



SMS Cougar News

Please access our school calendar on www.stmarys-school.org

November/December Calendar-Important Dates at a glance!

December 3: 1st Sunday of Advent

December 4: Evening Prayer/Advent Reflection 7pm in Church

Dec. 4-8: Christmas Shoppe open for students (in Rm. 111)

December 5: 8th Grade Bake Sale

December 8: 8:30am School Mass - Feast of Immaculate Conception
12 noon Dismissal - Faculty Professional Development

December 11: 7pm Parish Reconciliation Service in Church

December 13: 8:30am School Mass

December 15: Parents Night Out 6-9pm - Girl Scouts babysitting service for VPK-4th in Aftercare room in Early Childhood Center (Sign-up information was sent home in family envelopes)

Gifts for Children on Christmas Tree at Church

This year, we are encouraging our school families to take a tag from the Christmas Tree in the church narthex and purchase a gift or two for a needy child this Christmas. We are no longer a Toys for Tots collection site, but we still want to share Christmas with children in our own church and school communities. Each tag on the tree represents a needy child from our own Rockledge/Cocoa area, so consider giving by taking a tag this weekend! All gifts should be returned to the Christmas tree before December 20. 0

St. Mary Youth Group News

DEC. 3rd -- Middle School gathering (6-8PM)-Youth Group room in Pastoral Center (ALL students in grades 6-8th are welcome.)

**Youth Group Christmas Caroling for our St. Mary shut-ins: date/time TDB soon!

Christmas Shoppe Coming next week-Please volunteer!**

Our 2017 Christmas Shop will be setup December 3rd and will be open December 4th through December 8th (7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. daily). The shop gives students an opportunity to purchase special gifts for their family and friends. In order for this event to be successful we need volunteers for setup, to work the shop during the week* and for cleanup. Thank you for your help as this is always a favorite of the students!! To signup please click the following link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b49a4aa2aa2f58-2017>

**You must have fingerprint clearance through the diocese to work the shifts during the school week.

Rockledge/Cocoa Christmas Parade

St Mary School will again be participating in the Rockledge/Cocoa Christmas Parade which will be the evening of Sat. December 9th. All children who would like to participate in the parade must have their parent accompany them in the parade and help with float setup on Friday Dec 8th (starting at noon dismissal until complete). Similar to last year all adults walking in the parade will wear our St Mary School holiday shirt which can be purchased for \$10 ea. and students will dress up as angels and the Living Nativity (costumes provided). We won First place last year and are looking to bring home the trophy again!! If you are interested in participating please email Holly Apgar (hverderame@gmail.com) so we can plan accordingly. This is a great way to share the Good News and to continue getting our school's name out into the community.

**Please note that there are no NUT days in December for wearing the shirt.

Breakfast with Santa December 17th

The Annual Santa breakfast is on December 17th and tickets go on sale this week. Look for the flyer in your child's backpack. Tickets cost \$5.00 each and all the money raised from the breakfast will go as a cash donation to Helping Hands. You can choose the early or late breakfast but sign up early as we always sell out! If you don't want to go to the breakfast, please consider checking out the sign up genius to make a donation toward the items needed to have the event.

Keep Christ in Christmas yard signs and car magnets

The theme of this year's small Christmas fundraiser is Keep Christ in Christmas. We have Yard Signs for \$10 and Keep Christ in Christmas car magnets for \$5.00. Look for the flyer in your child's back pack to place your order or ask at the front desk.

Supplies are limited, so make sure to get your yard sign and magnet early before they sell out!



Catholic Youth Sports Info for Grades K-8 Fall 2 Sports

Register Now!

REGISTRATION FOR K-5 CO-ED FLAG FOOTBALL AND MS GIRLS SOCCER AND MS BOYS BASKETBALL IS NOW OPEN - will close on December 10 !

- Grade School (co-ed K-5) Flag Football registration is now open. Coaches are needed for all grade levels. Contact Coach Olson if you are interested. Must be fingerprinted. Season starts in January.
- MS Girls Soccer and MS Boys Basketball registrations are also open until 12/10. Season starts in January. We need a MS Boys JV Basketball Coach. Games start in January.

HOW TO REGISTER: Go online to docys.org On the home page, click on Brevard Region. There you will find the CYS calendar and more information about Brevard sports. Click on the orange button that says "Register Now" to register your child. Coaches will be given a 50% discount for his/her child to play.

K-5 UNIFORMS: Any K-5 athlete who has a CYS shirt and shorts that still fit will not need to purchase new ones for 17-18. New players and players who have outgrown their uniforms will need to purchase new ones when they register.

MIDDLE SCHOOL UNIFORMS ARE PROVIDED BY THE SCHOOL.

Coaches: If you are interested in coaching, please email Coach Olson golson@stmarys-school.org All coaches must have fingerprint clearance and view the concussion video online.

Have a blessed weekend!

