



St. Mary School



Dec. 13th 2024 Parent Update

Important Dates

Dec 16th & 17th

Christmas Market for
Students

Dec 20th - last day of
school until 2025.

Feb. 18, 2025

Grade 6 Grad Photos

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School Trustee

Scott Phelan

Zone 1 - Ward 6

Stittsville, Ward 20

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Hello St. Mary Families,

Angel Tree: We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all of you who have chosen to participate in our Angel Tree program by selecting a gift for a child in need. Your generosity and kindness will bring joy and warmth to many children during the holiday season.

Please remember to return the wrapped gift to the school by Monday, December 16th. Kindly ensure the gift is labeled with the angel tag provided. Thank you again for your heartfelt support.

Shelley's Gift:

As we approach the Advent season, we are excited to announce our upcoming project, beginning on **Tuesday, December 3rd - Tuesday December 17th**. This initiative will be led by Mrs. Stanistic's dedicated Grade 5 students, who have shown incredible enthusiasm and compassion in paying it forward.

Last year, during our Lenten season, the St. Mary community came together beautifully to honor Sister Shelley Lawrence (RSCJ) by giving back to a center in our community. Sister Shelley was a cherished member of the Ottawa Catholic School Board, dedicating 25 years to nurturing students, staff, families, and the broader community as a chaplaincy leader. The initiative, which we lovingly named Shelley's Gift, surpassed our expectations and drew support from members of the school board and St. Anne Elementary. It truly demonstrated the power of our community coming together for a greater purpose.

This year, we are eager to continue this vital tradition of Shelley's Gift by collecting goods for St. Joe's Women's Centre. This remarkable institution provides essential services to low-income and homeless women and their children, creating a supportive and safe environment where individuals can access social and educational programs aimed at promoting empowerment, autonomy, and dignity.

In honor of Sister Shelley's legacy, we invite all families to participate in this meaningful cause. We will be collecting items that will help create holiday meals for families served by St. Joe's. Here is a list of the items we hope to gather:

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- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Boxed stuffing
- Instant potatoes
- Baking mixes
- Hot chocolate
- Maple syrup
- Boxed pancake mix
- Canned fruit
- Baking ingredients
- Cooking oil
- Cookies w and sweet treats
- Jam and honey

Please remember to avoid sending dented cans, items that are past their due dates, or products containing pork, as many families served by St. Joe's follow halal dietary guidelines. We also ask that you refrain from staples like canned soup, beans, tuna, and vegetables, focusing instead on items that can be enjoyed as part of a festive holiday meal.

Our goal is ambitious yet achievable: to collect 750 items by the end of the project on Tuesday, December 17th. Your generous contributions will not only help us honor Sister Shelley but also bring joy and support to families in need during this special season.

We are incredibly grateful for our St. Mary community and your continued support. Together, let's create a lasting impact and uphold the values of compassion and kindness that Sister Shelley embodied.

Thank you for being a vital part of this initiative.


Thank you for your continued support with your child's education.

Sacramental Preparation Program - Our Lady of the Visitation Parish
The First Reconciliation & First Communion preparation program (Grade 2 and up) has now begun. Any families who missed the parent meetings or welcoming should email communion@olvottawa.ca for program information.

Registrations are accepted until December 31st.

From OPH - As we head into the colder months, we want to support our schools and community in staying healthy and reducing the spread of respiratory illnesses. To assist with this, we're sharing a key messages document, "**Reducing the Spread of Respiratory Illness**".

[Reducing the Spread of Respiratory Illness](#)

 Réduire la propagation des maladies respiratoires - Message clés - No...
Hello St. Mary Families,

School Council News

Please see this link for becoming a volunteer at St. Mary
<https://www.ocsb.ca/contact/volunteers/>

Hello St Mary's Families,

Our Purdy's Chocolate orders have arrived. The pick up date for all orders will be Monday Dec 16th from 4-7pm near the front door. If you need alternate arrangements please reach out to Kelly Johnston at saintmarycouncil@gmail.com.

This fundraiser generated \$845 towards school enhancements. Thank you once again for your generous support. We wish all our families a Safe and Happy Holiday!

St Mary's School Council

Reminders

Communication with School Staff



Communication between home and school is an important part of your child's education. We know how important it is for you to speak with your child's teachers. Please remember that teachers are often with their class, running extra curricular activities, among other things. When reaching out to all staff please allow 48 hours for the staff member to respond, this include the Office Admin team

and Mrs. Nehme.

Parking Reminders: Please do not park at the front of the school after 3:15. We have Special Transportation vehicles that begin arriving at that time. Please do not park in the staff parking lot along the side of the building. Check out [St. Mary \(X\)Formerly Twitter](#) for daily/weekly photos.

Please see our [Weekly Reminders](#) for drop off and pick up.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend with your families.
God Bless,
Traci Nehme



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