

Stallion Times

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Ways to Get Involved

For Students:

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

For Parents:

- Home and School Association (HSA)
- Volunteer Opportunities



A kindergarten student conducts their capstone activity for their Color Unit.

Upcoming Events

Pet Blessing

We will host our Annual Pet Blessing on Tuesday, October 4th with a 12:30 pm early dismissal.

Open House:

October 14th, 2022 from 9-11am
October 15th, 2022 1-3pm

MESSAGE FROM MS. CASTANEDA

Greetings SMS families!

Tomorrow we officially start the MAP Growth testing with grades 2, 3, and 4. Students in grades 5-8 will be testing next week September 27-29th. We wish our students the best of luck!

Parents, with the weather beginning to change, allergy season starting, and flu season slowly approaching, please continue monitoring your child for any symptoms. Remember to contact Nurse Rogers if you have any health questions and/or concerns.

Progress reports are this Friday, September 23, 2022. Parents of students in grades 4-8 will receive notification via email if their child has a "C" or below.

Lastly, we are excited to announce that we will be hosting our annual outdoor Pet Blessing on Tuesday, October 4th! All pets are welcome but must be in a crate or on a leash. Additionally, this day is a 12:30 early dismissal.

Sincerely,
Ms. Castaneda





RAINBOW DAY AT SMS

This past Friday we helped our Kindergarten students celebrate a spectacular end to their Color Unit! Students of all grade levels were asked to participate in our first school TAG day by dressing in outfits that presented one solid color. Throughout the day, all the colors of God's rainbow filled our hallways and presented our youngest school members the opportunity to practice identifying the colors they learned about it in their unit.

The Kindergarten Colors Unit was concluded with a STREAM activity lead by Mrs. Brant. Kindergarten students, with the assistance of their 4th grade buddies, were able to color coffee filters with primary colors (using markers).

Once coloring was completed, the students then sprayed water on the coffee filters to observe the chemical reaction of the markers and how the primary colors blended to make secondary colors.

We want to thank Mrs. Brant and Mrs. Rollins for allowing our school to participate in the Color Unit with their students. We are excited to see what the Kindergarten and 4th grade will work on next!

Check out a few pictures below from Rainbow Day at SMS!





STREAM IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

With our certification this past August, one of our focuses this year is providing our younger students with more opportunities to engage with STREAM activities.

These opportunities are meant to be seamless; with its implementation being authentically layered into our classes, clubs, and activities.

During these first few weeks of school, our 2nd and 3rd grade students have begun having STEM morning meeting activities in which they are given the chance to explore STEM concepts through student choice or organized stations.

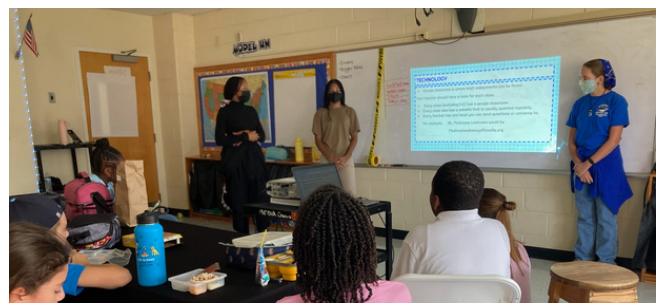
The incorporation of these activities into student's daily routines is a testament to their wonderful teachers Ms. Jefferson (2nd grade) and Mrs. Murray (3rd grade), displaying their sincere initiative to providing their class with STEM opportunities.

Throughout the year we will continue to highlight our teachers and their efforts to nurture our STREAM identity. Thank you so much for all your hardwork Ms. Jefferson and Mrs. Murray!

A 2nd grade students focuses on completing a daily STEM challenge during morning meeting.

SGA LEADERS WELCOMES NEW STUDENTS

We want to thank our SGA Executive Board for providing new students with important information such as the uniform policy and staff/classroom information. We appreciate and value their commitment to helping our newest students feel welcomed.



A Time to Shine

Student Article

The First Week

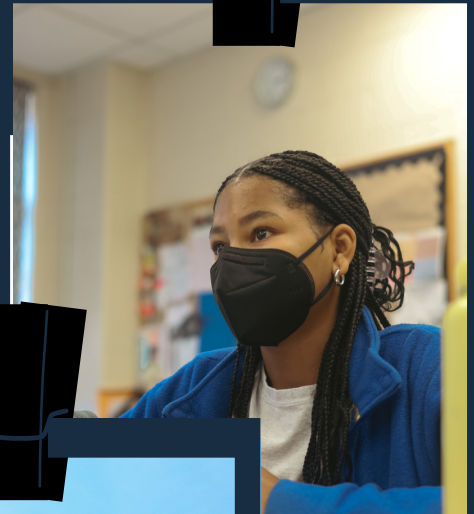
By Scarlett Bronson

The first week of school was a great start, but a challenging transition. I think all of the grades were able to get use to their schedule pretty quickly. I also think that our first Mass was fantastic! It was nice meeting the new students in my class and I'm sure in other classes the students feel the same.

Joining middle school has been a new experience. It was great seeing my friends again and meeting my new teachers. However, I wasn't too happy about homework. But, on the bright side, doing homework will keep me busy. I also wasn't too happy about carrying all my books around now. In my opinion, the math book is heavy!

I very happy to be back at St. Mary's. I'm looking forward to getting better in the subjects I have and being apart of all the awesome school activities later in the year.

Well, here's top a great school year ahead!!!



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.

Important Information

Business Office

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

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.

Admissions

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

Upcoming Events

Pet Blessing

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CYO Basketball

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

Open House:

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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.

Uniforms

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

Bulletin Board

ST. MARY OF THE MILLS CYO

CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION BASKETBALL REGISTRATION IS COMING SOON FOR THE FALL 2022-2023 SEASON

CLINIC BOYS

MONDAY, 9/19 AT 6:00 PM-AGE 10 AND UNDER
MONDAY, 9/19 AT 7:00 PM-AGE 14 AND UNDER
WEDNESDAY, 9/21 AT 6:00 PM- AGE 12 AND UNDER

CLINIC GIRLS

TUESDAY 9/27 AT 6:00 PM-AGE 10 AND UNDER
TUESDAY 9/27 AT 7:00 PM-AGE 14 AND UNDER
THURSDAY 9/22 AT 6:00 PM-AGE 12 AND UNDER



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

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