

Dear STM families,

A heartfelt 'Welcome' to our new families and 'Welcome Back' to the rest. We take great pride in the fact that we continually improve our curriculum and building and are able to keep the tuition cost the lowest of all parochial and private schools in our region. Please know this is not an easy feat, especially with our current economical climate. We are truly blessed that our friends and families continue to participate in our fundraisers. Though we realize that families may not be able to participate in every single fundraiser, **we rely on 100% participation in our two major fundraisers – the annual WIN/WIN and the annual Auction.** After that, whatever you can do to assist us in meeting our goals in the remaining events would be greatly appreciated. Our **kick-off** fundraiser was our popular magazine drive....thank you to all who participated. Though we did not reach our goal, we raised a considerable amount of money and appreciate everyone's effort. As you will see, we attempt to make our fundraisers fun and easy to participate in so that you do not feel overburdened, but rather looking forward to the next way to help out!

WIN/WIN RAFFLE – November 7 thru December 16th: Traditionally this popular fundraiser has been very successful! Each day during the month of January, a raffle ticket will be pulled, with cash prizes totaling \$5,000! Each book of tickets contains 10 numbered tickets and can be purchased for \$5.00 ea. They make a wonderful stocking stuffer or great gift for your mailperson, paper person, etc. The top seller will win \$200 cash (last year the top seller sold 20 books)! Each student who sells 2 books (or family who sell 3 books) will have Friday, December 23rd off from school, extending Christmas vacation by a day! Many other incentives will be announced through-out the fundraiser. 2 books of tickets will be sent home per student (3 books per family) on or before November 7th. ***Please note that if every student sell a minimum of four books each, our profit would be over \$20,000! That would be a very big deal!***

CRAFT FAIR: November 18th & 19th: St. Mary High School will host a Christmas Bazaar/Craft Fair on the 18th and 19th of November. Crafters from all over the region sell their wares at this festive event. St. Mary High School will host a craft/gift table. Any donated, hand-crafted items would be most appreciated! All items should be sent into the school before November 17th. Baked goods would also be appreciated!

JANUARY – CASINO NIGHT (Details to be announced!)

ANNUAL AUCTION/RAFFLE – March 31st: Everyone looks forward to this popular auction/raffle. Banks often fund seed money for big purchases and friends and families of the High School donate items to be raffled or auctioned off. Big screen TV's, Red Sox tickets and outdoor furnishings are typical highlights of this auction. The deals are amazing and it is a great way to kick off the spring season. A beer and food court round out an evening of fun and chance!

STOP & SHOP A+ SCHOOL REWARDS: If you shop at Stop & Shop, register your card to participate in our A+ School Rewards program. The 'points' you earn are converted into cash at the end of the school year. Your card must be (re) registered every year and now is a great time to do it. It is quick and easy! Go to www.stopandshop.com/aplus. The school's **5 digit ID code is 05193** and the **4-letter password is YMZS**. You may also contact the school with the information and we will register your card. kjaszek@stmaryhs.com.

Please also consider participating in our newly formed St. Mary Booster club activities. Enhancing our student's extra-curricular activities, from field trips to sports programs is the main goal. The 1st 'booster' fundraiser is the Pasta Supper, scheduled for Oct. 22nd. Enjoy authentic Italian cuisine and have family fun at our annual, traditional, pasta supper! Tickets will be available soon..

We hope you agree that supporting our school is well worth the effort and that the ways we raise money are well thought out and easy to participate in. If you have any concerns, questions or thoughts, please email kjaszek@stmaryhs.com.

Thank you!

Please do whatever you can to participate! Our students are the true beneficiaries!