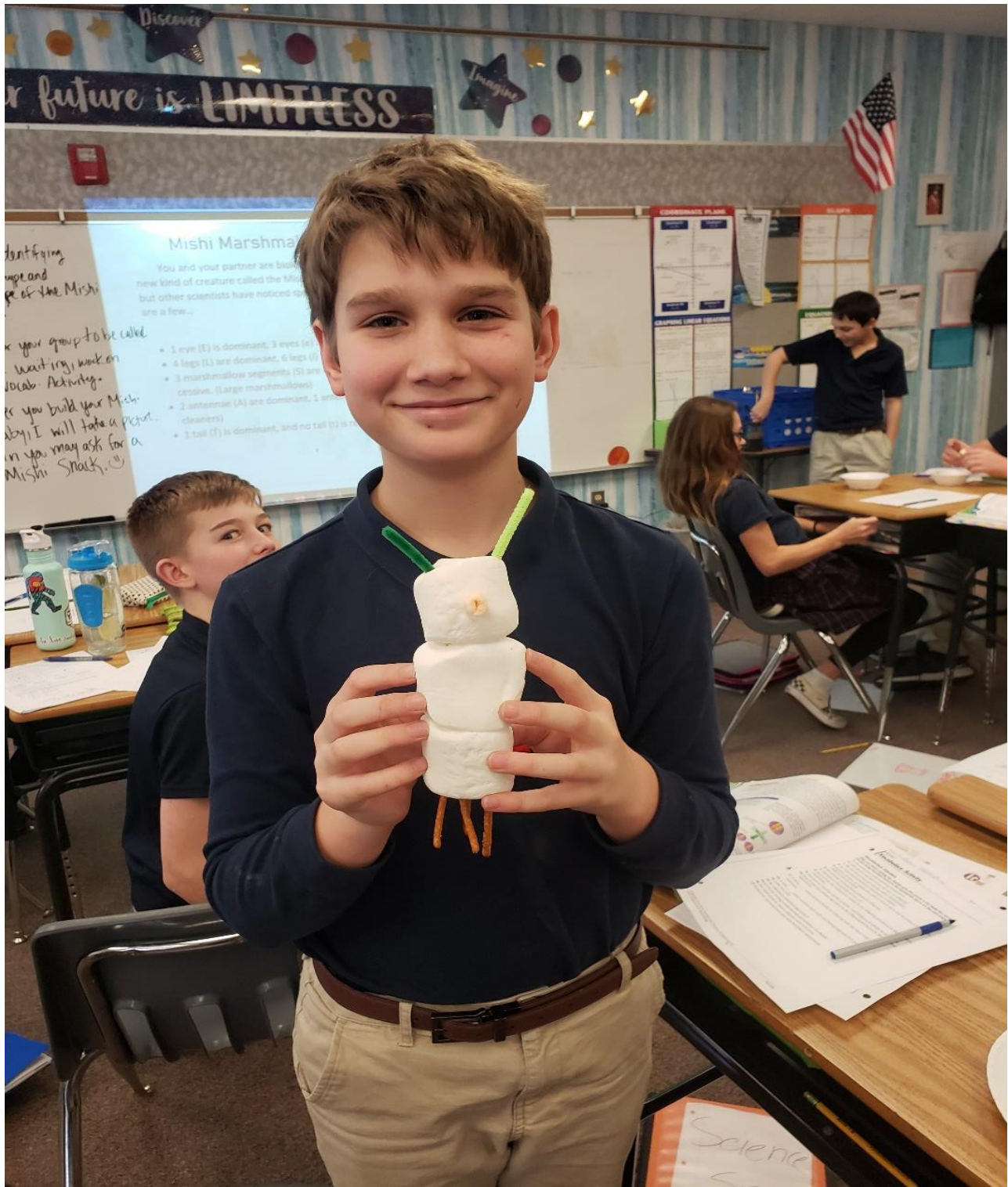
2020-2021 Preschool Enrollment for current families will take place on Monday March 2nd. Open enrollment will take place on Wednesday, March 4th. Registration packets are currently available. Parents must have all registration papers and deposit turned in to be completely registered and save their spot in the classroom. Children ages 3, 4, and 5 **MUST** be independent in the bathroom and completely out of diapers and pull-ups as we are licensed as a “Preschool” program and not a “daycare” program.

Project Healthy Schools Wellness Tip: Whole grains contain important antioxidants that are not found in fruits and vegetables, as well as Vitamins B, E, magnesium, iron and fiber. Eat some whole grains every day!





The 7th graders made baby Mishi Marshmallows from their Mishi genetics activity.



RECESS FUN!





Carry this thought in your heart as a guide for your faith journey this week.

Sirach 15: 15-20 Psalm 119: 1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

1 Corinthians 2: 6-10 Matthew 5: 17-37

God's wisdom has been established from the beginning. The Holy Spirit energizes the believer. By the grace of God's love, the Spirit illumines and reveals that wisdom to us.

Moses received the Commandments from God. In the person of Jesus, the Mosaic Law is fulfilled. We have a new teacher, the Lord, who instills within us the New Law, the Law of Love.

- Are all laws of equal importance? Why or why not?
- What are some examples?

- What determine the importance of laws?
- What are the consequences of following or not following the laws?
- Do consequences only matter if one is caught breaking the law?

Freedom: A Gift to Be Used Wisely

God gives human beings freedom to choose how to act. We have the capacity to decide for or against something. We can engage in specific actions and be responsible for them. Free will is the mechanism by which we grow and mature in truth and goodness. When our free will is disciplined for the Kingdom of God, we can achieve a blessedness of life.

It is possible, however, that a person exercising free will in a given situation ends up choosing evil rather than good, and therefore sins. The sin of Adam and Eve is the prime Scriptural image of humanity's failure to use free will according to the plan of God. Human history is replete with examples of individuals and groups who chose evil and sinfulness again and again, which has led to all sorts of diabolical situations and wretched outcomes.

Contemporary culture extols freedom, at times idolizing it as if it is the highest value and goal of human life. It is definitely something to be valued and cherished. But it is not the endpoint of our existence. God is. When human beings do whatever they like, without reference to God and his kingdom, humanity easily becomes self-centered and disfigured by sin.

The Gospel in Life

In this Gospel account, Jesus invites those who listen to a deep interior conversion of heart and mind. Mere exterior conversion of heart and mind, mere exterior compliance with the law of Moses is not sufficient. Interior compliance to do what is good is found in the heart. Love is the basis for good actions. Jesus teaches us to exercise our free will responsibly. In this sense love is the heart of God's law.

God is love, and he who
lives in love, lives in God
and God in him. 1 John 4:16



#SamCooke #WhatAWonderfulWorld

Sam Cooke - What A Wonderful World (Official Lyric Video)

Recorded March 2, 1959

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7.5M views



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1.5M views



Bill Withers - Lean On Me
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The O'Jays - Under The Boardwalk
10/11/1972
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1950s Attire Encouraged!

Prizes for Most Nifty Costume!

Gourmet Burger Bar at Dan's Diner!

\$25 per Ticket

Buy Tickets at www.StMaryPinckney.org/Auction

Proceeds benefit St. Mary School

Dinner - Cocktails - Live & Silent Auction - 1950s Tunes

St. Mary Parish
Men's Club Presents
**FRIDAY
FISH
DINNER**



**Serving From
4:00-7:00 PM**

MENU

- Baked or Beer Battered Fried Fish
- Choice of Potato (French Fries, Scalloped or Baked)
- Beets, Cole Slaw
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Cut Veggies, Jell-O
- Homemade Rolls
- Homemade Desserts
- Milk, Coffee, Tea, Punch

**For Our Younger
Guests**



**Individual Size
Cheese Pizza**

**Join us each Friday during Lent
February 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3**

Adults \$11.00 Seniors \$10.00
Children \$5.00 (Under Age 12)
Family \$37.00 (Immediate Family Only)

Take-outs Available!

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St. Mary Parish
Men's Club Presents
**COUNTRY STYLE
BREAKFAST**

**Sunday March 1, 2020
From 8:30am to 11:00am**

FREE WILL DONATION

**Proceeds to be used for Parish
Kitchen Maintenance**



50/50 Raffle

1ST Prize Half the POT!

Two Chances - 2nd Prize

1 Pass for 2 to Any

**ST MARY LENTEN
FISH DINNER**

AREA'S BEST MENU!

Eggs - Scrambled or Fried
Hash Brown Potatoes
Homemade Biscuits
Sausage Gravy
Quiche, Pancakes
French Toast
Raisin French Toast
Ham
Pork Sausage Links
Toast-Regular & Raisin
Coffee, Tea, Milk,
& Orange Juice

**NEW
Breakfast
Burrito!**



**And of Course the
Waffle Station!**

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