

Stallion Times

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2022 | VOLUME 1

Ways to Get Involved

For Students:

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

See **page 4** for more information on getting involved



A third grade student listen intently to his teachers directions.

Upcoming Events

Pet Blessing

Upcoming on October 4th we will host our annual pet blessing.

CYO Basketball

Registration starts in October. Please email cyo@stmaryofthemills.org for more information.

MESSAGE FROM MS. CASTANEDA

Greetings Families!

It has been a second busy week at St. Mary of the Mills with Kindergarten celebrating colors of the day, students in grades 4th-8th participating in Band Demo day, and all of the students practicing their first fire drill of the school year!

Parents, please note the tardy bell rings at 8:10 a.m. Any student arriving at this time or later will need to be escorted to the main office by the parent and signed in.

Additionally, progress reports will be issued on September 23, 2022. In most cases, progress reports are only issued to students who are not making satisfactory progress in a class. If your student is doing well in all classes he/she may not receive a progress report.

Progress reports are not our primary form of communication about grades. Parents are encouraged to check the Parent Plus Portal at least once a week. For grades K-4 parents should check their child's folder for the most up-to-date information.

Lastly, please take the time to review the Superintendent, Kelly Branaman's letter to families

regarding the MAP Growth testing. The letter contains resource links for families.

#Let Your Light Shine!

Have a blessed weekend!
Ms. Castaneda





SMS IS STEM CERTIFIED

St. Mary of the Mills School is now STEM Certified! On August 30th, 2022, the school hosted an unveiling ceremony to officially signify the beginning of its first year as a STEM school. The event was coupled with a STEM Carnival in which students and families participated in a bevy of STEM themed games and activities. In addition to the carnival, the new Makerspace was also unveiled to the school community as additional space for STEM activities .

Not only did the event bring out our SMS families, but it also garnered the attention of local news outlet and city of Laurel officials. This exposure was highlighted by a feature article in the Catholic Standard; a national website within the United States. We look forward to further development of the program rooted in our Catholic identity.

THANK YOU MS. CASSERLY

We would like to wish our upmost thanks to our STEM Coordinator and Advancement Director, Ms. Casserly whose last day was Thursday, September 8th. While we will miss her energy and enthusiasm, we are excited for this new chapter in her professional journey. Ms. Casserly will join the executive team of Coding With Kids. While we are sad to see her go, we look forward to watching her shine bright in her new role in this STEM focused organization. Please join us in wishing her well & praying for her success. We were blessed to have Ms. Casserly as part of our SMS school community and she will always be part of our school family.



Ms. Casserly receives card and flowers of appreciation.



8th grade altar servers lead Father Larry out of the church .

OPENING MASS

On Friday, September 2nd, our school gathered together for our Opening School Mass. This mass was held to lay a foundation of faith as students embark on a new year of learning here at The Mill. During the homily, Father Larry encouraged the students to try their best this year and continue to pursue knowledge even past the classroom. As we enter a new school year, the school prayed that God's grace, love, and peace continue to not only cover our school, but the surrounding community.

It was also announced our theme for the year is "Let It Shine". This theme refers to the bible verse Daniel 12:3 which states,

"Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever."

Throughout the year we are challenging students to allow their God given light to shine brightly on our community and be a light that leads others closer to God.

CONGRAUTLATIONS MRS. KEPLINGER !

We want to send our love and congratulations to the birth of Mrs. Keplinger's new baby girl Philomena Rose Keplinger! She was born this past Sunday weighing at 7lbs 6oz. Both mom and dad are doing well! We are so excited for the Keplinger family. May God bless their new bundle of joy!

"Children are a gift from the Lord. They are a reward from Him."

-Psalm 127:3



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.

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Pet Blessing

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Rainbow Day

Friday, September 16th for **ALL** students to celebrate Kindergarten color week. More information to be announced next week.

CYO Basketball

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

Important Information

Business Office

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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.

Hot Lunch

Hot Lunch is now available. Orders should be placed by **noon** the day before delivery. Please login in to your student's account and update their profile by adding their homeroom teacher's name. If you are having difficulty doing so please contact Mrs. Harzer.

Uniforms

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