

**St. Mary School**  
***A Place of Spirited Learning***

January 12, 2012

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We have been very lucky so far this school year with no school delays or cancellations, but our luck may be about to change if the forecast prediction rings true for tomorrow.

**DELAYS AND CANCELLATIONS** - You are reminded each year to watch the television stations for any delays or cancellations that will occur. It will be noted as "St. Mary School, Glenshaw" with the directive attached below it.

Please understand that the decision for our school is based on the decisions of the majority of school districts that provide our student transportation. When five or more delay or cancel, then we do as well. We must have at least half of our student population in session and at least 3.5 hours of instruction to be considered a day of school.

SO...if we have a two-hour delay tomorrow (Friday), school will be cancelled all together since it was originally scheduled to be a half-day. Our children would only be in school 1.5 hours.

We appreciate everyone's understanding of this.

**TUITION PAYMENTS** - All families are reminded that all tuition is to be paid in full by the end of January with the exception of those who have arranged a special payment plan. Letters of intent will be sent home the week after Catholic Schools Week to give us an idea of how many families and children will be returning to St. Mary's for the next school year.

**BEF AND SOS GRANTS** - We received the application forms for the Bishop's Education Fund (BEF) and the Scholastic Opportunity Scholarship (SOS) from the diocese for any family wishing to apply for grant money for next year's tuition. I would encourage eligible families to take advantage of these opportunities since the monies are available.

**The application deadline is March 15, 2012**, and all information is confidential. Also, please note that you **MUST** apply for these diocesan grants in order to receive any funding from our own St. John Neumann Tuition Assistance program. That application form will be sent home with the BEF and SOS application, but it is to be returned to me and not the diocese.

Please submit your request for the applications in writing and send to the school office.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK** - We will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week from January 29<sup>th</sup> – February 3<sup>rd</sup> this year. A copy of the week's activities will be sent home next week. Please look for it.

We try to do something each day that correlates with the theme, while still scheduling regular classes for most of the day. The theme this year is “Catholic Schools: Faith, Academics, Service”. This is a wonderful theme that lends itself to many possibilities.

Sincerely

Ms. Antoinette Pilarski  
Principal

## **TUITION ASSISTANCE INFORMATION** **2012 – 2013 SCHOOL YEAR**

**TUITION ASSISTANCE FORMS** - It is that time of the year when we alert you to the opportunity for tuition assistance from the diocese for the 2009-2010 school year. These opportunities come by way of the Bishop's Education Fund (BEF) and the Scholastic Opportunity Scholarship (SOS) funds.

**BEF Grant Program** - is for **Catholic** students in grades kindergarten through grade twelve.

**SOS Grant Money** - is available for **any** student in grades preschool through grade twelve attending Catholic schools in the diocese of Pittsburgh.

All parents/guardians applying for either of these grants must have a needs assessment by the Private School Aid /Service (PSAS), a company in Ohio which specializes in evaluating need for families attending private schools.

Each family must submit a \$24 administrative fee along with:

- A copy of their federal tax return (and state tax return if applying to SOS)
- a completed 2012-2013 "Student Aid Form" (**with your pastor's signature if applying to BEF; principal's signature for the preschool application**)

"Student Aid Forms" are due to PSAS no later than **March 15, 2012**. Incomplete forms will be returned. **Preschool supplemental forms require the principal's signature; the BEF forms require the pastor's signature.**

Some students will be eligible for both programs while others will only be eligible for SOS. However, **only one application per family is necessary** even though a family might have children at the preschool, elementary and secondary levels. Once the applications are reviewed, each family will receive a letter directly from the diocese indicating the award given.

**To request an application form, please submit your request in writing and send it to the school office. In order to receive tuition assistance from the school through the St. John Neumann Tuition Fund, you MUST apply for BEF/SOS grant monies.** The deadline for the St. John Neumann application is **April 15, 2012**. If you should have any questions, feel free to call the school office.

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<b>Friday, January 13, 2012</b>	<b>11:45 AM Dismissal – Faculty Meeting Liturgy – 10:00 AM – Dress Uniform Super Bingo – Marian Hall</b>
<b>Monday, January 16, 2012</b>	<b>No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b>
<b>Tuesday, January 17, 2012</b>	<b>Yearbook Orders Due</b>
<b>Wednesday, January 18, 2012</b>	
<b>Thursday, January 19, 2012</b>	<b>Picture Retake Day</b>
<b>Friday, January 20, 2012</b>	<b>Liturgy – 10:00 AM – Dress Uniform</b>

**Early Dismissal:** On Friday, January 13, there will be an 11:45 AM early dismissal. North Hills and Pine Richland will not provide transportation home from school this day. All other districts will provide transportation.

**Picture Retake Day:** Picture retakes will take place on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. Group pictures for the yearbook will also take place on this day. If you are in need of a retake form, please contact the school office.

**Yearbook Orders:** The yearbook order forms were included in last week's newsletter. Orders are due January 17, 2012.

**Catholic Schools Week Skating Party:** Mark your calendar for Friday, February 3, for the annual St. Mary's School family skating party at North Park. Skating session 4:30 – 7:00 pm with family social to follow. Look for more information in next week's newsletter.

**Night at the Races – “They’re coming down the stretch”:** *The St. Mary Athletic Association* will hold their annual “**Night at the Races**” in Marian Hall on Saturday, January 28, 2012. Please join us for this most enjoyable evening with friends and exciting entertainment. Tickets are **\$20.00** and includes food buffet, beer, setups and soda(BYOB). Please consider coming after the 6PM Mass. Doors open at 7:00pm. Buffet dinner at 7:15pm. Races start at 8:00pm. Adults only. For tickets contact Tom Iurlano at 412-478-0834 or via email at [tiurlano@gmail.com](mailto:tiurlano@gmail.com) or Joy Soeder at 412-983-7799 or via email at [soederjoy@yahoo.com](mailto:soederjoy@yahoo.com) . **Bring your friends and family!**

**Special Prayer Request:** Please keep Marion Noro in your prayers. Cards can be sent to Mario Noro, 5020 Sunnyslope Drive, Gibsonia, PA 15044 or email him at [jlnoro@consolidated.net](mailto:jlnoro@consolidated.net).

St. Mary's PTG January 2012  
**Pizza and Hoagie Sale**

Our hoagies and pizza from Christy's Catering were a huge hit! We are thrilled to be offering them again for our January PTG Pizza and Hoagie Fundraiser. We hope you will support this month's sale. Ask your family, friends, and co-workers, too. Everyone loves pizza and hoagies – they're perfect for a quick dinner, kids' lunches, or to take to work! Just look what people are saying about Christy's pizza and hoagies...

*"Fresh! Almost too much meat!"*

*- Lisa Mulcahy, SMS mom*

*"I thought the hoagies were DELICIOUS and I would definitely order them again!"*

*- Dolly Stampfle, parishioner and basketball referee*

*"We all enjoyed the pizza and hoagies and will be ordering again - more confidently suggesting them to friends and family."*

*-Jennifer Maltese, SMS mom*

*"Hoagies were awesome! I want more!"*

*- Marian Rex, former SMS mom and current SMS grandparent*

*"We enjoyed them and really liked the fresh ingredients!"*

*- Stella Miller, SMS 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher*

*"I thought the hoagies were great! Nice and meaty this time! I would order these again."*

*- Kate Hopke, SMS mom*

*"The Burkhart family loved the hoagies and pizza. You have our vote!"*

*-Susan Burkhart, SMS mom*

We are featuring Cheese (\$7) and Pepperoni (\$8) Pizzas, Italian and Ham and Cheese Hoagies (\$5), and Turkey and Cheese and Roast Beef and Cheese Hoagies (\$6). All hoagies come with lettuce, tomato, and dressing packets and are available with or without onions. **Orders along with payment are due no later than Monday, January 23.** Pick-up will be in Providence Hall on Wednesday, January 25, from 2:30-4pm. Order form is attached. Make checks payable to St. Mary's PTG and send to Rose Natoli, c/o Emily, Room 2 and mark PTG Pizza/Hoagie Sale on your envelope. For questions, call Rose at 412-486-0850.



**St. Mary's Pizza and Hoagie Order Form**  
 Pick-up Wednesday, January 25, 2:30-4pm, Providence Hall

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone  
 Number: \_\_\_\_\_

	Number	Price per Item	Total
<b>HOAGIES</b>			
Italian		\$5	
Italian w/ Onions		\$5	
Ham & Cheese		\$5	
Ham & Cheese w/ onions		\$5	
Turkey & Cheese		\$6	
Turkey & Cheese w/ onions		\$6	
Roast Beef & Cheese		\$6	
Roast Beef & Ch. w/ onions		\$6	
<b>PIZZAS</b>			
Cheese Pizza		\$7	
Pepperoni Pizza		\$8	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			

Please return order with payment – checks made payable to St. Mary's PTG – by Monday, January 23, to Rose Natoli, c/o Emily, Room 2.



# ***NIGHT AT THE RACES***

**Saturday, January 28, 2012**

St. Mary's School – Marian Hall



Doors Open: 7 PM

Buffet Begins: 7:15 PM

Races Begin: 8 PM

***Blackjack, Poker and games of chance available***

ADULTS ONLY!

Advance Admission: \$20 per person / \$25 at the door

Includes: refreshments and buffet – BYOB




Pre-Buy and Name your Horse = \$10 per




Pre-Buy a Jockey = \$10 per



**To purchase tickets, horses, jockeys or to reserve a table for your group contact :**

 **Tom Iurlano at 412-478-0834 / [tiurlano@gmail.com](mailto:tiurlano@gmail.com) or**

 **Joy Soeder at 412-983-7799 / [soederjoy@yahoo.com](mailto:soederjoy@yahoo.com) or**

 **You may also purchase tickets at the PAC.**

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