

News from the Cardinal's Nest

April 26, 2024



St. Mary/McCormick Catholic Academy

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A Letter from our Principal

It's hard to believe we're already at the end of April and have a little over a month left of school this year! The last several weeks have been packed with so many activities, that I'm sure after I blink, the end of the year will already be here! This school year has been such a blessing and it's amazing watching how much our students have grown. I recently had a conversation with a parent about this. The child went from needing to be walked down to class everyday and lots of goodbye hugs to now giving them a quick hug and walking all the way down the hallway by themselves. These children have grown so much, in maturity, academically, and physically!

Last week our school held its annual Talent Show! All the performers did an amazing job! We were entertained by dances, singing, dad jokes, illusions, piano performers, karate, and a lip syncing performance. We are so proud of all our performers!! A big thank you to Jennie McClelland for organizing this event!

Have a blessed week!
Mrs. Weaver

Pictures from our School Talent Show!

Save the Date!

Saturday, May 11:

School Carnival 11AM-2PM

Please join us for our school carnival! There will be a touch-a-truck area with first responder vehicles, large tractors/equipment, semi trucks, etc. We will also have bounce houses, fun carnival games, raffles, food, and the opportunity to pie the principal!





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SPRING CARNIVAL

Saturday, May 11, 2024 11AM-2PM

1429 Ballentine St. Port Huron, MI 48060

**TOUCH
A TRUCK**

**FUN
GAMES**

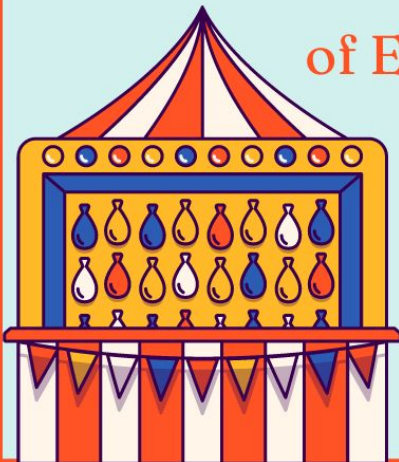
**RAFFLES
& 50/50**

FOOD

**BOUNCE
HOUSES**

**PIE THE
PRINCIPAL**

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Registration for 24/25 School Year

As a current SM/MCA Family, you only need the following to register your child(ren) for next school year:

- Fill out and sign the Tuition Contract
- Registration Fee (\$300 per family if you register before June 7, \$400 per family if you register after June 7) -cash or check. **You may also use a credit/debit card with a 3% fee.**

*If you're enrolling an additional child (who is not currently enrolled), please come to the school office for the additional enrollment paperwork or email/call the school office and request it to be sent home.

You may return the completed tuition contract along with the registration fee to the school office.

****For K-8 families that are eligible for the in-vicariate rate** (by being registered at a Blue Water Vicariate Parish, supporting the parish with your time, talent, and treasure, and attending Sunday Mass and other days of Holy Obligation), please fill out the top portion of the [Active Parish Verification Form](#) and return it to the school office upon registration.



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Spring Fever - SM/MCA Projects



Mrs. Weaver has spring fever and has some school improvement projects she would like help with! **There are a couple projects left that we could still use help with!** If you're in the need of parent hours or just want to help with any of the following projects, please contact Mrs. Weaver or use this [Sign Up Link](#). Thank you!!

- **Cardinal City** - Last August Mrs. Weaver, Ms. Mary & her family, and Ms. Sue put together Cardinal City by the playground for our Preschool-Kindergarten students. Several playhouses/structures were assembled and set up. This area has been a hit with the little ones but there is still room for improvement. We could use help organizing the storage room next to Cardinal City that houses all the smaller toys they play with (we are in need of a shelving unit donation and storage bins to store the items). We could also use more donations for the city i.e. playhouses, small bikes/tricycles, and other outdoor toys for imaginative play. If someone has a knack for building, we also would love to add a stage for the students to have plays and performances on!
- **Storage Units** - If you like to organize, we also could use help re-organizing several storage units! We are looking for donations of shelving units and totes and/or tubs as well as help organizing and labeling all items. There are sports items, school history, PTO items, decorations for previous events, etc. that could all use re-organizing.



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Fri. Apr. 26: Casual for a Cause (\$1); 3rd/4th Grade Field Trip to Earth Fair; **Book Fair Shopping 7:15-7:45 AM, 12:30-2 PM, & 3-4:15 PM**

Mon. Apr. 29: **NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day**

Tues. Apr. 30: Jersey Mike's \$ due; Track Practice 3:30-4:45 PM

Wed. May 1: Jersey Mike's prepaid lunch; Choir 9:45-10:45; Track Meet at Marine City High School @ 5:30PM; First Communion Dress Rehearsal 6-7 PM

Thurs. May 2: Mass 8:15 AM; Cheap Charlie's \$ Due; Coast Guard Helicopter visit!! Time TBD; Track Practice 3:30-4:45 PM; Trail Life 6-7:15 PM

Fri. May 3: Free Dress; Wellness Walk 7:20-7:40 AM; School's Accreditation Site Visit (We will have a site team composed of other AOD principals & teachers visiting our school this day to go through the re-accreditation process)

Sun. May 5: First Communion Mass 11 AM (Congratulations 2nd graders!)

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Fun Run - Represent our School!

There will be a K's for Kids Fun Run on June 6th starting at Pine Grove Park in Port Huron. Have your child wear their St. Mary/McCormick spirit wear and run with their friends!

Click [here](#) for more information and to register for the race!



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Parent Hour Opportunities

****Please note: To volunteer at our school, you are required to have completed the [Protecting God's Children course](#) OR [take the recertification course if you took Protecting God's Children prior to 2020](#). Please email or call the office for help registering for this free course.****

Lunch Help

There are daily opportunities to help in the lunchroom from 11:15am-12:20pm. Parents will help with warming up food and wiping down the tables after each lunch.

[Link to April Lunch Help Sign Up](#)

[Link to May Lunch Help Sign Up](#)

Popcorn Fridays

Thank you to the volunteers that make this a fun lunch extra for our students!! The students truly look forward to Popcorn Fridays. [Link to sign up to pop, sell, and clean up](#)

Please remember to send in a quarter with your child(ren) to get a bag of popcorn on Fridays!

Spring Carnival

We are in need of parent volunteers to help plan different sections of our Spring Carnival and volunteer before/after the event! Many hands make light work! The Spring Carnival event will take place on **Saturday, May 11 from 11AM-2PM.**

[Link to sign up link](#)

[Link to sign up to help with games/carnival](#)

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Parent Hour Opportunities (cont.)

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6- May 10th this year. We will be putting together a special week to honor our wonderful teachers and staff at St. Mary/McCormick Catholic Academy.

Please use this [sign up link](#) to donate your time, money, or food for teacher/staff appreciation week. Please email Emily Herbert at ewalker555@gmail.com with any questions or to volunteer!

Other

Do you have a talent or special skill set that could help our school? Parent hours can be earned in a variety of ways, not just the specific sign ups that we share. If you have a talent/skill with graphic design, marketing, carpentry, art, sports you can earn parent hours by helping the school! You can host an extracurricular club/sport, or help our school with marketing.

The opportunities are endless!



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Extracurricular activities/Athletics

Children's Choir

Choir is open to our 3rd-8th grade students. Students will rehearse with St. Mary parish music minister, Mrs. Doherty, for an hour each Wednesday, and will sing at most of our Thursday school Masses. The students have done a wonderful job singing at our school Masses!

Trail Life

Trail Life is every Thursday from 6-7:15 PM in our gym. This is a boys troop that is open to K-12 students. [Link to find our troop and register](#) If you have any questions, please contact Gerry McClelland at 248-431-6722.

Other Extracurriculars

If any parents are interested in starting another club, please contact Mrs. Weaver. Parents would receive parent hours for leading a club.

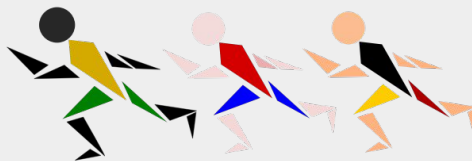
Some ideas are:

- Tennis
- Dance team
- School newspaper club, which could be featured in newsletters!
- STEM/Robotics Club

SM/MCA would love to offer additional clubs throughout the year!

Track

Track meets are scheduled for April 24th, May 1st, & May 15th at 5:30 PM at Marine City High School. Come cheer on our Cardinals!



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SM/MCA School Committee

Each month our school committee meets to discuss various school topics (marketing, tuition, academics, concerns, etc.). The committee is made up of Father Zbig, Mrs. Weaver, a different teacher representative each month, and parent/parish members (listed below). If you have any questions or topics you would like to present to the committee, please contact one of our members below. Thank you!

April Meeting Synopsis

The committee discussed recent marketing efforts, including a new postcard campaign that was mailed out earlier this week and our continuous Facebook campaign. There was also discussion about safety/security needs, with short and long-term goals created. Discussion on bussing continued, with the decision that at this time it is not worth trying to coordinate with PHASD to provide bussing to our students, since bussing times would differ from our school day and our students would be mixed in with PHASD students.

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Go Cardinals!