



# Stallion Times

A family enjoys during our annual Trunk or Treat

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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



## Upcoming Events

### Parent Teacher Conferences

Friday, November 4th  
 Thursday, November 10th  
 (from 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm)

### 1st Quarter Award Ceremony

Friday, November 4th at 10:30 am

### Veterans Day - School Closed

Friday, November 11th

## MESSAGE FROM MS. CASTANEDA

Dear SMS Families,

Happy Halloween! First I wanted to thank all of the HSA and volunteers in making this past week's Trunk-Or-Treat a SPOOK-tacular event! We had over 200 families in attendance.

I wanted to update you on a few teacher transitions that will be occurring during the next two weeks.

Mrs. Keplinger, our Technology teacher, has returned to school today after being out on maternity leave. We are excited to have her back! Next, Mr. Hurd will be the new P.E. teacher starting this week. He will officially be overseeing K-8th grade students in their physical education instruction.

Mr. Hurd is a former Division I (Basketball) Student-Athlete for Loyola College (2000). He has always had a passion for fitness & sports since his youth. Additionally, Mr. Hurd has 10+ years of being a Summer Camp Director and After-School Director for the YMCA as well as

experience as a Varsity Basketball coach for schools in Baltimore County. Please help me in welcoming Mr. Hurd as he transitions into the new P.E. teacher position this week.

With that said, Mr. Summers has had the pleasure of working closely with our fourth grade students since the beginning of last school year and into the start of this school year as their Math, Science, and Social Studies teacher. It is with great pleasure to announce that Mr. Summers will be officially transitioning into the lead teacher of the 4th grade homeroom! Mr. Summers holds a Bachelor's Degree from Towson University in Political Science along with two minors in both Math and Economics. He will join the ADW cohort Teacher's Certification program starting in January 2023. Please join me in welcoming Mr. Summers as the new 4th grade homeroom teacher.

Finally, I want to thank Mr. Harrell for his tremendous support and commitment to stepping up as the STEM Coordinator and the Director of Advancement & Marketing while co-teaching with Mr. Summers. Although Mr. Harrell will officially transition out of the

4th grade classroom next week, he will continue to be their Religion teacher. Please join me in thanking him! We are very grateful for Mr. Harrell!

We look forward to celebrating our students' academic achievements during this year's 1st Quarter Award Ceremony on Friday, November 4th. Parents, you will be notified directly by your student's homeroom teacher if your child is receiving an award. Please note that we will be limited to two (2) guests per recipient. Following the award ceremony, we are holding parent-teacher conferences beginning at 1:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m. Both of these dates will have early dismissals with no aftercare due to Parent Teacher Conferences. Please use the link below to sign up for your child's Parent Teacher Conference for either November 4th or November 10th.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Castaneda





# TRUNK OR TREAT

On Friday, October 28th our school came out in great numbers for our annual Trunk or Treat! Students and families of all grade levels enjoyed fun games, prizes, and of course candy. The event was a huge success due to the HSA Eboard and our volunteers. Thank you so much for helping the school put together such an amazing evening! We can't wait for the next event!



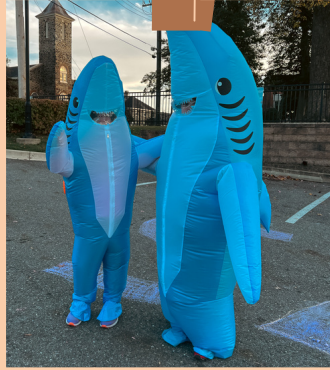


# TRUNK OR TREAT

## Costume Winners



**Scariest**



**Funniest**



**Funniest**



**Most Original**



**Best Group**



**Best Family**



**Best Family**



**Best Family**



**Best Family**



**Best Car**



**Best Car**



**Best Overall**



# CANDY COMPETITION

## *for Trunk or Treat*

From October 10th to October 21st, our school held a candy competition to gather candy for our Trunk or Treat. The rules of the competition were simple; whichever class brought in the most candy (by total weight) would be deemed the winner! After many shuffles in the rankings two winners prevailed. In our elementary school division, Mrs. Carter's 1st grade class won by bringing in an astounding 115.5 pounds of candy. In our middle school division, Ms. Davis' 7th grade homeroom won by bringing in 77 pounds of candy.

Congratulations to both classes as they shall enjoy a delicious surprise in the coming weeks. Thanks to the effort of ALL our classes, our school brought in a total of 458 pounds of candy!



# STALLIONS CROSS COUNTRY

## *Finish Strong*

Sunday October 23rd the CYO Cross Country Championships were held at Mary of Nazareth School in Darnestown, MD. The Stallions ran strong with 16 runners setting personal records! Our very own Meg Sullivan and Rosalie Aguilar won medals for being Top 25 finishers in their heat. It's been an impressive season for all of our athletes with everyone improving their times, their fitness, and their fun with friends. Come join us next season! Go Stallions!

# CANDY COMPETITION

## *Service Project*

During their STREAM Class, Mrs. Gambogi's 8th grade used the extra candy from Trunk or Treat to make Halloween Goodie bags for our both our friends at PELC and our youngest students in Kindergarten. Great job 8th grade!





# 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](http://www.stmaryslaurel.org/youth)

## Clubs and Activities

**Little Lego Club** begins November 7th  
(permission slips required)

**MathCounts Jr** begins November 2nd  
(by invite only)

# Important Information

## Business Office

Dana Harzer  
240-568-4180  
[dharzer@stmaryofthemills.org](mailto: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. 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.

## 2nd Quarter Begins

Starting October 24th our 2nd/3rd quarter uniform policy is in effect.

## Parent Teacher Conferences

Friday, November 4th (1:30 pm to 5: 00 pm)  
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Please use the Sign Up Genius from your respective teachers.

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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. 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

## ST. MARY OF THE MILLS SPIRIT WEAR STORE



**TEES, HOODIES & MORE!**

SHOP NOW

[1stplace.sale/43064](http://1stplace.sale/43064)

1ST PLACE  
SPIRITS



## ice SKATING night

Join St Mary' of the Mills Catholic Community in starting the holiday cheer! Carolling, Games, Smores and food

**November 4**

**@Msgr Keesler Parish Center  
800 Main st, Laurel MD 20707**

**6pm -10pm**



Tickets \$5 individuals, \$20 for five people  
[events@stmaryofthemills.org/](http://events@stmaryofthemills.org/) 301-725-3080

ST. MARY OF THE MILLS CATHOLIC CHURCH  
LAUREL MARYLAND

## Annual CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Skate Night Carols: Friday November 4<sup>th</sup>, 6PM - 10PM  
Bazaar Sale: Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022. 10AM - 5PM

Enjoy an afternoon of festive family cheer. Start your Christmas shopping early as you browse through our wide assortment of unique vendors, handcrafted items and treasures. Enjoy a variety of local and international tasty foods.

MSGR KEESLER @ PARISH CENTER  
800 MAIN STREET, LAUREL MD 20707



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

[bazaar@stmaryofthemills.org](mailto:bazaar@stmaryofthemills.org)

## Searching for the Saints



**Can you find all the  
saints?**

**St. Mary of the Mills Church**

**All Saints' Day - Tuesday, November 1st**

**6:00 pm - 7:30 pm**

**Meet in Front of the school.**

You will encounter saintly games, angelic prizes, and a holy scavenger hunt. Bring a flashlight and get ready to meet some holy men and women of God.

**Volunteers grade 7-12 needed!**

Email: [kids@stmaryofthemills.org](mailto:kids@stmaryofthemills.org) or sign up here:  
St. Mary of the Mills: Search for the Saints Volunteers  
([signupgenius.com](http://signupgenius.com))

