



Irish Update

January 23, 2026

Due to the predicted weather forecast and temperatures, we are going to postpone the Catholic Schools Week breakfast and student appreciation day (skating rink). These events will be made up when the weather decides to cooperate!



Events are postponed

Catholic Schools Week 2026 January 25th-31st

Sunday: Celebrating Your Parish

Monday: Celebrating Staff

Tuesday: Celebrating community/family with breakfast and classroom visits.

Wednesday: All School Mass at the Basilica at Noon.

Thursday: Giving thanks for our Catholic Education/Family Appreciation Day

Friday: Celebrating Your Students and All School Spirit t-shirt photo.

Skating rink, snacks and/or movie for Preschool through K

Saturday, February 7th: SMS Foundation Dinner (this is not postponed)



Saturday, February 7, 2026

St. Mary Catholic School Msgr. Kakascik Parish Center Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.

\$150 per ticket

2 admitted per ticket

Grand Prize \$5000

\$10,600 in Prizes ~ 51 Winners

Only 225 Tickets Sold

SMS
Foundation

The St. Mary School (SMS) Foundation was established in 1992 to ensure the future financial stability of St. Mary Catholic School and maintain the viability of this educational institution through long-term financial development and planning.

For tickets or more information contact:

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Please consider joining us for this lovely adult only evening! This is the only fundraiser that the SMS Foundation does, and they do so much for the school.

For those new to the St. Mary's community, you may be wondering what the St. Mary School (SMS) Foundation is and why it matters.

The SMS Foundation is a nonprofit charitable organization established to support, strengthen, and sustain the educational mission of St. Mary's School. Its purpose is to meet the challenges of Catholic education today and tomorrow by protecting the long-term financial stability of our school for generations to come.

While annual tuition and limited diocesan funding cover basic day-to-day expenses—such as teacher salaries and utilities—they do not account for major or unexpected needs. When a roof leaks, 30+ year-old flooring needs

replaced, or additional safety and security measures are required to protect our children; that is where the Foundation steps in.

The Foundation hosts one fundraiser each year: our Annual Benefit Drawing on Saturday, February 7. Tickets are \$150 and admit two guests. Join generations of Catholic school supporters for a fun evening while helping ensure the future of St. Mary's School.

Miss Kim's parents' night out has been cancelled



We have a newspaper club here at St. Mary Catholic School and today's edition of *The Irish Times* is attached to today's Irish Update.

Home and School News

Our board will have a few open positions for the next school year. If you are interested in joining our team, please attend future meetings to learn more. Board members must attend a certain number of meetings per our by-laws.

Stuffie Sleepover has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. We hope to reschedule it.

Texas Roadhouse Dine to Donate night is Tuesday January 27 from 5-9pm.

Class Valentine parties will be Thursday, February 12 at 2:45pm (P3 and P4 classes may have different party tim



Bring your stuffie & payment, safely tucked inside the provided Ziploc bag, to school.

Don't forget to label it with your NAME/GRADE. While you're home for the weekend, your stuffie will stay behind for a sleepover full of fun! When you return on Monday, you'll hear all about the exciting adventures your stuffie had while you were away.

\$15/student

\$10/each additional sibling

1 stuffie/student

Please do not send a special security item!

Stuffies will not be accessible for pickup over the weekend.



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- Irish booster meeting –Wednesday, January 28th
 - 5:30-6:30 PM Parish Center

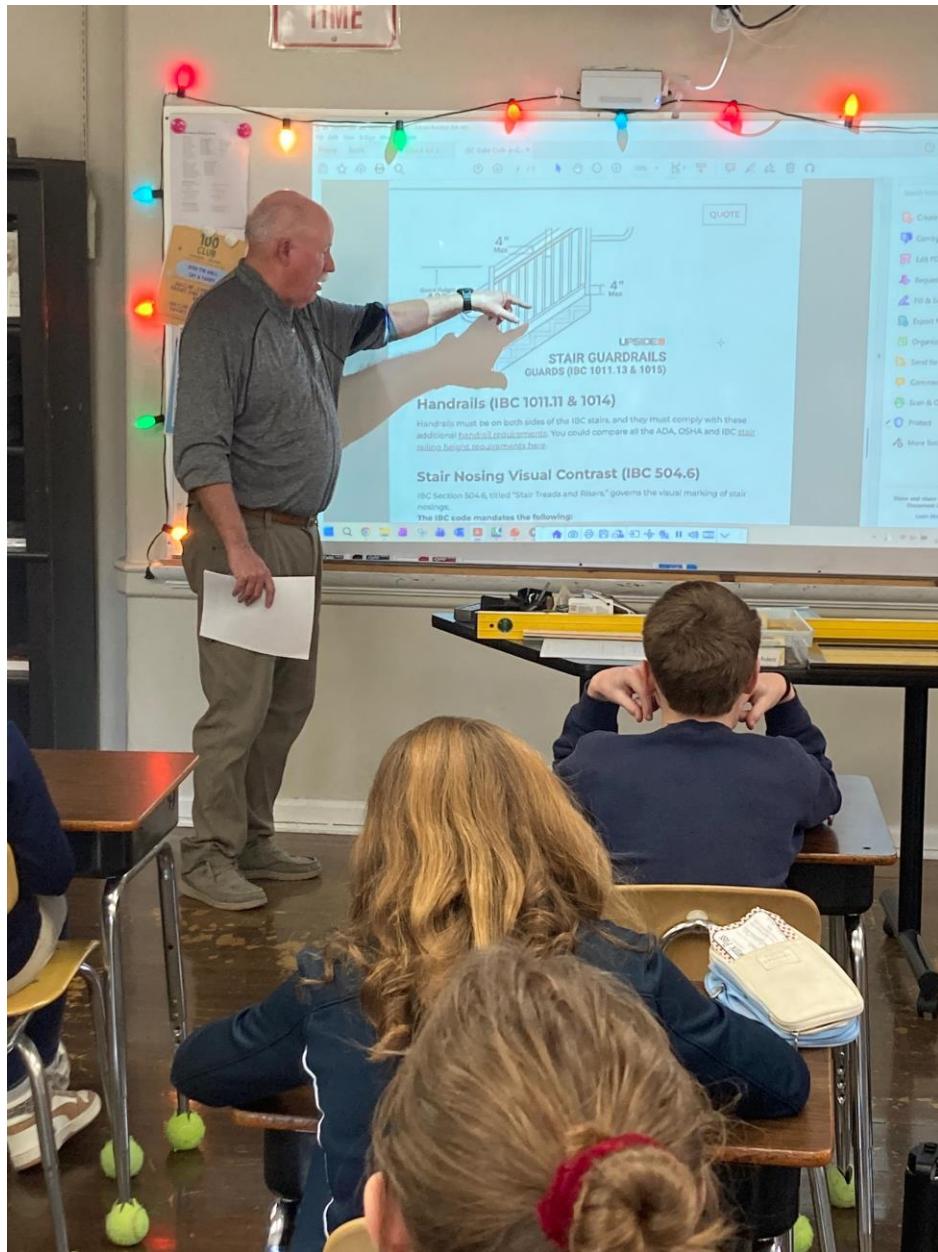


The Directors of St. Mary Catholic School are pleased to announce that this year's play will be Willy Wonka. Auditions were held this week, and the cast and crew will be announced on Wednesday, January 28th. The play will be held on Friday, April 17th. This will be a wonderful performance highlighting our students who love the arts and acting!

Save the date:

The Spring Art & Music Show will be held on Wednesday, April 29th. More details will be shared as the date approaches.

Thank you to Pickering and Associates, Joe Tucker and Sean Cottrill who came to talk with the 6th grade Math class about a project-based learning task to determine what flooring would be best for our future renovation of the stairways. Thank you to Mrs. Worthington for arranging this presentation.



Miss Kim wishes you all a safe, snowy and warm thoughts filled weekend! We all know that Miss Kim loves to do a snow dance!

