# St. Margaret Mary Elementary School

March 10, 2021

St. Mary Catholic Schools
Grades P3-12
A Community Inspiring Success

"The fruit of silence is prayer; the fruit of prayer is faith; the fruit of faith is love; the fruit of love is service; the fruit of service is peace." St. Teresa of Calcutta

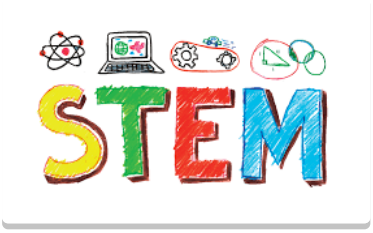
## Welcome Mrs. Schira

Hello! I am thrilled to be your new Administrative Assistant! I've been an assistant at a healthcare organization and a financial institution, so working in a school is new to me. My husband John recently retired from his position as a Detective at the Appleton Police Department. We have one son, Guner, who we adopted at the age of 4 from Kazakhstan. He is a senior at Stockbridge High School and will be attending college at Fox Valley Tech and pursuing International Relations, Spanish and Aviation. Pets are part of families too, and we have a calico cat named Nisse, which means mischievous elf in Danish. Her name perfectly describes her personality. Make sure you check out her portrait in my office! I like to fish, do genealogy, explore museums and historical buildings, and I collect Chinese antiques. I also love to travel and have been to over 30 different countries and lived in both Spain and Denmark. I am a Wisconsin native, however I do speak both English and Spanish. I look forward to getting to know all of you!

## Serving one another with love

Ashley Lunty, 6th Grade Science & Social Studies Teacher at St. Mary Catholic Middle School; a mother to 3 children in our St. Margaret Mary community is currently serving active duty for the U.S. Army Reserves and stationed in Poland. Ashley's expected return to her family and our SMCS community will be middle of May. Her husband, Scott is currently managing their 3 children while Ashley serves active duty.
To show support for Ashley and help Scott as he manages the family, please consider volunteering to deliver a meal to the family through sign-up genius.https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4EAEA629A0FD0-lunty
Otherwise, if you want to show you support, you can also make a donation of your choice for a collection to provide the family with food service Gift cards. Please return any monies to the school office in an envelope labeled *"Lunty Family Collection"* by March 25th as we plan to have it arranged before the end of the month.

Thank you for any support you can provide and prayer for Ashley as she serves our Country.
"Small things with Great love" St. Teresa of Calcutta
Andrea Atanasoff




## STEM Saturday 2021

**March 27, 2021 9 a.m., Virtual**
**Join in a celebration of STEM with virtual demonstrations and fun at-home learning opportunities for all ages!**
**- Learn from industry experts and explore hands-on activities at home.**
**- Explore curricular and co-curricular STEM opportunities.**
**- Meet our award-winning SMCS Robotics teams.**
**- Tour SMCS facilities virtually.**
**- Participate in friendly STEM competition with your design, and have chance to win prizes.**
**Register at www.smcatholicschools.org/stemsaturday by March 19 to receive your FREE take-home activity kit and to participate in STEM Saturday on March 27.**

## SMCS 2021-22 student registration is now open!

All families, both new and returning, will be asked to complete SMCS registration for the 2021-22 school year. You will be asked to **create a new account** and then complete the registration form **for each student** who will be attending SMCS in 2021-22. Registration fees are $75/student for those registered by March 31 ($225 max/family). Registration fees increase to $100/student after March 31 ($300 max/family).
https://smcatholicschools.myschoolapp.com/app#login/apply
Tuition assistance applications for 2021-22 are available. http://smcatholicschools.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Tuit_Assist_Application_2021-22.pdf Please submit the application by March 15 for priority consideration.

**Wisconsin Parental Choice Program**

The WPCP allows eligible students to attend a participating private school tuition-free. The private school receives a state aid payment for each eligible students. Eligibility is based on the student grade level and household income. Please contact Shelley Wautlet (swautlet@smcatholicschools.org) for more information.

## INTRAMURAL GIRLS VOLLEYBALL 4TH AND 5TH GRADE

The program will begin on Monday, April 12 and will run through Thursday, May 20. The teams will practice on Mondays and Thursdays (5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.) for the first few weeks. As the season progresses, Thursdays will become our game days. All practices and games will be scheduled at St. Mary Elementary School.
Intramural teams will be formed by combining a mix of students from our three elementary SMCS campuses. This will allow us to balance the number of students on each team. Each student will receive a t-shirt for participating.
Please click on the link to sign up.

https://tcces.ejoinme.org/MyPages/IntramuralGirlsVolleyball4thand5thGrade/tabid/1136555/Default.aspx

## Camp Tek

Registration is open for summer camp at Camp Tekakwitha! If you're looking for an exceptional Catholic summer experience spent soaking up God's great creation through outdoor adventure and community, Camp Tek is just the thing. Feel welcome to email camptekakwitha@gbdioc.org or visit camptekakwitha.org for questions and further information. Come join us!"

## Please review the COVID-19 policy

Please click on the link for system updates regarding COVID-19 https://smcatholicschools.org/covid-19-reporting-protocols/

**Per our SMCS policy, if anyone in your household is awaiting a test result, symptomatic or asymptomatic, your SMCS student must stay out of school until the they receive results.** If you have any questions please contact our COVID Screener at **920-716-7139 or email** studentsafety@smcatholicschools.org

We continue to follow the state mask mandate and overall students and staff are doing a great job following these rules and procedures. Just a reminder, it is important that students have a clean mask each day. It is also helpful if they have one or two extras in their backpack for changing half way through the day. Thank you for your efforts in keeping everyone safe.

When filing your 2020 state tax return, taxpayers may use WI Schedule PS to claim their private school tuition payments up to $4000 for each dependent child in 5-year old kindergarten through grade 8, and up to $10,000 for each dependent child in grades 9-12. Consult your tax professional for more details and for information on claiming preschool and prekindergarten payments. Tuition statements for the 2020 calendar year have been mailed for families to determine the amount paid in 2020.

## Looking Ahead

**Wednesday, March 17**
St. Patrick's Day- Out of dress code

**Friday, March 19**
No School- End of the Quarter

**Monday, March 22**
No School-Professional Development Day

**Liturgy on Thursdays at 8:00 a.m.**

## Join our SMM Facebook group to connect with families and get up to date information

https://www.facebook.com/groups/393212171474787/?ref=bookmarks

We post lots of pictures from the school day on our private FB page, join us!

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