

# FALCON FLYER

School Newsletter | 16 February 2024

**S<sup>+</sup>. MARY'S SCHOOL**  
*of* **PISCATAWAY**

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

During the Lent season, we encourage parents to actively engage with their children in understanding the significance of this holy period. Lent is a time of reflection, self-discipline, and spiritual growth for Catholics around the world. It is an opportunity for us to follow the example of Jesus Christ by fasting, praying, and giving alms. By explaining the purpose and traditions of Lent to your children, you can help them develop a deeper understanding of their faith and instill in them important values such as selflessness and empathy. We encourage parents to involve their children in acts of charity, attend Lenten services together, and support their children in any personal sacrifices they choose to make during this time. Together, let us embrace the Lenten season as a time of spiritual renewal and growth for our families.

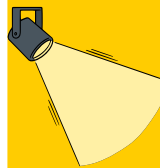
## REMINDERS

- School Closed Monday, February 19th  
~ President's Day
- Dress Down Day February 22nd. The funds are going towards Chrome Books for the students.

## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

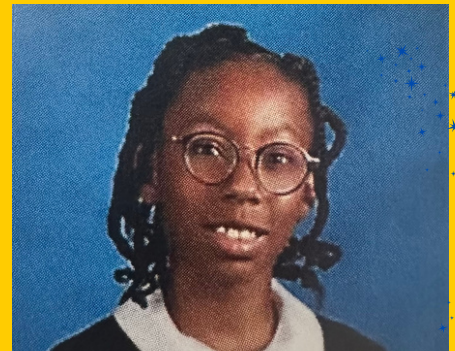


Girl Scout Meetings have begun (Grade K-4). If you are interested in signing up contact Shence Hayes, Membership Specialist 301-861-5864 [Shayes@gscnc.org](mailto:Shayes@gscnc.org)



## SPOTLIGHT

**Congratulations to Robyn K. for receiving 2nd Honors.**



**SCHOOL IS A PARTNERSHIP WHERE WE ALL WORK TOGETHER  
TO HELP OUR CHILDREN LEARN AND GROW.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Students continue bringing in donated clothing to fill our Clothing Shed.
- **President's Day February 19th** - school closed

# CLASSROOM NEWS

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL OF PISCATAWAY

OUR SCHOLARS  
PREPARING FOR  
THEIR STREAM  
TEAMS.

CLASSROOM  
HAPPENINGS

SCIENCE  
TECHNOLOGY  
RELIGION  
ENGINEERING  
ARTS  
MATH



## BIRTHDAY CORNER

Olivia K. 02-02

**Sage L. 02-03**

Early E. 02-11

Cooper W. 02-13

Jasper-Rose 02-21

Jaden D. 02-25

Alaura T. 02-25

Victory K. 02-28

Jace B. 02-28



# HSA Corner

THE NEXT HSA PLANNED EVENT IS THE EASTER EGG HUNT FOR THE ELEMENTRY STUDENTS AND A SCAVENGER HUNT FOR THE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS. WE ARE EXCITED TO SHARE THAT THE SCAVENGER HUNT WILL HAVE THE KIDS COLLECTING PUZZLE PIECES OBTAINED BY FIGURING OUT CLUES GIVEN THAT WILL ULTIMATELY LEAD THEM TO FINDING THE GOLDEN EGG. WE HAVE OUR PRINCIPAL TO THANK FOR THIS AMAZING IDEA. PRIZES WILL INCLUDE VOUCHERS FOR A FREE DRESS DOWN DAY, ICE CREAM, HOMEWORK PASSES AND MORE. WE ALSO HAVE IT ON GOOD AUTHORITY THAT THE EASTER BUNNY WILL BE MAKING A SPECIAL APPEARANCE. WE HOPE TO MAKE IT AS FUN AS POSSIBLE FOR ALL OUR KIDS.

WITH YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT, FUNDRAISING EFFORTS TO DATE HAVE ALLOWED FOR THE PURCHASE OF 26 OUT OF THE 72 CHROMEBOOKS NEEDED FOR KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 3RD GRADE. WE HOPE TO CONTINUE THE EFFORTS AND REACH THE GOAL OF PURCHASING THE REMAINING 46 CHROMEBOOKS THROUGH THE FOLLOWING FUNDRAISING EVENTS.

- ADDITIONAL DRESS DOWN DAYS
- KRISPY KREME
- LEDO PIZZA AND CHIC-FIL-A NIGHT OUTS
- RITA'S ITALIAN ICE
- FAN CLOTH STORE

PLEASE STAY TUNED AND CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING TO HELP WITH THESE ACTIVITIES. IF YOU'RE IN NEED OF SERVICE HOURS, PLEASE REACH OUT TO THE HSA. WE CAN CERTAINLY HELP!

REGARDS,

MABELINE HALL, HSA PRESIDENT



# Upcoming Calendar Dates:



<b>Tuesday, February 13</b>	<b>Dress Down Day \$2.00 Valentine's Day Celebration</b>
<b>Wednesday, February 14</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday All School Mass Valentine's Day</b>
<b>Thursday, February 15</b>	<b>NWEA Map Growth Winter Testing Ends (grade 2-8)</b>
<b>Friday, February 16</b>	<b>2nd Quarter Honor Roll Assembly Early Dismissal 12:00 Noon</b>
<b>Monday, February 19</b>	<b>President's Day - School Closed</b>
<b>Thursday, February 22</b>	<b>Dress Down Day \$2.00</b>
<b>Friday, February 23</b>	<b>All School Mass</b>
<b>Friday, March 1</b>	<b>All School Mass Early Dismissal 12:00 Noon</b>
<b>Friday, March 8</b>	<b>All School Mass</b>
<b>Sunday, March 10</b>	<b>Daylight Savings ~ Spring Forward</b>



# 2024 SPRING SOCCER

OPEN TO ALL AGES, ALL GRADES & ALL SKILL LEVELS

**REGISTER BY MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**\$120**

*Online Registration Only*

**\$120**

<https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/417404>

*Earn Service Hours: COACHES & REFEREES NEEDED*

**PRACTICES START: MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**GAMES RUN: April 13<sup>th</sup> – May 30<sup>th</sup>**

*UNIFORMS included ♦ WEEKDAY Practice ♦ 8 Soccer Games*

CONTACT INFORMATION  
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## ALL volunteers **MUST** be fully VIRTUS Child Protection Cleared

### REQUIRED STEPS

1. Complete, sign, and return the **Application** to the school coordinator
2. Visit [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) to **Register** for Virtus training
3. Read the Archdiocese Child Protection Policy Booklet and sign the **Acknowledgement Form**
4. Complete FBI **Fingerprinting** at a location near you
5. Be sure to **Submit** all final documentation to the SMSP coordinator

Be a soccer coach or referee....Chaperone field trips....Assist with events or parties....Support the front office...Host class parties...Serve on committees....Help with campus events... and lots, lots more!!!!

#### Frequently Asked Questions:

- I was cleared at another Catholic Parish; do I have to take the class again?  
*Please contact St. Mary's coordinator, Ms. Goodman, at (301) 292-2522*
- Where do I find a Virtus class? <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/index.cfm?>
- What organization do I select when registering for a class? *Washington, DC (Archdiocese)*
- Where do I find a fingerprinting center?  
<https://www.dpscs.state.md.us/publicservs/fingerprint.shtml>
- Is there a fee? *Yes, approximate fee for fingerprinting is \$40 - \$60, which is required at the time of service.*