

ST. MARY SCHOOL ORIENTATION

2023-2024

Presented 8/10/23



ENTER TO LEARN; LEAVE TO SERVE

- Vision: Spiritual and Academic Growth for ALL.
- Mission: With the support of parents, parish, and community, as a Roman Catholic school in the Diocese of Youngstown, we are dedicated to the spiritual, moral, and academic education of our students as we prepare them for a life of service to God and others.

MEET YOUR TEAM

Grade	Staff Member
PreK	Ms. Crites
PreK	Ms. Kracker
K	Mrs. Moore
1	Ms. Shortt
2	Mrs. Pudloski
3	Ms. Johnston
4	Ms. Campbell
5	Mrs. Weakland
6	Mrs. Cole
7	Mr. Arnold
8	Mr. Campbell
Math (5-8)	Mrs. Botti
Teacher Aide	Mrs. Neumann
Teacher Aide	Mrs. Knapp

MEET YOUR TEAM

Title Teacher Elem.	Ms. O'Brien
Intervention Specialist	TBA
Speech/Language	Mrs. Sparks
Technology	Mrs. Eash
Librarian	Ms. Channell
PE	Ms. Balizet
Spanish	TBA
Art	TBA
Religion (Middle Only)	Mr. Ertle
Nurse	Ms. Roberts
Counselor	Ms. Kasler
School Secretary	Mrs. Crawford
Divine Mercy/St. Mary Administrator	Very Reverend Sheridan (effective 9/1)

SCHOOL HOURS

- School is in session 8:00am-2:30pm
- Office hours are 7:30am-3:00pm
- Students are not permitted on campus or in school prior to 7:40am

EXTENDED DAY

For Grades **K-6 ONLY**

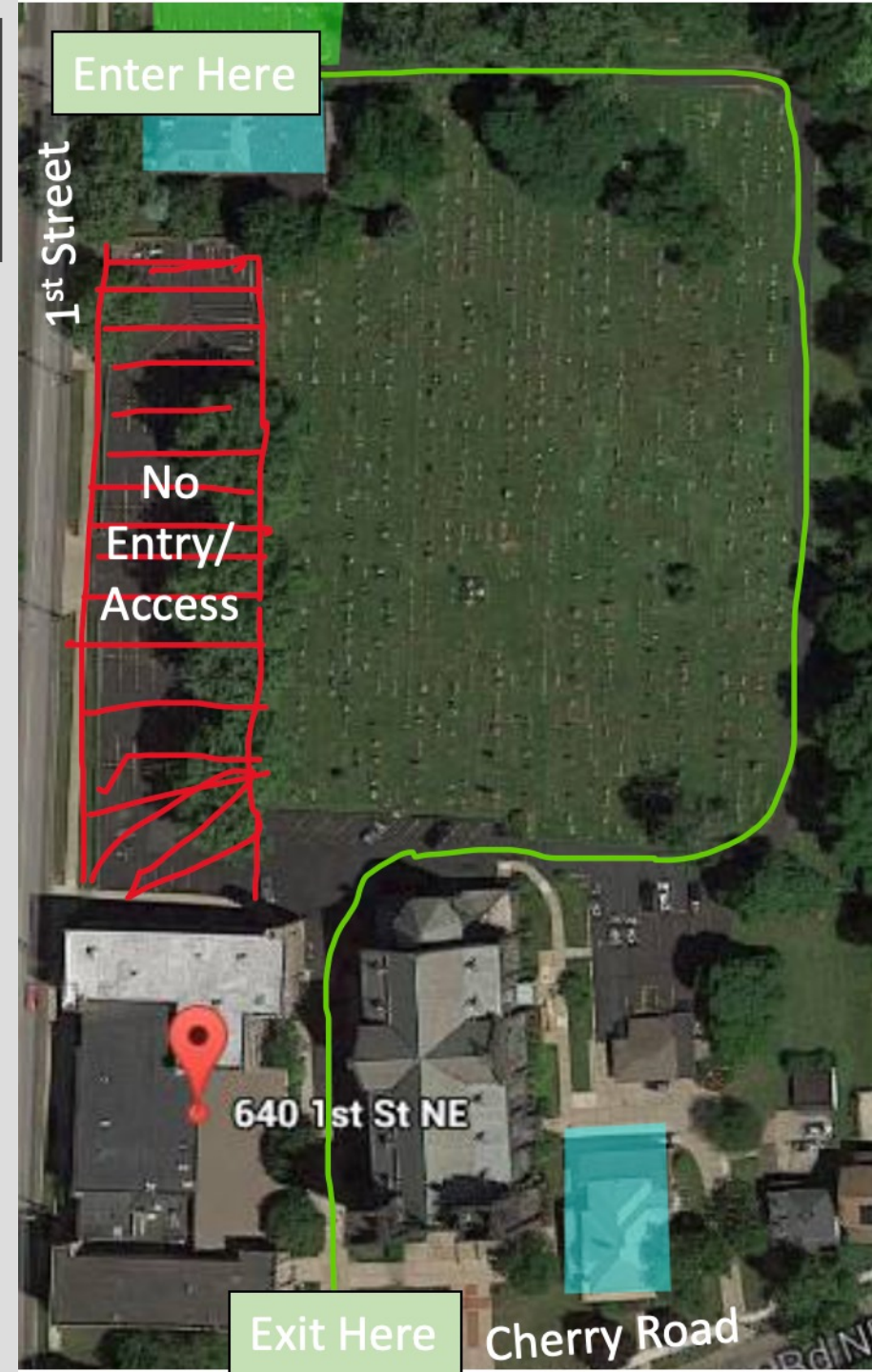
- Before Care: 6:30-8:00
 - \$4.50/day
 - \$18.50/week per family
- After Care: 2:30-5:30
 - \$4.50/ hour for 1st child/ \$4.00/hour each add. Child
 - \$35/week per child

DROP-OFF/PICK-UP

Car Riders

Drop off between 7:40-7:55pm

Pick up between 2:30-2:45pm



GUIDELINES FOR SUCCESS

ST. MARY BEARS

BE KIND

ENGAGED

ACCCEPTING

RESPECTFUL

SAFE



STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

As a member of God's family, each student at St. Mary School has the following rights and responsibilities:

- The RIGHT to make choices and the RESPONSIBILITY to accept the consequences associated with their choice.
- The RIGHT to be treated with kindness and the RESPONSIBILITY to treat others kindly.
- The RIGHT to be treated fairly and the RESPONSIBILITY to treat all fairly.
- The RIGHT to be safe and the RESPONSIBILITY to follow safety rules.
- The RIGHT to express himself or herself and the RESPONSIBILITY to listen to others with Christ-like care and concern.
- The RIGHT to take pride in the school and the RESPONSIBILITY to support school activities and to care for all school property

PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE INTERVENTIONS

Minor Infractions	Major Infractions
Verbal warning	Principal Intervention After school Detention/ISS/OSS
Parental contact	Principal Intervention Behavior Contract + ISS/OSS
Teacher intervention	Principal/Superintendent Intervention ISS/OSS + Recommendation for removal from school
Teacher Intervention	
Principal Intervention	

POSITIVE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Students who are routinely meeting the guidelines for success can be nominated by school any staff for a “Bear PAW” certificate!

P-ositive Attitude

A-ct Responsibly

W-ise Choices



KINDNESS CREW

St. Mary School takes great pride in our kind students!

Eight years ago we started a kindness campaign to highlight those students and find ways to promote kindness throughout our school and community.

Every month teachers will nominate a student from their class who has been exceptionally kind and respectful. These students will be our “Kindness Krew” for the month. They will receive a goodie bag with a kindness pencil, bookmark and bracelet, free school lunch and out of uniform pass. They are recognized in our parent newsletter; their picture is put on our “Kindness Krew” bulletin board and their name will be displayed in lights on our school sign!

They will also have a special mission of finding ways to promote kindness in our school and/or community. This is a great way to “Sprinkle Kindness Like Confetti!”

We also have “Kindness Bear Bucks.” When one of our students or staff are caught performing a random act of kindness, they receive a Kindness Bear Buck with their name and kind deed. We draw 5 kindness bucks every week and those students will receive a prize from the prize box!

Thank you for supporting our efforts in promoting kindness because Kindness Matters!

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Parents are expected to display an attitude of respect and support toward the school, the staff, and the educational process by:

- Supporting the school's mission and commitment to Christian principles;
- Supporting the school's policies as outlined in the school handbook and regulations. In addition, parents are to ensure their son/daughter has read the handbook;
- Participating fully in the school's programs that are developed to support the education of their children;
- Remain informed about and involved in the religious instruction of their children.

DRESS CODE-TOPS

Shirts

- Solid colored polo shirts in **white, hunter green, or navy blue** are permitted to be polyester/cotton blends or knit material.
- *Shirts are not to have any emblem except St. Mary's on it.*

Sweaters/Sweatshirts

- Solid, plain cardigan or pullover sweaters in the following colors: **hunter green, navy blue, or white.**
- Only St. Mary's or CCHS sweatshirts may be worn.
- Hoodies are not permitted *except as an eighth-grade privilege*. Eighth-grade students may only wear St. Mary's or CCHS hoodies.
- When wearing a St. Mary's or CCHS sweatshirt, the shirt collar must be visible.



DRESS CODE-BOTTOMS



Dress Shorts (Boys & Girls)

- Girls and boys may wear navy or khaki, plain front, uniform shorts (in the style of walking dress shorts) from August to October 15 and from May 1 until the close of school. No other shorts are acceptable.

Pants (Boys & Girls)

- Navy blue or khaki dress pants.
- No jeans, cargo pants, joggers, jeggings, leggings, sweatpants, etc. are permitted.

Jumpers/skirts (Girls ONLY)

- Jumpers are worn in grades K-4. However, girls in grade 4 can wear the school plaid skirt or the school plaid jumper.
- Grades 5-8 wear the school plaid skirt.
- Jumpers and skirts may be *no more than two inches above the knee*. Girls may not "roll" uniforms to make them shorter.



DRESS CODE-SHOES

Shoes (refer to pictures for allowable styles)

- Shoes must be understated (solid or with minimal neutral accents), have no print, and have backs (stacked heels or soles: no higher than 1 1/2" heels and 3/4" soles).
- Sandals, slippers, flip-flops, moccasins, backless shoes are not permitted. Winter boots must be a solid color. Above the knee boots may not be worn.
- **When in question, ask the principal before purchasing!**

Acceptable shoes to wear with School Uniform:



YES, in brown, navy blue, black, grey, or white



NO, only for PE.



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DRESS CODE- PE

PE Clothes

- T-shirts are royal blue and have the St. Mary's logo on the front. They must be purchased from the school office
- PE shorts are grey mesh basketball shorts.
- Athletic shoes with white or non-mark soles must be worn in our gym. All students must wear shoes that can be tied or fastened independently; we suggest but do not require Velcro shoes for kindergarteners.
- PE clothes should be purchased via an order form. If the merchandise is not in stock, it will be ordered.
- Grey fleece pants can be ordered via the PE order form. The pants are grey sweatshirt material and can be worn when the weather is cold. They should not have any logos or stripes on them.
- Students in grades K-4 may wear gym clothes all day on PE days unless it falls on a Mass day.

DRESS CODE-MASS DAYS

MASS DAYS – Every Wednesday @ 9am

- Girls wear their uniform skirts or jumpers with a **white blouse or shirt.**
- Shirts are to be tucked in.
- Boys must wear a **white dress shirt** with the school plaid tie or solid navy-blue tie.
- Shirts should be tucked in and pants with belt loops worn with a belt.
- Boys must wear navy or khaki uniform pants.

DRESS CODE- OUT OF UNIFORM DAYS

Out of Uniform Days

- On special occasions, students are granted an out-of-uniform day. No leggings. Jeans, not jean shorts or skirts, can be worn on jeans days. *Jeans should be in good repair (i.e., no holes, fraying, etc.) fitted at the waist and off the floor.*
- No inappropriate messages or graphics are permitted on shirts.
- Shoes should always be worn according to the dress code. Tennis shoes are acceptable, but open-toe, flip-flops, backless, or stacked heels are not safe at school on any day.
- No midriff or undergarments should be visible.
- No excessive jewelry is permitted.

BREAKFAST/LUNCH

- Breakfast served daily- \$1.75
- Hot lunch served daily- \$3.75 (extra entrée-\$1.00/ extra milk- \$.50)
- Breakfast, lunch and extra entrees should be marked no later than the day before purchasing so we have your child's order ready.
- Payment for breakfast, lunch, milk (for children packing) and extra entrees should be made on FACTS. We are unable to accept cash in the lunch line.
- On days where your student has a choice of entree, please make sure you are marking them for only one item.
 - For example, on pizza day, your student can choose pepperoni or cheese, or they can choose peanut butter and jelly. They should be marked for pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza or peanut butter and jelly. Marking them for more than one entree causes confusion in the lunch line and will result in additional charges on your child's lunch account.
- Free & Reduced lunch applications can be completed and turned in.
- Contact the Lunch Coordinators at stmary.lunch@youngstowndiocese.org

LUNCH TIPS

- Students can purchase an extra entree. Regardless of lunch status (free, reduced or paid), students wishing to purchase extra will need to be certain they have \$1 on their lunch account for the extra entree. If you prefer your child not purchase extra, please discuss that with your child. We do not discuss whether there is money available on a student's account with your student or faculty in order to maintain confidentiality.
- Students arriving after 9 am will be given peanut butter and jelly. If you know your student will be late and would like to purchase the main entree, please let the office know their approximate arrival time to ensure your child's lunch is available for them.
- Please pack items that your child is able to open on their own should your child choose to pack their lunch. Some items that are more difficult to open are string cheese, juice boxes with straws, fruit cups, unpeeled fruit, and go-gurt. If you'd like to send these options, please either send them already opened or practice opening these items with your child prior to the beginning of school.

AUGUST

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	News
	1	2	3	4	Sub Choices: Italian Sub Ham, Salami, & Pepperoni Vegetable Roma tomatoes, green peppers, fresh mushrooms, lettuce, & provolone Ham and Provolone Lunch is subject to change with or without notice due to the availability of items. *USDA is an equal opportunity employer and provider.
7	8	9	10	11	
14	15	16	17	18	
21 Hamburger Sweet Potato Fries Fruit Milk	22 Walking tacos Chips & salsa Fruit Milk	23 Sub Sandwich Carrot sticks Fruit Milk	24 Mac and Cheese Green beans Fruit Milk	25 Kraus Salad Fruit Milk	
28 Chicken Tenders Mashed potatoes Fruit Milk	29 Cheese Quesadillas Corn Cake Fruit Milk	30 Pancakes Sausage Hashbrown Fruit Milk	31 Donatos Salad Fruit Milk	No School!	

TECHNOLOGY- STUDENT DEVICES AND ACCOUNTS

- Students in grades K-2 are assigned an iPad
 - iPads stay in the classroom unless a teacher requests they be brought to another area of the school for an activity or lesson
- Students in grades 3-8 are assigned a Chromebook
 - Chromebooks in grades 3-4 stay in the classroom unless a teacher requests they be brought to another area of the school for an activity or lesson
 - Chromebooks in grades 5-8 travel with the student as they move from class to class
- Students in grades K-8 are assigned an iMac to use when they attend technology lessons in the computer room
- All students are given a Google Apps for Education Account. This includes a school-issued email and access to the Google Apps Suite.

STUDENT DEVICES CONTINUED

- Students are responsible for the proper use and care of any device assigned to them.
- Any damage to the assigned device, not including normal wear and tear, will be charged to the student at the discretion of school administration.
 - A form for parents/guardians to sign acknowledging this financial responsibility will be sent home within the first week of school

STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO:

- Use only their assigned device and login information
- Keep their personal account login information private-they are responsible for all activity performed under their account
- Use devices for educational purposes only
- Stay on apps or websites assigned by and approved by the teacher
- Use their diocesan/school email and G-Suite applications for school communication and schoolwork only

STUDENTS SHOULD NOT:

- Attempt to access devices, files or accounts belonging to another student or school employee
- Access social networking sites (Facebook, Twitter, TikTok, Snapchat, Instagram, etc...) while at school or while on a school device
- Access gaming sites without permission from a school employee for that specific website
- Take pictures or record video or audio without the specific permission of a school staff member and all persons involved
- View violent, obscene, or inappropriate material while in school or while using a school device
- Participate in Cyber-bullying of other students or school employees

FAILURE TO FOLLOW DEVICE/INTERNET USE POLICY

- Computer/Internet Abuse is considered a *Major Infraction* in the school's Code of Conduct; consequences will be given out accordingly.
- The use of school equipment and systems is a privilege. It may be revoked by an administrator, technology coordinator, or other school official for misuse or violation of the use policy at any time.

SPECIAL STATEMENT REGARDING SOCIAL MEDIA

In the event students use social media applications for public scandal or humiliation, where inappropriate defamatory, threatening or socially and/or emotionally harmful comments or images are posted that adversely affect the reputation, the morale, and/or safety of the students, staff, and institution, every disciplinary measure deemed appropriate in the school's Code of Conduct will be used. Actions could include legal action, involvement of law enforcement officials, suspension, or recommendation for expulsion of the student(s) involved.

**Taken from the Student Technology and Internet Responsible Use Policy*

STUDENT TECHNOLOGY AND INTERNET RESPONSIBLE USE POLICY

- This complete policy can be found in the Family Handbook
- A copy of the complete policy will also be sent home with the “youngest or only” within the first week of school
- Please take time to read this policy and discuss the responsible and safe use of devices and the internet with your child/children

CORE CURRICULUM

Students receive the instruction in these core courses
DAILY:

- Language Arts
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- Religion

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & SACRAMENTS

Every student at St. Mary School:

- Receives 30 minutes of religious education per day
- Attends School Mass 1 day/week (Wednesdays @ 9am)

At St. Mary School all students of the Catholic Faith will prepare for and complete their

- 2nd Grade:
 - First Reconciliation (Dates TBD)
 - First Communion (Dates TBD)
- 8th Grade:
 - Confirmation 4/14/24

For more information see Amy Davis or Cara Lipinski

ELECTIVES/SPECIALS

Students receive instruction in these specialized elective courses
1-2x/WEEK:

- PE
- Health
- Technology
- Library
- Art
- Music
- Spanish

ASSESSMENTS

- **Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA)** is a state-mandated assessment. This assessment measures kindergarten readiness for students entering kindergarten at the beginning of the school year. It is a baseline assessment meant to guide instruction at the beginning of the year to meet children where they are developmentally and academically. This assessment is not used to prevent any child from entering kindergarten. Students who are five by September 30 are eligible to take the assessment. Students repeating kindergarten are not required to take the assessment in the second year.
- **MAP:** All students will take the MAP GROWTH Assessments as a screener and progress monitor.
- **ACRE:** Students in grades five and eight will take the Assessment of Catechesis/Religious Education (ACRE).

Assessment	Test Window
KRA	8/21-9/20
MAP FALL	9/15-9/22
MAP WINTER	1/15-2/6
ARCE	March
MAP SPRING	4/29-5/10

CLUBS/EXTRA-CURRICULARS

Fall

- Football (Flag/Tackle)
- Volleyball (3-8)
- Cheerleading (1-8)
 - Golf (4-8)
 - Tennis (3-8)

Winter

- Wrestling (1-6)
- Cheer (7-8)
- Basketball (1-8)

Spring

- Track (3-8)
- Lacrosse (3-8)

CLUBS:

- E-Sports (5-8) \$10
- Student Council (7-8)
- Power of the Pen (7-8)
- Genuis Project (Science 7-8)
- Math Team (6-8)
- Yearbook Committee (7-8)
- Choir (5-8)
- Band (5-8)
- Altar Server (5-8)
- Kids Bowl (5-8)
- Spelling Bee (5-8)
- Bear News (8 ONLY)

CONTACT US

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