

SAINT MARY'S BUZZ

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CONGRATULATIONS, MRS. POLLY LOUGEN !

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JANUARY'S VIRTUE: *JOY*

*May our children be filled with the JOY given by the Holy Spirit!
1 Thess. 1:6*

OUR JANUARY SERVICE PROJECT:

**Visit the Sick: Project Linus Blankets, and
Hygiene Items for Mercy Hospital's *Grace Guest House***

COME CHEER OUR FUTURE CITY TEAM ON!!!

We hope that you will join us to cheer our Future City team **this Saturday, January 21st** at Mount Saint Mary School. They'll be presenting their project: the city of *Hofu Retto* in the year 2121 on the island of Hashima in the East China Sea, **at 11:00 a.m.** The students have been meeting since August to learn about the engineering design process and project management cycle in order to create a solution to this year's challenge "The power of public space". With these tools and their imaginations, the team has researched, designed, and built an innovative system of public spaces for the residents of the fictitious city: *Hofu Retto*.

Members of the Future City team are *Mia Burgio, Kathryn Luick, Samuel Pohle, Matthew Schule, Allison Zelazo, Gianna Mistretta, Marissa Funari, Jordan Carlson, Bridget Gedeon, Francis Eskra, Ashley Hooton, Nathan Jarosz, and Haley Strycharz.*

Many thanks to Mrs. Julie Leong, our FC moderator, and our engineering consultant, Mr. Paul Kluczynski (a St. Mary's parishioner), who is completing his third year working with the team! Do well!!

SISTER SHEILA MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

Many thanks to our Athletic Director, Kristina Young, our tournament coordinator, Tom Romano, our snack coordinator, Andrea Pohle, and ALL the faculty, parents, 8th Grade students and TEAM PLAYERS who made this year's tournament a success! A great time was had by all! Special congrats to our Boys' Varsity team members, who brought home the 2nd Place trophy!

JANUARY 25th GIFT GATHERING PARTY

See the flyer below for details of our January 25th Gift Gathering Party for the ***SPRING FOR SUCCESS AUCTION GALA!*** Shop the Premier Designs NEW jewelry collection and have a great time while you're at it!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK BEGINS ON JANUARY 29!!!

Our week of celebrating Catholic Schools begins on Sunday, January 29th with the 11:15 Mass, followed by our **Open House from 12:15 – 2:30 p.m.** SMS students will be lectors at Mass and guides through the school that day! During the week, we have a number of activities planned for our students, including “Bring a Parent to Lunch Day”. And don’t forget to join us for the SMS closing ceremonies on Sunday, February 5th, beginning with our student Mass at 9:00 a.m., followed by our annual **Family Pancake Breakfast** in the gym! All the festivities and dates for lunch guests are included in the schedule below, so be sure to look it over and get ready to celebrate with us!!

JEANS DAY NEXT WEEK

On Wednesday, January 25th, we’ll be having a \$1 Jeans Day to help fund our Project Linus blanket building activity that takes place during Catholic Schools Week.

PLEASE REMEMBER RE-REGISTRATION

In preparation for our Open House on January 29th, at which time we open enrollment to new applicants, we are **re-enrolling** now! Please hold a classroom space for your children by completing the **Re-Enrollment Form and returning it ASAP!** We’ve received forms from 62% of our families so far! Please, please, please, let us know your plans for next year so that we may accurately count available classroom spaces for new enrollees! Payment for re-enrollment may be made anytime up through January 27th at the \$125 per family rate, or at the \$150 rate thereafter. Thank you!

NIAGARA CHOCOLATES

Niagara Chocolate Candy Sale begins tomorrow, January 20th and goes until February 10th. Packets containing order forms and instructions regarding pick-up and payment will be sent home Friday with the youngest child in your family, please check backpacks. Dates will also be on the school website calendar for your reference. Any questions, please call Eileen Jarosz at 716-481-3176. Thank you and we look forward to another successful year!

SAVE THE DATES ☺!!!

Be sure to mark your calendars for Miss Young’s Annual St. Mary School Ski Trip on **Saturday, February 4th**. A registration form is attached.....

Snow Me the Money is scheduled on **Saturday, February 11th**.....Raffle tickets were sent in the mail and are still available through the school or the rectory! Register for babysitting on SignUp Genius!

And don’t forget to.....



SAVE THE DATE!
St. Mary's Community presents our
Spring for Success
Dinner Auction and Gala
Saturday May 13, 2017
Brookfield Country Club

Only 250 tickets are available and this event sold out last year, so be sure to reserve your tickets early!

Tickets will go on sale at the beginning of March.

Would you like to help make this event a success?
Consider donating an item or experience.

We are also looking for event sponsors. Please contact StMarySpringforSuccess@gmail.com to inquire about sponsorship opportunities!

HSA NEWS

We NEED Lunch Monitors: Please consider volunteering any time you can to help with school lunch periods; once a week or once a month could be so helpful. All you need to do to start is stay up to date with *Protecting God's Children* bulletins. *Connie Masci is our wonderful Lunch Monitor coordinator who can put you on a quick path to being a part of your child's favorite time of day, LUNCH and RECESS!!! Find out how you can help by contacting Connie Masci at [716-741-2881](tel:716-741-2881).*

BUNCO Game Night: FRIDAY, January 20th at 7pm in the Cafeteria

There will be no HSA meeting, just a fun fast paced dice game that is all luck with no skill involved. Never played before? No problem! It's an easy game and we will show you how to play! There will be pizza, beer and wine for the parents and babysitting will be provided for the children. Snacks and a movie will be given and the kids may wear their PJ's for cozy movie night! The teachers donate great prizes for the kids whose parents attend! **Please contact Heidi Sutt via call/text [716-417-7132](tel:716-417-7132) no later than Thursday** if you plan to attend. ***This is not a drop off event.***

SKATING PARTY: Friday, February 10th

Our annual skating party will be held at the Northtown Center in Amherst from 1:30 - 3:20. The cost is \$5 per family and the money will be collected at the event. There is an additional \$3 fee for skate and helmet rental. All proceeds will be donated to the Skating Association for the Blind and Handicapped (SABAH) including the "Jeans Day" passes available for \$1.

Please contact event chair, Colleen Nettina, at 863-3504 or colleen.nettina@roadrunner.com if you have any questions.

SNOW ME THE MONEY RAFFLE: Saturday, February 11th

Don't miss our annual cash raffle this year from 6pm to 8pm. Once again, this year we are featuring *J&L Boulevard Barbeque*, hometown favorite *Chef's* and *Sassi Cakes* cupcakes food trucks. Tickets to purchase food will be at the event. Your \$50 raffle ticket includes admission to the event along with craft beer from *Rhorbach Brewing Company*, wine and pop (cost is \$10 admission without a raffle ticket purchase).

Two special raffles for the evening will be a chance at the "Best of Buffalo" gift basket and an enlarged, professional drone photo of St. Mary's students in the new logo. ***You MUST be present at the raffle to win one or both of these prizes!!!***

NIAGARA CHOCOLATE CANDY SALE: Packets/order forms are coming home January 20th. This is perfect way to support our school, a local business and buy candy for those Easter baskets. **Please contact Eileen Jarosz at janiej6@verizon.net** if you have any questions.

RSVP to Nicole Pavlovich to attend her Premiere Jewelry Gift Gathering Party to support the Spring for Success 2017 Auction Gala.

LIVE AUCTION CHAIR:

The Auction committee is also seeking someone to take on this role. If you or someone you know may be interested in this position, **please contact event chair, Amy Jensen, at glaam82@gmail.com** for details or questions.

UP AND COMING AT SMS ☺:

- **Awards Dinner for Mrs. Lougen.....Thursday, January 19th**
- **BUNCO Night!.....Friday, January 20th**
- **JEANS DAY for PROJECT LINUS.....Wednesday, January 25th**
- **Open House for New Enrollment.....Sunday, January 29th**
- **Catholic Schools Week.....Sunday, January 29th - Sunday February 5th**
- **School Families Breakfast.....Sunday, February 5th after 9:00 Mass**
- **School Ice Skating Party.....Friday, February 10th after noon dismissal**
- **SNOW ME THE MONEY.....Saturday, February 11th**

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: COMMUNITIES OF FAITH, KNOWLEDGE & SERVICE

<p>Sunday, Jan. 29th</p>	<p>SCHOOL MASS AT 11:15 a.m. – <u>IN UNIFORM</u> Student Readers/ etc. OPEN HOUSE from 12:15 to 2:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Monday, Jan. 30th</p>	<p>CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY – <u>PAJAMA DAY!</u> 7th GRADE TO FINDING NOAH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Linus with Buddies in Gym & School Video @ 12:45 p.m. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>MONTESSORI - BRING A GUEST TO LUNCH!</p> </div>
<p>Tuesday, Jan. 31st</p>	<p>CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS – <u>CLASS COLOR - JEANS DAY!</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Montessori – Rainbow • Kindergarten – Pink • Grade 1 – Green • Grade 2 – Yellow • Grade 3 – Red • Grade 4 – Blue • Grade 5 – Teal/Seafoam Blue • Grade 6 – Purple • Grade 7 – Neon • Grade 8 – Black <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>K/3/6 BRING A GUEST TO LUNCH!</p> </div> <p>Morning Assembly: Mount St. Mary’s “Gem Tones” @ 11:00 a.m. Afternoon Assembly: Buffalo Museum of Science @ 1:00 p.m.</p>
<p>Wed., Feb 1st</p>	<p>CELEBRATING FACULTY, STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS <u>SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR – JEANS DAY</u></p> <p>All School Pep Rally @ 12:45 in Gym Grade 7/8 Volleyball Game @ 12:45 p.m. Grade 8/Faculty & Staff Volleyball Game @ 1:15 p.m.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>1/4/7 BRING A GUEST TO LUNCH!</p> </div>
<p>Thurs., Feb. 2nd</p>	<p>CELEBRATING OUR NATION – <u>RED/WHITE/BLUE - JEANS DAY!</u> Mont. – Grade 3: Healthy Choices Magic Show at 1:00 p.m. Grades 4-8: Homeroom Surprises @ 1:00 p.m.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>2/5/8 BRING A GUEST TO LUNCH!</p> </div>
<p>Friday, Feb. 3rd</p>	<p>CELEBRATING OUR FAITH – <u>DRESS UP DAY</u> A decade of the Rosary in Thanksgiving for SMS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Father at 7:55 a.m. prayers • Hail Mary at Mass and every bell (Drop everything and pray!) • Game Show for Grades 4-8 @ 1:00 p.m. • Homeroom Surprises for Mont. – Grade 3 @ 1:00 p.m.
<p>Sunday, Feb. 5th</p>	<p>CLOSING CEREMONY – <u>IN UNIFORM</u> 9:00 a.m. Students’ Mass (student Choir/Readers/Gift Bearers/etc.) 10:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast!!!!</p>

Please come to the H.S.A.
BUNCO and Family FUN Night!

Friday, January 20, 2016 at 7pm in the Cafeteria and Parish Center

Parents are invited to play BUNCO with the adults in the cafeteria. You say that you have never played Bunco? No problem! We'll show you how. Ask your children about the great prizes, donated by Mrs. Aiken and their teachers. **The younger children will be treated to a supervised movie and P.J. party in the parish center. The older children will have a different movie and games also in the parish center.**

Refreshments will be served to all. (This is not a drop off event.)

Please fill out the following so that we may plan accordingly... clip and return the bottom portion of this note to the office by Tuesday, Jan. 17. Attention H.S.A. Bunco/Family Fun Night.

Name _____

Number of Adults _____

Number and ages of children _____

Any children with food allergies? _____

*Gift Gathering Party
to benefit*



Spring Auction

Come join us
on
Wednesday,
January 25th
anytime
between
6:30-8:30.

Shop the
Premier Designs
NEW jewelry
collection for
yourself or for
gifts, and
St. Mary's will
get baskets for
the auction AND
a monetary
donation!

Stop by 6280 Crosswinds Ct, E. Amherst
at your convenience.
RSVP to Nicole 716-481-0930

Please Join Us For The *Catholic Schools Week* Family Mass and Pancake Breakfast Sunday, February 5, 2017

Please join us for **9 a.m. Mass** followed by a *relaxing breakfast* in the **Parish Center Gym** with other school friends and families.

The Breakfast Menu

We will be serving pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs, home fries, juice, coffee, tea, milk, fresh fruit, mini-bagels, cream cheese, and assorted pastries.



Parking

Please park in the **Swormville Fire Station parking lot** to allow space for those attending the 11:15 a.m. Mass.

St. Luke's Mission of Mercy

Please bring a donation of canned goods or non-perishable food items for **St. Luke's Mission of Mercy**.

RSVP

To join us, please return this section completed with your donation in an envelope marked "**Family Breakfast**" to the school office by

Friday, January 27, 2017.

The _____ family will be attending with
_____ adults and _____ children.

Requested donation: \$5 per adult and \$3 per child



St. Mary School
SWORNVILLE

SKI TRIP

Join Us !!!



Where: Holiday Valley

When: Saturday February 4, 2017

Time: 9:00 AM

*Costs: 8hr lift ticket \$40 (7-11yrs)/\$54 (adult)
Ski, Boots, & Poles Rental: \$21/\$27
Snowboard & Boots Rental: \$25/\$29
Helmet rental: \$9
Lessons: \$31 (available @ 10:30 am or 1:30 pm)*

Full payment will be due by January 30, 2017

If interested, please fill out the RSVP slip below. Family and friends are invited. This is not a school event. However, it is a great chance for you to ski with people from school. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Rental forms will be distributed after the RSVP forms have all been received. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Miss Young
pehealth@stmaryschoolswornville.org or 689-8424

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FEBRUARY 4, 2017 SKI TRIP RSVP

Family Name _____ Best Contact Phone Number _____

Please complete the chart below with names and costs. Please total each individual and enter the Grand Total Due here: _____

Individual Name(s)	Lift Pass	Helmet Rental	Skis & Boots Rental	Snowboard & Boots Rental	Total Due

THIS FORM IS DUE ON JANUARY 4, 2017