

Catholic Schools Week
is Coming
January 26-31
Please Stay Tuned
for Details

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January 12th Confirmation meeting 6-8 pm in the FLC

Feast, The Baptism of our Lord
January 12, 2014

Calendar of Events



01/08 HSA Meeting
7:00 PM

01/10 Mass 10:10 AM
12:30 Dismissal

Recess Duty

The Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

01/08 Smith (4)
Baird (8)
Jackson (1)

Almighty, eternal God, when the Spirit descended upon Jesus at his baptism in the Jordan, you revealed him as your own beloved Son. Keep us, your children born of water and the Spirit, faithful to our calling. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

01/09 Jeffrey (6)
DeFour-Barber (3)
Riddick (Newby) (6)

01/10 No Recess
01/13 Holland (7)
C. Royster (8)
Carpentier (5)

01/14 Azevedo (7)
Burnett (K)
Riddick (Newby)

Happy New Year and Great Gratitude
 The faculty and staff offer heart felt gratitude to Mr. Hoffman and the entire HSA for the bonuses presented by Mrs. Pla at our Christmas party. Her warm comments of appreciation, on your behalf, were well received and greatly appreciated.

HOT LUNCH



March For Life
 Our eighth graders will be "Marching for Life" on Wednesday, Jan. 22. We have a bus dedicated for this eighth grade "field trip." Other children from others grades are welcome and encouraged to march. Unfortunately, we won't be able to accommodate non-eighth graders and parents on the school bus; however, the parish has a bus dedicated for this purpose. If you are interested, please call the rectory: 301-627-3255.

01/08 Giron
 01/09 Carrington
 01/10 12:30 Dismissal
 01/13 Solomon
 01/14 Addison/ Oladipo

Virtues

January's Virtue is PEACE.

Since the beginning of the school year students have been given ideas and discussed individually and as a group how to continue to make St Mary of the Assumption the best place it can be for learning. January's peace talks will include developing a positive routine, forming a good conscience and self control. This month we will especially be focusing on thinking carefully before reacting and speaking.

Did you know that an exciting thing happens at the end of each month! Certificates are presented to students who have best demonstrated that months virtue.

Please remind your child that every student has an opportunity to receive this award. Hopefully this is their month!

Mrs. Newman, Counselor

Thanks

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!



Many people were happy to receive the large Christmas boxes we filled with gifts from our school. The eighth grade under the leadership of our Art Teacher,

Mrs. New also prepared Christmas cards for one of our receiving centers.

Daniel Clark, Grade 8 assisted me with delivering our collected items to the following places:

Manor Care Health Services, Largo

Fort Washington Health and Rehabilitation Center, Fort Washington

Clinton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Clinton

Bradford Oaks Center, Clinton

Forestville Health and Rehabilitation Center, Forestville

Crescent Ridge Adult Day Health Center, Oxon Hill

Golden Age Adult Day Care Center, Bowie

Evelyn Cole Senior Center, Seat Pleasant

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT -

Directors at many centers stated that their residents would also appreciate time spent with them whether it be small or large groups. Centers also welcome gift items throughout the year to use as Bingo prizes.

A BIG THANKS to everyone who made this project a successful one!

Mrs. Newman-Counselor

ECP

*ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL
EXTENDED CARE PROGRAM*

DROP-IN TENNIS

MONDAYS

4 WEEK SESSION

\$65.00 (Pay in Advance)

3:00 p.m.-3:45 p.m. (Grades 3-5)

3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Grades 6-8)

4:30 p.m.. – 5:30 p.m. (Grades Pre-K-2)

4 WEEK SESSION – MONDAYS:

January 13th

January 27th

February 10th

February 24th

QUICK START TENNIS

Join in the Fun!

Student's Name _____

Grade Level _____

Parent Signature _____

HSA Hours Program

St. Mary's Families -

According to the St. Mary's Policy Handbook, all families are required to volunteer a minimum of 20 hours during the school year. Families not fulfilling their obligation will be charged \$20 per hour not worked.

This has been the policy at St. Mary's for many, many years.

There are several St. Mary's families that did not fulfill this obligation last year. The school administration, in agreement with the HSA and the SAB, has decided that any unfulfilled obligations, as of the end of the 2012-2013 year will be charged to these families. Families will be given a "make-up period" until 12/31/2013 to fulfill last year's obligation. In January 2014, any remaining 2012-2013 school year obligation will be charged through the TADS system.

Please review the attached list and find your family's name. If there are 20 hours listed by your name, your obligation for the 2012-2013 school year was fulfilled. Thank you for your service! For all other families, the list shows how many hours you worked, how many are still owed and the financial equivalent of those hours. Again, you have until **12/31/2013** to work these hours, or you will be charged through the TADS system.

Please note, your obligation for last year and this year should not be confused. You must still fulfill this school year's obligation of 20 service hours by May 2014.

There are many opportunities to complete service hours! Please consult the current school newsletter for our upcoming fundraisers and other opportunities. If you have special skills such as website design, plumbing, carpentry, painting, etc., please contact Sue Ervin. We may have volunteer opportunities to fit your skill set.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Steve Showalter, Principal

Sue Ervin, School Advisory Board Chair

Dennis Hoffman, HSA President

HSA

****Volunteer/Service Hour Opportunities Available****

Here is a quick guide to what's available and who to contact.

Remember, you need to earn 20 HOURS before the end of May 2014, so you will not be charged.

I'm going to try to get this on the website and keep updating it for the newsletter every week.

If you have any other opportunities, please send them to Nicole Werbeck at quinnwerbeck@verizon.net.

Thank You,
Nicole

Book Fair (Jan. 27 – 30, 2014)

Contact Sr. Joyce at srjoyce@stmaryum.org or 301-627-4170

Mardi Gras Dance (Sat., Feb. 22, 2014 at 6:30 pm)

Contact Paula Boccabello at poola89@aol.com or (410) 867-3736 and Tamera Campbell attcampbell@stmaryum.org

Pizza Bingo (Sat., March 1, 2014)

Contact Sue Ervin at susanervin@hughes.net

Career Day (Thurs., May 1, 2014)

Planning is underway. Contact Renee Dearing for more information at rrsdearring@yahoo.com or Brenda Joseph.

Run for Literacy St. Mary's 5k (Sat., May 3, 2014)

40 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. We will be having a volunteer planning meeting in the multi-purpose room at 6 pm on Wednesday, Dec. 11. Contact Carlos Pla for more information at mountain_hiking@yahoo.com

Field Day (Fri., May 16, 2014)

This event usually takes place from 8 am until 12:30 pm at school. Contact Sarah Hernandez at shernandez@stmaryum.org

HSA

****Volunteer/Service Hour Opportunities Available** Cont'd**

Other opportunities:

CYO

Become a head coach, assistant coach, Boy Scouts, Youth ministries, fundraise, concessions at basketball games, etc. Opportunities are available now. Contact Dan Craig (adcraig@msn.com) or Bryan Quinn (bquinn@umd.edu)

School Play

Barbara McCreary is looking for help with Spring play. Contact her at Barbibaby66@yahoo.com

Teachers

Check with your child's teacher. They may have things you can do from home, too.

School Office

Check with Tamera Campbell (tcampbell@stmaryum.org) or Sharon Bookwalter (sbookwalter@stmaryum.org)

Aftercare

Check with Dr. Camp about her new initiatives and see where she needs help or expertise. (drcamp@stmaryum.org)

Scholarship Opportunities

Fine Arts Scholarship Opportunities - Bishop McNamara High School

8th Grade students who are applying for admission to Bishop McNamara High School can apply for Fine Arts Scholarship in the areas of Dance, Music, Theatre, and Visual Arts

All Students interested must register online by January 10th, at 12:00 noon.

New this year - Students can audition on Piano, Guitar, and Drum Set.

Registration and more info at www.bmhs.org

BISHOP MCNAMARA

CYO

Earn HSA Hours by working CYO Concessions on Saturdays and/ or Sundays through February.

Must serve a minimum of 2 hours.
Please contact Chandra Cartledge @
joyrob04@aol.com
Or Juanita Crampton @
jy.crampton@verizon.net

Box Tops



THE BOX TOPS CONTEST

IS

BACK!!!!



Start collecting those Box Tops and dropping them off in the Box Tops Collection Box located in the school lobby.

Please list your child's name and grade on your plastic baggies so that their class gets the proper credit. All submissions by families with multiple children will be split evenly amongst the children.

First Place Winner – Rita's Ice Party

Second Place Winner – Donut Party

You may also use the attached Box Tops Collection Sheet to submit your Box Tops. **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:**

FEBRUARY 21, 2014

Chandra Cartledge, Box Tops Coordinator/joyrob04@aol.com



SCRIP

Christmas is just around the corner! Want to do your holiday shopping without the hassle and crowds? Do you want to support the school with your gas and grocery purchases?

Then buy Scrip Gift Cards!

There are 3 easy ways to place an order:

1. Send in the order form (attached) with payment in your child's folder
2. Place an order online at www.shopwithscrip.com using enrollment code 8231A98D152L. You can either pay online with PrestoPay or send in a check.
3. Email scripfundraising@gmail.com with your order and send in a check with your child.

In addition to the regular cards, we also have the following cards in stock for the holidays:

AMC Theaters (\$25)
Barnes and Noble (\$5)
Champs (\$25)
Dick's Sporting Goods (\$25)
Dominos (\$10)
Game Stop (\$25)
Gap/Old Navy (\$25)
IHOP (\$25)
Jcpenney (\$25 and \$100)
L.L. Bean (\$25)
Lowe's (\$25)
Michaels (\$25)
Pinkberry (\$10)
Sports Authority (\$25)
Target (\$10)
TGI Fridays (\$25)
Toys R Us (\$20)

We also have beautiful holiday gift card wrappers for \$0.20 each (please indicate on order form how many you would like).

Of course you can always place a special order for one of the hundreds of other cards available through the website, just allow 1 week for the card to come in, or get it instantly with ScripNow (a printable e-gift card)!

SCRIP

St. Mary's Scrip Gift Card Order Form

Orders sent into School will be filled on Mondays and Thursdays

Your name: _____ Daytime phone #: _____

Your Email: _____ Students Name/Grade: _____

Retailer (% earned by St. Mary's)	Value	Quantity	Total
Grocery/Warehouse Stores			
Giant (4%)	\$100		
Giant (4%)	\$25		
Food Lion (5%)	\$100		
Food Lion (5%)	\$25		
Safeway (4%)	\$100		
Safeway (4%)	\$25		
Walmart/Sam's Club (2.5%)	\$25		
Target (2.5%)	\$25		
NEW Target (2.5%)	\$10		

If you do not see what you are searching for on this form, over 400 businesses are listed online at www.scripwithscrip.com. Please note that special orders take about a week to fill.

Restaurants/Entertainment			
NEW AMC Theaters (10%)	\$25		
Applebee's (10%)	\$25		
Bonefish/Outback/Carrabba's (8%)	\$25		
Dunkin' Donuts (3%)	\$10		
Chili's/Macaroni Grill/On the Border (11%)	\$25		
Chipotle (10%)	\$10		
NEW Domino's (8%)	\$10		
NEW IHOP (8%)	\$25		
NEW Panera Bread (9%)	\$10		
NEW Pinkberry (5%)	\$10		
Red Lobster/Olive Garden/Longhorn (9%)	\$25		
Starbucks (7%)	\$10		
NEW Subway (3%)	\$10		
NEW TGI Fridays (11%)	\$25		
Wendy's (4%)	\$10		

Please send in this form in an envelope labeled scrip with payment in your child's folder. You can also place orders online at scripwithscrip.com. Register using enrollment code: 8231A98D152L.

Retail			
NEW Amazon (3%)	\$25		
Bath & Body Works (13%)	\$10		
Barnes & Noble (9%)	\$10		
NEW Barnes & Noble (9%)	\$5		
NEW Best Buy (3%)	\$25		
NEW Champs Sports (9%)	\$25		
NEW Dick's Sporting Goods (8%)	\$25		
NEW GameStop (3%)	\$25		
NEW Gap/Old Navy (16%)	\$25		
Home Depot (4%)	\$25		
iTunes (5%)	\$15		
NEW Jcpenney (7%)	\$100		
NEW Jcpenney (7%)	\$25		
Kohl's (4%)	\$25		
Kohl's (4%)	\$100		
NEW L.L. Bean (18%)	\$25		
NEW Lowe's (4%)	\$25		
Macy's (10%)	\$25		
Michael's (4%)	\$25		
NEW Sports Authority (8%)	\$25		
NEW Toys R Us (3%)	\$20		

Thank you for supporting St. Mary's School! If you have any questions please email scripfundraising@gmail.com

Gasoline			
Shell (2.5%)	\$100		
Shell (2.5%)	\$25		
Wawa (1.5%)	\$25		

Special Orders: (fill in retailer and card value)			

Please indicate payment method:
 Cash: _____
 Check: _____ Check #: _____

Total amount of SCRIP purchase

Please make checks payable to: St. Mary of the Assumption
 *returned check fee is \$30