

Stallion Times

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3RD , 2022 | VOLUME 3

Ways to Get Involved

For Students:

- CYO Sports
- Boy Scouts
- American Heritage Girls
- Clubs and Activities

For Parents:

- Home and School Association
(See page 6 to join HSA!)
- Volunteer Opportunities



A 4th grade student intently focuses during MAP testing.

Upcoming Events

Pet Blessing (School Event is Canceled)

The SMS Parish will host a pet blessing tomorrow October 4th at 5:30pm in front of Church rain or shine.

Book Fair

After-school from Monday October 10 to Friday October 15th.

MESSAGE FROM MS. CASTANEDA

Congratulations to our St. Mary's students for completing our first ever MAP testing!!! The students were hard at work the past two weeks completing the Measure of Academic Progress. We are so proud of all the determination and perseverance of our students as they completed testing. We will be wrapping up make-up tests this week. Thank you for your continued support as we navigated through this new ADW assessment with our students.

Unfortunately, with rain in the forecast, the Annual Pet Blessing event scheduled for tomorrow, Tuesday, October 4th has been canceled. However, the St. Mary of the

Mills Parish will be hosting a Pet Blessing in front of the church at 5:30 p.m. tomorrow.

I am happy to announce that we have hired a new Language Arts teacher, Mrs. Arian Horsch. Mrs. Horsch holds a Master's degree in English from Southern New Hampshire University, and a BA in English from DePaul University, Chicago. Before Coming to St. Mary's, Mrs. Horsch worked in the AACPS school system and, most recently, Anne Arundel Community College where she is a Professor of English. Mrs. Horsch is thrilled to join the St. Mary of the Mills Family and is grateful for the warm welcome she has received from both students and teachers. Please help me in

welcoming Mrs. Horsch to the St. Mary's community.

Finally, I also want to thank Ms. Stefanie Miles for her tremendous support and commitment to stepping up and being the long-term substitute for the 5th & 6th Language Arts class and 7th grade reading class. Although Ms. Miles has officially transitioned out of the classroom today, she will continue to be around campus and move back into the Wilson Reading program as a Reading Resource teacher helping our younger students with additional reading support. Please join me in thanking her! We are very grateful for Ms. Miles!



STREAM Class in Middle School

Although our STREAM program will be prioritizing our elementary students in an effort to provide equitable access to STREAM, we still continue to provide our middle school students with opportunities both in school and after school to develop their skills in STREAM education.

Created and develop last year, our 5th through 8th grade students participate in a weekly STREAM class where they conduct a bevy of STEM challenges and projects. This year, the class has centered around deepening students understanding of their faith and allowing that knowledge to expand into the challenges they conduct.

Most notably, our 7th grade students examined the story of David and Goliath to understand how practice prepares us for our purpose in life. Through independent practice and isolation, David was prepared to face his greatest problem, Goliath, and ultimately was successful in beginning his purpose. From this story, students were asked to develop their own slingshot.

As the year continues, we will share the challenges and projects of our older students. We will also highlight the activities and projects of these students in their core classes that are led by our wonderful middle school team.





A 2nd grade student shows his joy for a cold treat on a hot day.

Popsicle Party

This year our students have begun taking our new standardized test titled MAP. Throughout the past two weeks grades 2nd - 8th worked diligently to show what they know and share with their teachers their areas of growth. To celebrate their completion of MAP testing, 2nd - 4th celebrated with a popsicle party!

Rube Goldberg Officially Receives their Awards

This past week our Rube Goldberg Team officially received their plaques for their international finished in the 2022 Rube Goldberg Competition. We look forward to another great season for this group as the prepre for the next challenge.



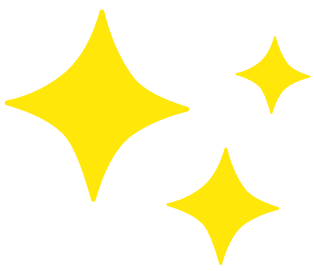
Members of the 2022 Rube Goldberg Team pose outside of SMS.

STALLIONS CROSS COUNTRY

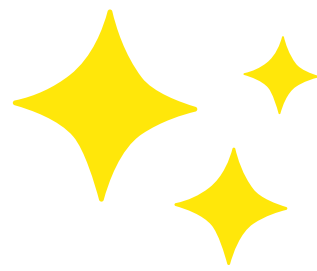
The cross country team has been having a wonderful 2022 season! Three races in, we have multiple top 20 runners in their division within the Archdiocese! Congrats to runners Junia Tenney, Genevieve Seifert and Rosalie Aguilar! We look forward to continued success through the season! Go Stallions!



Pictured above are pictures of our Stallions Cross Country Team.



A Time to Shine



Message from SGA

SMS will be celebrating Let Your Light Shine With our SMS Family. Students will write affirmations or notes about how they shine their light and how they are inspired. Also, we will have fun competitions and a free dress-down day with a school-appropriate yellow t-shirt and P.E uniform shorts or pants on Friday October 7th.

Thank You,
Your SGA Team

My Hair

By Antonina

I like my hair because it's short and blonde.

It shines like the sun when it's down. I like it short because it does not blow in my face!

I like it short.

I like it long.

I will love it all day long!



How To Get Involved In Our Community.

Extracurricular

Cub Scouts Troop 1250
American Heritage
Girls Troop 1250
Boy Scouts - Troop 1250
CYO Sports

Want more information?

Visit: www.stmaryslaurel.org/youth

Clubs and Activities

Sign Up list for all SMS clubs will be coming out soon via email and in person.

Upcoming Events.

Columbus Day

October 10th is a full day of school.

CYO Basketball

CYO basketball registration starts in October. Please email cyo@stmaryofthemills.org for more information.

Book Fair

Afterschool from Monday October 10 to Friday October 15th.

Open House:

October 14th, 2022 from 9-11am
October 16th, 2022 1-3pm

Important Information

Business Office

Dana Harzer
240-568-4180
dharzer@stmaryofthemills.org

Hot Lunch

Hot Lunch is now available. Orders should be placed by **noon** the day before delivery. Payment is due when the order is placed.

TADS

Please remember to keep your TADS account current. Accounts with past due balances will be subject to temporary withdrawal of your student until the account is brought current.

Uniforms

We are experiencing backorders with Dennis Uniforms. If you are having issues, please contact Mrs. Harzer.

Admissions

We still have a few openings for the 2022-2023 school year. Please contact Mrs. Harzer for more information.

Bulletin Board

USE QR code
below to join HSA



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4EAAA92FA6FB6-hsamceting>

FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT
ST. MARY OF THE MILLS
BOY SCOUT TROOP 1250

FAMILY
BINGO

SATURDAY OCTOBER 8 DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM GAMES BEGIN AT 6:30PM	BREEN ROOM (CHURCH BASEMENT) FAMILY BINGO 11 game card pack - \$8 per player 2 prizes awarded per game 1 adult / 1 child each valued at \$10 grand prize coverall \$25 value Extra packs and raffle tickets available
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Concession Stand opens at 6pm featuring Chick-Fil-A sandwiches, chips, treats, drinks, and more!

ADVANCE REGISTRATION STRONGLY ENCOURAGED AT
<https://forms.gle/YgtRLUuStUvtMrRb9>
Email laurelmagnos2@gmail.com with questions.

YOU ARE INVITED TO
**TRUNK
OR
TREAT**

FRIDAY OCTOBER 28TH | 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
KESSLER CENTER PARKING LOT

@ST.MARYOFTHEMILLS.ORG

Use the QR code or link below to RSVP or
volunteer for this years Trunk or Treat

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4aa8a928aafb6-trunk>

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SMS Band REGISTRATION

Join Our School Band!

All students in grades 4-8 are invited to join St Mary's school band and learn an instrument. Lessons are every Thursday during the school day. The first day of lessons is Thursday, September 29th.



If you are interested, please contact Kristin Maloney (krismaloney66@yahoo.com). You can register your child at www.adwband.com



ST. MARY OF THE MILLS SPIRIT WEAR STORE



TEES, HOODIES & MORE!



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1ST PLACE Spiritwear

Industrial Control Systems CYBER SATURDAY

A gathering of future cyber warriors @ DreamPort

Students 6th - 12th grade

10.15.22

Register @ MISIAcademy.tech



STEM
Certified



OPEN HOUSE *St. Mary of the Mills*

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 14TH
9- 11 AM



SATURDAY
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