

Stallion Times

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17TH , 2022 | VOLUME 4

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 8th Grade student listens during English class.

Upcoming Events

First Quarter Ends

Friday, October 21st

Yearbook Picture Day

October 26th

ADW Collaboration Day

No School on
Friday October 28th

Trunk or Treat

Friday, October 28th from 5:30
pm - 7:00 pm in the Keesler
Parking Lot

MESSAGE FROM MS. CASTANEDA

Greetings SMS Families!

The end of 1st Quarter is this Friday, October 21st. Plus Portal accounts will be unavailable as our teachers will be working on finalizing grades. Quarter 1 report card grades will be released through PlusPortal on Friday, October 28th. Please stay tuned for Quarter 1 awards announcements!

Our Winter uniform policy goes into effect on October 24, 2022, for the second and third quarters. Students (grades 1-8) are to wear navy blue dress slacks or jumper/skorts (grades 6-8). Students in grades 6-8 are to wear the white, button-down oxford shirt with tie (boys), or cross-tie (girls). Kindergarten students continue to wear the PE uniform until the end of the school year. Also, please note:

- All students must wear black dress shoes with their dress uniforms;
- All students must refrain from wearing outdoor clothing in class. Students will NOT

- be permitted to wear hoodies, winter coats, hats, gloves, and/or scarves in the classroom. Students may continue to wear the SMS PE sweatshirt and/or the SMS blue fleece jacket.

Unfortunately, the SMS blue fleece jacket ordered through Dennis Uniform is still experiencing a backorder. In the interim, your child may wear a navy blue V-neck cardigan, navy blue plain sweatshirt (with no logo), or their SMS P.E. blue sweatshirt if your child's SMS blue fleece is on backorder.

Picture day is on Wednesday, October 26th. All students must wear their full SMS Dress Uniform. (Exception Kindergarten)

Additionally, The ADW Catholic Schools Office has enhanced the lockdown procedures to increase the chance of survival during a violent critical incident. The enhancements that we use are known as the ALICE protocol. Our teachers have been taking the opportunity to practice the protocols with our students that would be used in the case of an emergency. We will be implementing this drill

in the upcoming week.

Next Friday, October 28th, there will be no classes for students. The ADW will be hosting a Collaboration Day with all ADW schools to learn more about analyzing and collecting data from the MAP Growth testing assessment. More information will be provided.

Lastly, we hope you & your families can join us later in the evening from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. for the Trunk-Or-Treat! It will be a spooktacular event! Please note this is NOT a drive-through event. All students must be accompanied by an adult. Please see the flyer for more information.

Sincerely,
Ms. Castaneda

Pictured below are our 1st grade students!



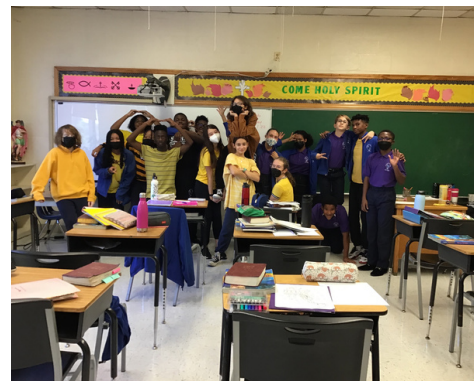
LET IT SHINE DAY

On Friday, October 7th our school celebrated Let It Shine Day! This year our school's theme is "Let It Shine" which is based on Bible verse Matthew 5:14-17;

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

To celebrate, SGA led a TAG Day in which students wrote affirmations or notes about how they let their light shine and how they are inspired by others. The day ended with a photo competition for K-4 and 5th- 8th to see which class would be the winner of the following categories.

Check out the winning class photos below:





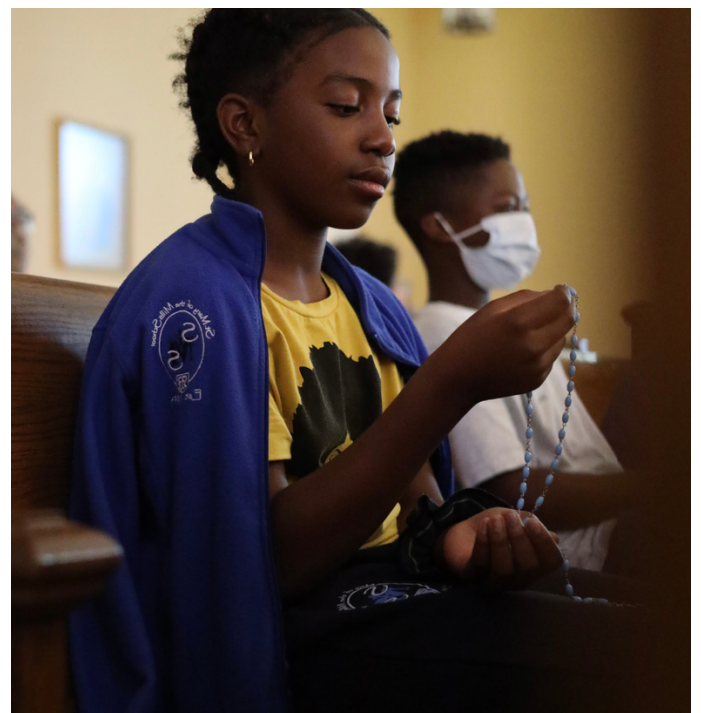
THE BOOK FAIR WAS A SUCCESS!

This past week we held our seasonal Fall Scholastic Book Fair. Throughout the week many students, families, and prospective families visited our fair to grab some new books.

We want to take the time to thank our second grade teacher, Ms. Jefferson, for coordinating and running the fair. Thank you for your consistency and care to ensure our students enjoyed this fair. You are amazing!

ALL SCHOOL ROSARY

On Friday October 7th we celebrated our All School Rosary! Led by Father Larry, our school came together to spend time with God and deepen our relationship within him. We look forward to our next school rosary and another opportunity to share more time strengthening our relationship with God.



A SMS student prays during our All School Rosary.

A Time to Shine



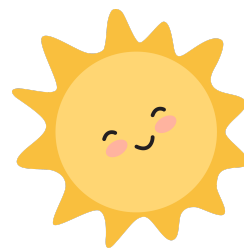
Message from SGA

On October 18th and 19th we will be hosting a Bake Sale for all grades! All items are \$0.50 to a \$1. If you want to buy anything make sure to bring a few dollars. We will come around to each class during lunch so you can purchase sweet treats.

Thank You,
Your SGA Team

Photo of the Week

Second grade students celebrate a successful experiment during Science class!



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

Clubs will be coming out soon.

Important Information

Business Office

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240-568-4180
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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. ADW Tuition Assistance Program application for the 2023-2024 School Year is now open and will close December 2nd, 2022 for returning families. You will need to upload your 2021 Federal Tax Return. Please contact Mrs. Harzer for more information or if you need assistance.

Upcoming Events

1st Quarter Ends

Friday, October 21st

2nd Quarter Begins

Starting October 24th our 2nd/3rd quarter uniform policy comes into effect.

Trunk or Treat

Friday, October 28th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm in the Keesler Center Parking Lot.

ADW Collaboration Day

No School Friday, October 28th

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. Fleece jackets have been moved back to November. Please see Ms. Castaneda's letter from page 1. If you are having issues, please contact Mrs. Harzer.

Bulletin Board



YOU ARE INVITED TO
**TRUNK
OR
TREAT**

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

@ST.MARYOFTHEMILLS.ORG

The poster features a dark background with silhouettes of a haunted house, trees, and a graveyard. Bats are flying in the sky. The text is in a mix of white and yellow fonts.

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



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

PRIVACY.FLOWCODE.COM

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

The QR code is circular with a purple and orange border. It contains the text 'HAPPY HALLOWEEN' and 'PRIVACY.FLOWCODE.COM'. There are also small icons of a witch, a pumpkin, and a skull.



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

The poster has a blue and purple background with musical notes and a treble clef. The text is in a mix of black and white fonts.

**ST. MARY OF THE MILLS
SPIRIT WEAR STORE**



TEES, HOODIES & MORE!

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1ST PLACE Spirit

The image shows three pieces of clothing: a grey t-shirt with a blue horse logo and the text 'ST. MARY OF THE MILLS STALLIONS', a blue hoodie with the same logo and text, and another grey t-shirt with a blue rainbow logo and the text 'ST. MARY OF THE MILLS STALLIONS'.