

SMS WORD



Parents,
Guardians,
&
Students

As we bring the 2021-22 school year to a close, I want to take a moment to thank our parents, parish community, and Melrose area for supporting St. Mary's School. Your generosity and support directly impacts the services we are able to provide to our students. We are truly blessed to have all of you be a part of our mission, and we value the partnership that we have formed with you. Our school is a special community, and we look forward to improving, enhancing, and building on the great things we have done together. **Thank you!**

Check out
the State of
the School!



What we *Learned*, When we *Laughed*, How we *Succeeded!*

This year was an exceptionally "normal" year at SMS, and we're so happy to say that! Students learned in-person every day, and we got to see their smiling faces too! Here are some of our classroom **highlights** from the year:

♥ The 3rd grade class **learned** how to use iMovie to create a video showing the story of Jesus' birth for the Great Technology Giveaway Contest. They **succeeded** in being awarded a top prize and won \$1,200 for our school technology program!



♥ The 5th grade class **learned** the process it takes to create a game. They took an idea, came up with the appropriate measurements and turned that idea into something real. They learned the rules of the game and **laughed** lots while playing it.

♥ The 2nd grade class **learned** about building and structures and what makes them strong and tall. We applied what we learned to build structures of our own using resources like straws, cups, popsicle sticks, and clothespins. Exploration led to many **laughing** moments and lots of **success**.



♥ The 4th grade class **learned** to be mass servers, serving both at school and parish masses.



SMS Students Celebrate *First Communion*

SMS students celebrated their First Communion on May 1st and 8th at the 10:00 masses; SMS also hosted a special all-school mass on May 20th to celebrate these children with the rest of the school and their families too. Please keep praying for these students as they continue their faith journey.



FESTIVAL OF NATIONS®

On May 6th, the 6th grade students presented a Festival of Nations in the school gym. The students each chose a different country, researched and wrote a report on the country, created posters of the country's flag and map, created a Google Slides presentation, and much more! Students invited the students, staff, and family members to "visit" their country and learn about the life and culture of the people who live there.



Stacy Meyer Scholarship Fundraiser

On April 30, Schiffler's Liquor and Stacy's family and friends hosted a wonderful fundraiser event that raised over \$17,000 for the Stacy Meyer Scholarship Fund! Attendees were treated to a fun evening including a meat raffle, horse races, other surprises, and live music. The night was an opportunity to celebrate all that Stacy has contributed to St. Mary's School and encourage people to continue her legacy. St. Mary's Catholic School is very grateful to everyone who helped plan and host this event and all who attended and donated to the scholarship fund!

FIELD TRIPS

Preschool: Hemker's Zoo



Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd Grade: Safari North Zoo



5th and 6th Grade: MN State Capitol, MN History Center, St. Paul Cathedral

3rd and 4th Grade: MN Zoo

DID YOU KNOW?

SMS is an accredited school through the Minnesota Nonpublic School Accrediting Association and has been since 1984. **Why is accreditation important?** Accreditation is a framework for the best possible educational program for learners. In addition to delivering recognized credibility of the quality of a school program in the eyes of stakeholders and the public, accreditation also offers outside objective validation that a school has met high standards and is actively seeking a quality educational program. Check out our website for more MNSAA information!

