



From the Desk of
Maria Cahill, Principal
February 28, 2024

**Happy National Tooth Fairy Day!
February 28**

Greetings St. Pius Tenth School Families!

There is a great deal of information in this week’s communication, which is our **main tool for sharing information** with families. Therefore, we ask that you take the time to read it, in its entirety, to keep up with what is happening in our school. We will do our best to send text reminders for certain events, though that may not always be possible. Thank you in advance for your time and attention!



Please note the following important **calendar dates**:

Friday, March 1	9:30 AM	School Liturgy
Sunday, March 3	1:00 – 3:00 PM	St. Patrick’s Day Dance
Friday, March 8		Conference Day-No School
Monday, March 11	6:15 PM	PAC Meeting- School-Room 20
Friday, March 15		½ Day for Students Professional Development Day for Teachers
Friday, March 29		Good Friday – No School
Monday – Monday April 1 – 8		Easter Recess School Reopens on April 9

St Patrick’s Day Dance



This Sunday, March 3, 2024, from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM in the Parish Center



Save the Date for our Spring Concert

Our Spring Concert will be held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 6:30 PM, in the school gymnasium. Please save the date, as our students will display what they have been working on this year in both band and music.



Catholic Schools Day at the Ballpark!

This year, Catholic Schools Day at Innovative Field is scheduled for Sunday, June 2, 2024, when the Red Wings will take on the St. Paul Saints at 1:05 PM. Tickets will be on sale for \$10. We will be sharing the link to purchase tickets as soon as it is made available to us.



Just 2 days left for the February Box Tops Bonuses!

You can earn 40 Bonus Box Tops at Target from now until the end of March when you buy any four Annie's products in a single transaction.

Our \$1,000 goal for this school year is in sight! With 4 months to go, we're already at \$690!

Our current standings:

RANK	GRADE LEVEL/CLASSROOM	# OF BOX TOPS
1	Kindergarten	497 Box Tops
2	Grade 2	346 Box Tops
3	Grade 5	74 Box Tops
4	Grade 1	37 Box Tops
5	Grade 4	3 Box Tops
6	Grade 3	0 Box Tops

*** REGISTRATION FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR ***

Registration for the 2024-2025 School Year is now open to all current and prospective families! Please let us know if you need another hard copy of the registration packet, and we will send one home with your student.

Please return your completed paperwork as soon as possible to guarantee enrollment.

**Diocese of Rochester Building a Brighter Future Scholarship
2024-2025 School Year**



The application period is now open for the 2024 – 2025 **Building a Brighter Future Scholarship**. Please see the information included in this week's communication for information and application instructions.

This is an eligibility-based scholarship opportunity for registered students in Kindergarten through Grade 5.

Please note that there is a \$40 scholarship application fee.

Fr. Murphy Scholarship 2024-2025

The window for application for the Fr. Murphy Scholarship is now open. If you would like more information, please contact the school office at (585) 247-5650.

The financial awards of up to \$3,000.00 (per scholarship, per year) are granted for up to 4 years for students in grades nine through twelve who are attending McQuaid Jesuit, Bishop Kearney, Aquinas Institute or Our Lady of Mercy High Schools.

Reddington Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted for the Reverend John A Reddington Scholarship Fund. This is a needs-based scholarship offered to students in good standing in Elementary, Middle, and High School. Please see the information included in this week's communication. The application may also be found on the DOR Financial Aid page at:

<https://www.dorschools.org/financial-aid>



From Camp Stella Maris:

Attention families!

Give your campers between the ages of 5-10 a memorable and fun-filled April break by registering them for Camp Stella Maris' upcoming April Break Camp. For one week, from April 1st to April 5th, campers will take part in a range of thrilling activities such as scavenger hunts, team building, gaga, arts and crafts, carpetball, dancing, and much more! Our friendly and experienced counselors will guide campers through every activity, ensuring their safety and that they have the time of their lives. The cost is \$300 and will run from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm each day and includes two snacks a day and an amazing chance to make lasting memories and new friends. Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to give your campers the adventure they deserve. Financial assistance is available. You can find more information and register by visiting our website. <https://www.campstellamaris.org/year-round-kids/>

Also mark your calendars and get ready for a thrilling morning at Camp Stella Maris' 3rd Annual Stella 5K & Kids Fun Run. Join the excitement on April 27, 2024, at Mendon Ponds Park for an unforgettable experience. This event is an excellent opportunity to support CSM's Campership program, which provides scholarships to help many campers experience the positive impact that

spending time at camp can have on their social, physical, and emotional growth. By participating in this event, you not only get a chance to exercise and have fun but also support a great program that helps children grow and flourish. Register now for the 5K race for just \$35 or Kids Fun Run for only \$15 and join CSM on their mission to make a positive impact on children's lives.

<https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/HoneoyeFalls/CSM5KFamilyFunRun>

Please see the flyers included in this week's communication.

Have a Blessed and Wonderful Rest of the Week!

Art Room News

By: Ms. Veitch

In the art room, students have been working on a variety of winter projects. The second grade worked on mittens with patterns. The third grade learned about texture in art as they created bears in colorful sweaters. Here are a few pieces of our winter artwork.



We hope that winter will be behind us soon as we look forward to Easter and spring projects.



Application Instructions

1. Go to online.factsmgt.com/aid.
2. If **new parent** to the Diocese of Rochester Catholic Schools network, create an account by setting up a username and password with your information. If **existing parent** at one of our Diocesan schools, use your current FACTS credentials.
3. Select the **2024-2025 term**.
4. Review the FACTS platform information. **As with all financial aid applications, there is a \$40 fee to apply. This is not covered by the Diocese of Rochester Department of Catholic Schools. All applicants must pay this fee in order to apply for the scholarship.**
5. Select **Begin Application**.
6. Click **Add School / Organization**.
7. Type in the search box **Building a Brighter Future Scholarship**. Select the checkbox and click **Add**.
8. Click **Save & Continue** to proceed with completing the application.

Under the STUDENT section of the application:

- Enter students **grade level for 2024/2025 School Year**
 - Enter **\$1** in the box for: Tuition
 - Enter **\$1** in the box for: How much of this child's tuition can you and/or the co-applicant pay?
 - Enter **\$1** in the box for: Annual tuition support required from this child's non-custodial parent as a result of legal separation, etc.
9. Continue completing all application sections.
 10. Finalize the application by uploading your tax documents and reviewing your submission.
 11. A Department of Catholic Schools representative will be in contact with you regarding your Building A Brighter Future Scholarship application and next steps with the school at which your current student(s) is enrolled at, or new student(s) may be enrolled.



Eligibility

The **Building A Brighter Future Scholarship** provides a tuition assistance scholarship opportunity for eligible students, K-8th grade, across our Diocesan schools for the 2024-2025 academic year. The scholarship supports the Department of Catholic Schools' mission to educate, inspire, and develop children into future leaders of the Church and community.

An online application process will assist in determining eligibility based on the National Standards for Free and Reduced-Priced Lunch. The Department of Catholic Schools will assist **new** families with selecting and enrolling in a school location throughout the application process.

To qualify, you must meet the income standards for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch below:

Income Eligibility Guidelines for Scholarship Program

Household Size	Annual Gross Income
2	\$36,482
3	\$45,991
4	\$55,500
5	\$65,009
6	\$74,518
7	\$84,027
8	\$93,536

**For each additional family member, add \$9,509*

Applications will be submitted online through the **FACTS Tuition Management** website. Please download the **"How to Apply" application instructions guide** at dorschools.org/scholarship

All materials will be reviewed by the Department of Catholic Schools in the order they are received. Additional documentation may be requested. After review, the Superintendent will notify the Principals of the selected Catholic schools and inform the families of awards.

Scholarship recipients are required to be in good academic standing and are expected to follow the rules and procedures outlined in the school's Code of Conduct. They should contribute to a positive learning environment and show respect to other people and to property. Students who do not meet these requirements will not be eligible for a scholarship regardless of their financial needs.

This scholarship is for one full school year. Families who have received this scholarship in the past must reapply each year.

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9:00 AM
APRIL 27
2024

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APRIL BREAK CAMP

FOR CAMPERS
GRADES K - 5

APRIL
1st - 5th
8:00 - 5:00
\$300*

ACTIVITIES

Hiking and nature walks
Scavenger hunts
Teambuilding activities
Gaga

Art & Crafts
Singing & Dancing
Carpet Ball
2 snacks



REGISTER NOW

closes 3/27/24

campstellamaris.org/year-round-kids/



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*financial assistance available