



# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY  
FOUNDED 1874 - ERECTED 1950 A.D.

## 2024-25 BACK TO SCHOOL GUIDE

## Welcome!

Dear SMS Families,

Welcome to St. Mary's Catholic School! In choosing St. Mary's Catholic School, you have demonstrated a commitment to the values and philosophy of a Catholic education.

The faculty and staff of our school look forward to working with you to promote academic excellence and spiritual development in the context of the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Together let us pray that God, who has begun this work in us, may carry it through completion.

God bless all of your families,  
Annette Roraback  
Principal





### First Day of School - Monday, August 12th

- The first day of school is Monday, August 12th. It is a HALF day of school.
- Please make arrangements to pick up your child at the end of the school day. There is no Extended Day Care. Bus service runs on minimum day schedule.
- Parents may walk their child to his or her classroom on the first day only.
- Students should wear regular day uniforms (Mass attire not required).

### Preparing for School: 6 Tips to Prepare for Success

1. Attend the Meet the Teacher Night on Thursday, August 8 at 6 pm.
2. Sign up for bus transportation if you need it to get to school.
3. Celebrate the end of summer at the Back to School Bash at The Splash in Sherman from 6-8 pm.
4. Get fresh haircuts, check shirt/pant hem lengths, and check uniform quality. If you need to order new uniforms, visit [Tommy Hilfiger](#) or [DM Uniforms](#) for any pieces you need. Gently used uniforms will be available for purchase from HASA at Back to School Night.
5. Set up or check your lunch account in FACTS, and pack a healthy lunch for the first week of school.
6. Be on time! You may arrive at 7:45 am, and school starts promptly at 8:00 am.
7. Have patience in the afternoon carpool line. It always takes longer the first week as we settle into a routine and ensure the safety of our students.
8. Remember, there is no Extended Day Care on the first day of school.
9. Read the Weekly Newsletter every Friday to prepare for the week ahead.
10. Download the FACTS Family app in English or Spanish to order lunches, pay tuition and fees, and access other useful information.

### School Hours

- The school day for all grades begins at 8:00 AM.
- Students should be in their seats at 8:00 or they will be counted tardy.
- Pre-K 1/2 day ends at 11:30 AM.
- **All other classes end at 3:30 PM.**
- All Early Release days end at 12:00 Noon. These days are noted on the school website and academic calendar.

### School Picture Day

Students will take Fall photos on Wednesday, September 25th. Retakes and Class pictures will be taken on Wednesday, October 23rd.



### FACTS Student Information System

To access this site for student and school information, parents must have an updated email in the school's management system. Parents are expected to access and utilize FACTS SIS for tracking their child's academic progress, updating information including authorized pick-up, contact information, change of address and medical information. To access FACTS:

- Go to the school website, click on the Parents tab, and FACTS/RenWeb.
- If it's your first time setting up your account, click "New Parent Login."
- District Code is STMARY-TX. Use the email address you gave to the school.
- Once your account is setup, login by clicking "Parent Login."

### Lunch

St. Mary's School provides hot lunch every school day at the following prices:

- Hot Lunch Tray (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday): \$3.75
- Extra entree: \$1.00 (if available)
- Raising Canes/Chick-fil-A (Thursdays): \$4-\$8.
- Jimmy John's (Thursdays): \$6.
- Pizza (Fridays): \$1.25 per slice.
- Water: \$0.50

Lunch orders are taken **monthly** through FACTS. At the end of each month the school will charge accounts accordingly. Families may pay as you are billed (within 15 days or late fee) or keep a "toll-tag" supply that automatically reloads the lunch account to a predetermined amount (set by the parent).

Students will still be charged for advanced lunch orders (i.e. pizza, CFA, Canes) regardless of absence unless canceled prior to the deadline. In the event of such an absence, parents may pick up the ordered lunch at the designated lunch time.

If your child does not have lunch on a hot food day, they will be given what is served that day. If they don't bring lunch on a Thursday or Friday, they will get and be charged \$3 for a Lunchable. Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches will no longer be available for purchase.

If your child brings lunch from home, please note: **Staff cannot heat up lunches in the microwave.** If you send a hot lunch in a metal Thermos-style container, please allow it to cool off a bit before closing the lid, or it will be heat sealed shut by the time your child tries to eat it at lunch.



### Volunteer Requirements

One of the major strengths of St. Mary's Catholic School is our community. This community sustains the school financially, spiritually and socially. A general volunteer expectation produces a strong school community.

**All families are expected to volunteer 30 hours per year** (15 in the Fall, 15 in the Spring) for major fundraisers, community events, classroom needs, and various campus projects. Volunteer opportunities will be updated throughout the year on the school website under the *Support* tab, then *Volunteer*.

If your family is unable to volunteer the required 30 hours, volunteer time will be billed through FACTS at a rate of \$15/hour. School employees and HASA Board Members are exempt from the volunteer requirement. And certainly, any family facing serious or unforeseen circumstances (i.e. hospitalization, etc.) may meet with the principal to discuss their situation.

### Safe Environment Training

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Dallas has implemented a Safe Environment Program for Parishes and Schools. You may access safe environment information at [www.cathdal.org](http://www.cathdal.org). The purpose of this program is to provide protection for both children and adults by informing adults of appropriate behavior toward children. St. Mary's Catholic School fully participates in this program. Each staff member and parent volunteer is required to be trained and to comply with all of the requirements and expectations.

All staff members and parents will fill out an application and submit to a criminal background check. Safe Environment training must be completed yearly, and background checks are updated every two years. All of these records are kept confidential, maintained in the principal's office, and secured at all times. Access is granted ONLY to those with a "Need to Know."

## Communication

### Newsletter

Watch for the school newsletter to arrive in your email each week. Important updates and guidance will be shared to help your child succeed at St. Mary's.

### Parent Text Alerts

Urgent or important messages are sent from Principal Roraback through our text system to the mobile number you listed in FACTS. Make sure it is current!

### Facebook Page

Follow our adventures and accomplishments on social media at <https://www.facebook.com/stmaryssherman>.

### Web Site

Check the St. Mary's web site at [www.stmarys-sch.org](http://www.stmarys-sch.org) for general information.

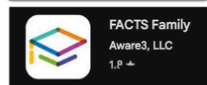
### Daily Folders

PreK-3rd grade students will bring home a daily folder for parents to review and sign each day. Older grades: Please see your teacher for take home folder and planner expectations. Be sure to ask your children for information and flyers that come home from school each day!

## FACTS Family App



## Download the FACTS Family App on Your Phone



1. Login to the FACTS Family app with the same information you use on a computer.
2. Click on the icons to see what features you have access to.
3. Order lunch, check grades, monitor attendance and behavior, and pay your tuition, or access the school directory... all right from your phone!

### Attendance

Students are expected to attend school every school day, personal illness and family emergencies being the exception. Parents/guardians must sign their child out at the receptionist's office each time he/she needs to leave the school during the school day.

On the day following the absence the student is to provide the teacher with a signed and dated note from his/her parent/guardian explaining the reason for the absence. **All absences without a doctor's note are considered unexcused.**

If your child is going to be absent, the parent/guardian must contact the school by 8:30 a.m. each day of the student's absence. Partial day absences are recorded. An absence of two hours or more in the morning or afternoon will be considered as a half-day absence. Therefore any child that arrives after 10:15 am or leaves prior to 2 pm will automatically be recorded half-absent. Students may not exceed more than (10) absences for the school year without serious reason.



**Bus Service**

## Ride the St. Mary's School Bus

### Morning Northbound

**McKinney**  
Depart 7:00 am  
Chili's, 1940 N Central Expy

**Anna**  
Depart 7:15 am  
Walmart Parking Lot, NW section  
807 S. Central Expy

**Van Alstyne**  
Depart 7:20 am  
Braum's, 848 W Marshall Drive

**Sherman**  
Arrive 7:45 am  
St. Mary's School

### Afternoon Southbound

**Sherman**  
Depart 3:25 pm  
St. Mary's School

**Van Alstyne**  
Arrive 3:40 pm  
McDonald's  
1001 W Van Alstyne Pkwy

**Anna**  
Arrive 3:55 pm  
Subway, 804 S Central Expy

**McKinney**  
Arrive 4:10 pm  
Party City, 2097 N Central Expy



## Monthly Bus Rates

from McKinney \$105  
from Anna \$100  
from Van Alstyne \$95

Bus fees may be paid via student FACTS account either monthly or for a full academic year, per student. Enrollment forms are available online or at the school office. Contact the school for more details. (903) 893-2127

**Enroll for Bus Services here:**

<https://forms.gle/GVee7pTaMRNWhA3N6>



### Early Arrival Program

The Early Arrival Program (EAP) is available Monday through Friday from 7:30 – 7:55 PM. Only children enrolled in St. Mary's Catholic School (SMS) are eligible to participate in the program. The school does not offer EAP when closed or on late arrival days. EAP follows a discipline where students may read, study or complete homework (coloring for young children) until they are dismissed to their classrooms. All program workers are Safe Environment approved with at least two employees minimum. Students may be dropped off at the school entrance. **NO STUDENT MAY ARRIVE EARLIER THAN 7:30 AM.**

Enroll in the Early Arrival Program Here:  
<https://forms.gle/gdUQCq8FfN7YboFT8>



### After-School Program

The After-School Program (ASP) is open to any student enrolled full day in the school and runs from 3:40 PM - 5:30 PM. Before a student can participate in the After-School Care Program, the parent(s)/guardian(s) need to fill out an ASP Agreement. For students who are not picked up by 5:30 PM there is a charge of \$1 per minute until the student is picked up.

Enroll in After-School Program Here:  
<https://forms.gle/x8YwrUV98sqK754u5>



## Carpool

### DISMISSAL PROCEDURE/TRAFFIC PATTERN

- Students will assemble in the Gym for afternoon prayers and dismissal.
- Family names will be projected on the Gym wall in the order parents are lined up outside for dismissal.
- The dismissal policy requires students be dismissed from the Gym and placed into vehicles by a school employee.
- The pick-up lane must move quickly and consistently. A total of **six** vehicles may load at one time. Therefore, please proceed forward as far as you can. If a child is not present or ready to be picked up, then the vehicle driver will be asked to circle to the back of the line.
- Children are to enter on the RIGHT side of the car ONLY.
- Texas State Law prohibits the use of cellphones while driving within one block of any school campus.
- Students are required to wait in the Gym. Please DO NOT ask your child to meet you at another location on the school grounds.
- If you pick your child up in the school, you may not enter or exit through the Gym doors at the circular drive. Please park in the parking lot and enter through the front doors of the school.
- If you send a person to pick up your child who is not an authorized individual, please contact the school so all involved can be alerted to the change. Please make the change in the child's FACTS account. If there is any question in the mind of a supervisor as to who is picking up a child, that individual will be asked to produce identification and we may call the parent to verify the identity of the individual.



The school does not have personnel to watch students after dismissal. Therefore any student not picked up by 3:45 PM will be sent to the After-School Program and subject to drop-in charges. The school office officially closes at 3:45 PM.





**Uniforms**









Visit our two uniform stores for any new uniform pieces you need:

1. Tommy Hilfiger (<https://rb.gy/5f56z>)
2. DM Uniforms (<https://rb.gy/6db0e>)

Refer to this Quick Reference Guide to make sure your child has everything they need (or want!).







UNIFORMS		REGULAR DAYS	
<b>PreK Girls</b>	Optional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Red or Blue Polo Dress with SMS Monogram</li> </ul>	
<b>PreK Boys</b>	Optional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Red Polo Shirt with SMS Monogram</li> <li>• Navy Shorts</li> </ul>	



UNIFORMS		REGULAR DAYS	MASS DAYS
<b>K-5 Girls</b>  	<b>Required</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Red Polo Shirt (short or long sleeve)</li> <li>Navy skirt, skort, shorts, or pants</li> <li>White Socks</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>White Dress Shirt</li> <li>K-3: Plaid Jumper</li> <li>4-5: Plaid Skirt</li> <li>Modesty Shorts</li> <li>White Crew or Knee Socks</li> <li>White or Blue Tights or Ankle Leggings</li> </ul> 
	<b>Optional</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Red Cardigan Sweater with SMS Monogram</li> <li>SMS Sweatshirt</li> <li>Zip up Sweater with SMS Monogram</li> <li>Zip up Fleece with SMS Monogram</li> <li>Windbreaker with SMS Monogram</li> </ul>	
UNIFORMS		REGULAR DAYS	MASS DAYS
<b>K-5 Boys</b>  	<b>Required</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Red Polo Shirt (short or long sleeve)</li> <li>Navy Shorts, or Pants</li> <li>Brown or Black Belt</li> <li>No-show Socks, any color</li> <li>White Crew Socks</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>White Dress Shirt (short or long sleeve)</li> <li>Navy Neck Tie</li> <li>Navy Pants</li> <li>Brown or Black Belt</li> <li>No-show Socks, any color</li> <li>White Crew Socks</li> </ul> 
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**\*\* Please Note: Hoodies are NOT permitted at Mass on Wednesdays. \*\***



UNIFORMS		REGULAR DAYS	MASS DAYS
<b>6-8 Girls</b>	Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blue Polo Shirt (short or long sleeve)</li> <li>Beige skirt, skort, shorts, or pants</li> <li>White Crew Socks</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Light Blue Blouse (long or short sleeved)</li> <li>Plaid Skirt</li> <li>Modesty Shorts</li> <li>White Knee Socks</li> </ul> 
	Optional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Navy Cardigan Sweater with SMS Monogram</li> <li>SMS Sweatshirt</li> <li>Zip up Sweater with SMS Monogram</li> <li>Zip up Fleece with SMS Monogram</li> <li>Windbreaker with SMS Monogram</li> </ul> 	
<b>6-8 Boys</b>	Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blue Polo Shirt (short or long sleeve)</li> <li>Beige shorts or pants</li> <li>Black or Brown Belt</li> <li>No-show Socks, any color</li> <li>White Crew Socks</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Light Blue Dress Shirt (long or short sleeved)</li> <li>Beige Pants</li> <li>Red and Navy Striped Neck Tie</li> <li>Black or Brown Belt</li> <li>White Crew Socks</li> </ul> 
	Optional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Navy Cardigan Sweater with SMS Monogram</li> <li>SMS Sweatshirt</li> <li>Zip up Sweater with SMS Monogram</li> <li>Zip up Fleece with SMS Monogram</li> <li>Windbreaker with SMS Monogram</li> </ul> 	

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Save the Dates

# FALL *at a glance* 2024

St. Mary's Catholic School is committed to serving and supporting its families through fundraising and community-building events. Participation is voluntary, but we appreciate your ongoing support!

## AUGUST

**August 4, 6-8 pm: Back to School Party at The Splash**

Cool off & reconnect with classmates and their families

**August 8, 6-8 pm: Back to School Night**

Meet your child's teachers and get ready to start the new year!

**New Parent Meeting** at 7-8 pm., **Reunión Española** en 7 pm

**August 22, 6 pm in 5th Grade Classroom: HASA General Meeting**

Learn how you can contribute to your child's learning community

## SEPTEMBER

**September 16-20: SkyTree Fall Book Fair**

**September 18: Grandparents' Day**

Share a special day at school with your grandparents!

**September 19th: North Texas Giving Day & Community BBQ**

Annual Fund Drive to support the school's operational funding.

**September 28: St. Mary's Catholic Church Fall Fest**

Join us for the biggest social event of our community!

## OCTOBER

**All Month: Poinsettia Sales**

Order gorgeous blooms for Christmas! Benefit the 5th grade Pines Trip & 8th grade Confirmation Retreat. Flowers arrive in December.

**October 24, 6 pm in 5th Grade Classroom: HASA General Meeting**

Become an active contributor to your child's learning community!

## NOVEMBER

**November 1: Coffee with the Mayor at St. Mary's**

Join Mayor Plyler in the SMS Gym for a community gathering with our local Sherman Chamber of Commerce friends.

**November 9: Veteran's Day Chili Cook-Off**

Share your favorite recipe or partake as a sampler while enjoying fellowship time with friends of the school and parish community,

## DECEMBER

**December 7: Run, Run Rudolph 5K**



Run through Sherman in Christmas style to benefit St. Mary's School.

**December 7: Sherman Christmas Parade**

Join holiday festivities to share our Tiger pride with all of Sherman!



Academic Calendar

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR										
		<b>First Day of Classes: August 12, 2024</b>		<b>JANUARY '25</b>						
		Last Day of Classes: May 23		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		<b>First Semester = 87 days</b>		5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		First Nine Weeks: August 12 - October 11		12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Progress Report - September 11		19	20	21	22	23	24	25		
Second Nine Weeks: October 14 - December 20		26	27	28	29	30	31			
Progress Report - November 13		<b>Second Semester = 89 Days</b>			<b>FEBRUARY '25</b>					
<b>Second Semester = 89 Days</b>		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S		
Third Nine Weeks: January 7 - March 7								1		
Progress Report - February 5		2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
Fourth Nine Weeks: March 17 - May 23		9	10	11	12	13	14	15		
Progress Report - April 22		16	17	18	19	20	21	22		
<b>8th Grade Graduation: May 21</b>		23	24	25	26	27	28			
Total Number Instructional Days - 176		<b>MARCH '25</b>								
Total Number In-Service Staff Dev. Days - 10		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S		
<b>Staff Development (No School)</b>								1		
August 5-9, August 30, January 6, January 17 & May 27		2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
<b>Early Release Days (12:00 Noon)</b>		9	10	11	12	13	14	15		
August 12, December 20, April 17 & May 23		16	17	18	19	20	21	22		
<b>Catholic Schools Week: Jan 26 - Feb 1</b>		23	24	25	26	27	28	29		
<b>Parent Conference Day (No School): Nov 1</b>		30	31							
<b>Holidays</b>		<b>APRIL '25</b>								
<b>Labor Day: September 2</b>		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S		
<b>Thanksgiving Break: November 25-29</b>				1	2	3	4	5		
<b>Christmas Holiday: December 23 - January 3</b>		6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
<b>Martin Luther King Day: January 20</b>		13	14	15	16	17	18	19		
<b>Spring Break: March 10-14</b>		20	21	22	23	24	25	26		
<b>Good Friday: April 18</b>		27	28	29	30					
<b>Memorial Day: May 26</b>		<b>MAY '25</b>								
<b>Inclement Weather Days</b>		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S		
<b>1st Bad Weather - February 17</b>						1	2	3		
<b>2nd Bad Weather - April 21</b>		4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
<b>Standardized Testing Week: October 14-18</b>		11	12	13	14	15	16	17		
		18	19	20	21	22	23	24		
		25	26	27	28	29	30	31		
		<p><i>St. Mary's Catholic School is dedicated to academic excellence and inspiring a faith-filled community of lifelong learners and compassionate leaders. We commit to teaching Catholic values and to following Jesus through meaningful service, prayer, and love.</i></p>								
										
<p>Morning Prayers at 8 AM &amp; Dismissal Prayers at 3:25 PM</p>										

## Social Events & Celebrations

### Party Invitations

Party invitations may not be given out at school unless all students in the class or all students of the same gender are invited.

### Class Parties

Classes are allowed to have parties for a variety of holidays or special events as determined by the teachers. Parties should last no more than an hour and, if possible, be scheduled at the end of the day. The homeroom parent(s) will notify families of parties and needed items.

### Birthdays

The celebration of individual student birthdays should be limited to a snack during the lunch period or at recess with the approval of the teacher. Any balloons, gifts or other items that are sent to the school from a florist will not be delivered to the classroom, but may be picked up at day's end in the school office.





**HASA**

## Join St. Mary's School Home and School Association (HASA)!

**Purpose:** The purpose of HASA is to support the Catholic education of children at St. Mary's Catholic School by fostering relationships among the school, parents, and teachers by:

1. Providing an opportunity for parents and teachers to work together for the benefit of students.
2. Furthering communication between parents and the school.
3. Encouraging parent participation within the school.
4. Hosting various service events and social activities.
5. Assisting teachers in the planning and the implementation of extracurricular activities and supplementing classroom needs.
6. Sponsoring informational presentations for the school.
7. Nurturing a positive spiritual and emotional environment for the entire school community.

### **Suggested Donation: \$10/Family**

Dues are used to fund HASA activities including:

- Back to School Splash
- Grandparents' Day
- Fall Family Night
- Teachers' Christmas Luncheon
- Spring Family Night
- Teacher/Staff Appreciation
- Field Day on last day of school



**HASA General Meeting**  
**Wednesday, August 22 2024 | 6:00 p.m.**  
**5th Grade Classroom**  
All parents/guardians are welcome!

### Spirit Store

#### Yard Signs

Share your Tiger Pride by ordering a St. Mary's yard sign (pictured below) for your front yard! Signs will be available for purchase at Back to School Night or in the front office. Only \$15 each to share your school spirit!



#### Friday Spirit Shirts

HASA is taking pre-orders at Back to School Night and until August 30th for this year's Friday Spirit Shirts (pictured above). These may be worn on Fridays with jeans without holes or shorts that are fingertip length.

#### Spirit Merchandise

All items will be available for sale by HASA at Back to School Night and other special events. Stay tuned for updates and new product debuts throughout the school year.

Support Your Child(ren)'s Classrooms

**BLESS YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOMS!**

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8th Grade Mrs. Adami	7th Grade Mr. Hernandez	6th Grade Mr. Brown
		
5th Grade Mrs. Aday	4th Grade Mrs. Finley	3rd Grade Mrs. Buckner
		
2nd Grade Ms. Ify	1st Grade Mrs. Candelaria	Kindergarten Mrs. Galvan
		
Pre-K 4 Mrs. Bailey	Pre-K 3 Mrs. Colvin	Art Mrs. Hearn
		
PE & Health Ms. Dell	Library & Resource Mrs. Tronzano	STEM Lab Mr. Banegas
		
Music Mr. Cason	Athletics Coach Stovall	

**Support the General St. Mary's School Tiger Fund**

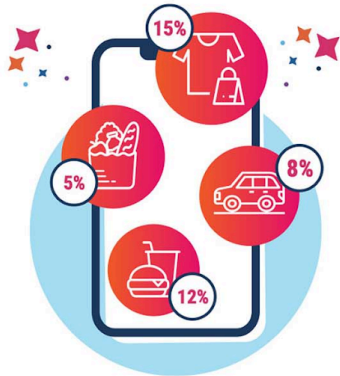


One-Time or Monthly Giving



**ST. MARY'S**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**Scrip**



**Turn everyday shopping  
into fundraising dollars**



**RaiseRight™**

Formerly ShopWithScrip

Participating in our Scrip Program is easy and generates income to benefit our students and learning community.

**How Does it Work?**

- Families download the RaiseRight App and enter the St. Mary's Giving Code: **2E35ED54219L6**
- Families purchase either gift cards from hundreds of merchants, at your convenience, and right from your phone!
  - Both physical and electronic gift cards are available for purchase.
  - Physical gift cards can take up to 30 days to arrive and be available for pickup, so always plan ahead.
- Merchants contribute anywhere from 1% to 25% to support St. Mary's School. It's a win-win!

We will keep you updated on monthly promotions (when brands increase their percentage donation for a limited time), and contests will run throughout the year incentivizing families to participate in scrip shopping.



Introducing our new mobile app

**RaiseRight™**  
by ShopWithScrip

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## Our Catholic Identity

### Our Mission Statement

St. Mary's Catholic School is dedicated to academic excellence and inspiring a faith-filled community of lifelong learners and compassionate leaders. We commit to teaching Catholic values and to following Jesus through meaningful service, prayer, and love.

### Our Vision Statement

We strive to help all students who leave our school to be:

#### Individuals Who Model Christ by:

- exhibiting compassion, tolerance, justice, and respect
- making good moral choices
- serving others
- having basic knowledge of Catholic doctrine, tradition, Scripture, and liturgy
- having the ability to engage in various forms of prayer

#### Diligent Lifelong Learners who:

- possess a foundation of basic, academic skills leading to independent thinking and learning
- are effective communicators, collaborators, and decision makers
- exhibit an appreciation for the fine arts

#### Active Individuals who:

- demonstrate knowledge of health, physical skills, and hygiene
- understand the need to care for their physical being, as it is a gift from God and a temple for their soul
- show respect for their own gifts and talents and for those of others

#### Responsible Citizens who:

- conscientiously respond to the needs of society and the environment
- appreciate and understand our diverse society
- are cognizant of current events
- participate in the democratic process
- identify with, and participate in an active, faith-based community
- display manners and etiquette toward all individuals

### Statement of Philosophy

We, the faculty and staff of St. Mary's Catholic School, believe that the Catholic school provides a unique form of education to the students it serves. We believe that we can only achieve these goals with the full cooperation of the parents. We encourage our students to put forth his/her best efforts at all times. In order that each student may work to his or her fullest potential, we provide a comfortable and safe environment. St. Mary's School provides an academic environment in which students can develop the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values necessary for a productive Catholic Christian life.



## Athletics

### **We at St. Mary's Catholic School will always work at:**

"Guiding students through sports with a focus on always maintaining a healthy mind, body and competitive spirit."

### **Athletic Philosophy**

The fundamental philosophy of the SMS Athletic Department is to develop the talents of young men and women through competitive, amateur athletics while maintaining a strong sense of Christian principles and good sportsmanship. The St. Mary's Catholic School Athletic Program is a Christ-centered program open to school students enrolled in the fifth through eighth grades at St. Mary's Catholic School. All students have the opportunity to participate, focusing on team unity, sportsmanship, skills' development and fun.



### **Dallas Parochial League**

St. Mary's School participates in the Dallas Parochial League, the athletic organization serving the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Dallas. Students in 5-8 grades are eligible to try out for St. Mary's DPL teams, which currently compete in **volleyball, basketball, flag football, cross country, and futsal.**



St. Mary's Catholic School participates in the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP). All tournaments or practices follow the official guidelines and rules set by this organization. **Archery** is available to students in grades 3-8



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