

News from the Cardinal's Nest

May 31, 2024



St. Mary/McCormick Catholic Academy

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A Letter from our Principal

It's here, the last day of school! Today is so bittersweet! There is so much excitement in the air with our last day of school. The kids are having a blast celebrating field day, featuring a ton of outdoor games, our yearly tug of war between the grades, and a new teacher race to launch field day. We're dismissing at 11:30 AM and PTO is putting together a hot dog lunch/picnic. Families are encouraged to stick around after dismissal and enjoy the lunch with other families. It will be a great way to kick off the summer!

I want to say thank you to everyone for an amazing school year. Thank you to our families for choosing SM/MCA as the school to educate your child(ren): mind, body, and soul. Thank you to our teachers for their passion for teaching and nurturing our students as they grow in their faith and education. Thank you to all staff for being here for the students, supporting our students/staff, and for your commitment to our school. Thank you to our students for actively participating in your education, being yourselves, and bringing joy to our staff and to others. Thank you to our parishioners for your support through prayers and donations. THANK YOU to all for this wonderful school year! I feel so truly blessed to be part of this wonderful community.

Have a blessed summer!!!
Mrs. Weaver



The move has begun for our Young 5's room! We're very excited to move our Young 5's class to a bigger room with 2 bathrooms in the room as well as air conditioning. Follow our Facebook to see the reveal when the room is all done!



Pictures of our Preschool and Young 5's students at their graduation program! Congratulations!



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Summer Office Hours

The school office will be open Monday through Friday the weeks of June 3rd, June 10th, August 19th, and August 26th from 9AM-1PM. Please contact Mrs. Wright or Mrs. Weaver if you need assistance beyond these times.

Early bird registration ends on June 6th, please enroll before June 7th to save \$100!



Registration for 24/25 School Year

As a current SM/MCA Family, you only need the following to register your child(ren) for next school year:

- Fill out and sign the Tuition Contract
- Registration Fee (\$300 per family if you register **before June 7**, \$400 per family if you register **on or after June 7**) -cash or check. You may also use a credit/debit card with a 3% fee.

*If you're enrolling an additional child (who is not currently enrolled), please come to the school office for the additional enrollment paperwork or email/call the school office and request it to be sent home.

You may return the completed tuition contract along with the registration fee to the school office.

**For K-8 families that are eligible for the in-vicariate rate (by being registered at a Blue Water Vicariate Parish, supporting the parish with your time, talent, and treasure, and attending Sunday Mass and other days of Holy Obligation), please fill out the top portion of the [Active Parish Verification Form](#) and return it to the school office upon registration.

ENROLL



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Fri. May 31: **Last Day of School K-7 (11:30 AM Dismissal)**; Free dress; Field Day 8:30-11 AM; Hot dog picnic lunch at dismissal 11:30 AM (or take to go!)

Mon. June 3: Office open 9AM-1PM

Tues. June 4: Office open 9AM-1PM

Wed. June 5: Office open 9AM-1PM

Thurs. June 6: Office open 9AM-1PM; **Last day to get *Early Bird Registration* of \$100 off!**; K's for Kids Fun Run - represent our school (see next page)!

Fri. June 7: Office open 9AM-1PM

Mon. June 10: Office open 9AM-1PM

Tues. June 11: Office open 9AM-1PM

Wed. June 12: Office open 9AM-1PM

Thurs. June 13: Office open 9AM-1PM

Fri. June 14: Office open 9AM-1PM

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Fun Run - Represent our School!

There will be a K's for Kids Fun Run on June 6th starting at Pine Grove Park in Port Huron. Have your child wear their St. Mary/McCormick spirit wear and run with their friends!

Click [here](#) for more information and to register for the race!

A collage of photos from a fun run event. It shows groups of children and adults running, a 'FINISH' banner, and a central logo. The logo is a yellow circle with a blue superhero figure running, with the text 'Port Huron Schools Endowment Fund' around the top and 'K's FOR KIDS FUN RUN 24 BE A HERO!' at the bottom.

K's For Kids Fun Run

Thu June 6, 2024
Port Huron, MI 48060 US [Directions](#)

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Parent Hour Opportunities for the 24/25 School Year

Get ahead on next year's hours!

****Please note:** To volunteer at our school, you are required to have completed the [Protecting God's Children course OR take the recertification course if you took Protecting God's Children prior to 2020](#). Please email or call the office for help registering for this free course.**

VBS - June 24-27 (Get ahead on next year's hours!)

Vacation Bible School is less than a month away, & we are looking for volunteers! Adults/Parents can earn Parent Participation Hours, High School helpers can earn NHS points, and Jr High kids can earn Confirmation and NJHS points! We need a variety of helpers for any or all of the 4 evenings, plus help with decoration/set building the week of June 17-21. Contact Barb Patchett or Mary Shoudy at 810-982-7906 for more info.



Parents! (and other Adults!)

**We need your help with Vacation Bible School this summer!
You are needed for many important jobs!**

Scuba VBS is happening June 24-27, M-Th, from 5:30-7:30pm. If you can help, please fill out this form & return it to Barb Patchett in the Religious Ed office!

Name:
Email:

Address:
Phone:

***What evenings are you available? (circle days you can help)**

All Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

***Where would you like to help? (place a #1,2, or 3 next to your 1st, 2nd, & 3rd choice**

**Kitchen___ Imagination Station___ Reef Rec Games___ Sticky
Scripture___ Deep Bible Adventures___ Sing & Play Splash___
Decorations/Set Build___ Crew Leader___**

**Questions? Call or text Barb Patchett at 810-956-2976 or email
barbpatchett4@gmail.com**

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Start planning for next year! Here are some opportunities!

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Extracurricular activities for 24/25 & Parent Hour Opportunities

Any items with a ** we are looking for coachings/volunteers! If you think you may be interested in helping next year with any of these items, please email Mrs. Weaver at principal@stmarymccormick.com! As it gets closer to the season/school year, I will reach out to see who is still interested in coaching/volunteering.

Sports

- ****Athletic Director** (full parent hours & paid stipend)- In charge of coordinating all sports, coordinating with other athletic directors to plan games, attend sporting events, etc.** (If interested, please email Mrs. Weaver to discuss full job description)
- Cheerleading (in Fall/Winter - aligns with Basketball season)
 - JV/V Girls (Grades 3-8) ****Coach**
- Basketball - in Fall/Winter
 - JV Girls (Grades 4-6) ****Coach**
 - JV Boys (Grades 4-6)
 - V Boys & Girls (Grades 6-8) ****Coach (both Boys & Girls)**
- Ski Club (ages 7 through 8th grade) - in Winter
- Track (Grades 4-8) - in Spring ****Coach**
- Cross Country (Grades 4-8) - in Fall ****Coach**
- Disc Golf (Grades 4-8) *Would like to coordinate with Holland Woods to use their course after school (if they agree); we could also purchase baskets to make our own movable course here on campus. No set season, but could take place in Fall and/or Spring ****Coach**
- **Open to other sports suggestions!**



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Arts

- Band (Grades 5-8) ****Coach-** If anyone is musically inclined and would like to coordinate students who play their own instruments to make a school band, this would be a fun addition to our school!
- Choir (Grades 3-8) - Mrs. Doherty, our parish music minister, will lead this starting in the Fall
- Piano (Grades 5-8) ****Coach** - If anyone is musically inclined, and would like to teach piano lessons, we do have several keyboards available to use.
- Dance team (Grades 4-8) ****Coach** - No set season, but could have performance(s) at assemblies or other events (i.e. Talent Show)
- Yearbook Club (Grades 5-8) ****Volunteer** - Could work with students to design yearbook pages
- Art Club (Grades 3-8) ****Coach** - If anyone is artistically inclined and would like to host this after school, I think it would be a fun addition!
- School Newspaper club (Grades 6-8) ****Coach** - Looking for a volunteer to help lead in creating a school newspaper that can have monthly publications to be featured in our Cardinal's Nest newsletter.
- **Open to other suggestions!**

Character Development

- Trail life - A boys-only troop program that meets every Thursday, open to K-12 boys.
- American Heritage Girls (<https://americanheritagegirls.org/>) OR Girl Scouts ****looking for leaders to get a girls troop together!**
- **Open to other suggestions!**



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STEAM/Academic

- Lego club (no set time - I would like to spread out the 3 leveled sections throughout the year)
 - Beginner Scientists Grades K & 1 ****2-3 volunteers** to run this club
 - Junior Scientists Grades 2-4 ****2-3 volunteers** to run this club
 - Advanced Scientists Grades 5-8 ****1-2 volunteers** to run this club
- Chess club (Grades 4-8) - Mr. Hugdahl will lead this club in the Fall
- Academic Olympics (**4 coaches - 1 for each subject below**) Grades 5-8 (Coaching takes place in December-February & Judging takes place at event in February)
 - Religion
 - Forensics
 - Problem Solving
 - Math
- National Junior Honor Society (Grades 5-8) ****Coach/Coordinator** - Assist Middle School teacher with club
- Student Council (Grades 5-8) ****Coach/Coordinator** - Assist Middle School teacher with club
- Service Squad/Safety Patrol (Grade 5-8)
- Robotic or Coding Club (Grades 5-8) ****Coach**
- **Open to other suggestions!**

Other Parent Hour Opportunities

- **Routine Lunch Help ****
- PTO Board Members - ****Need 1 more member at large**
- School Committee Members
- **Spreading Mulch on Playground - August ****
- **Painting Bench & Picnic Table on Playground (June or August) ****
- Attend PTO Meetings (1 hour each month)
- Chair an event/fundraiser through PTO
- Pop, serve, and clean up popcorn on Popcorn Fridays
- Volunteering at VBS



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Cardinal Mooney Summer Camps

Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School will be hosting their 2024 Summer Camps for 4th-8th grade students. To register your child visit www.cardinalmooney.org

2024 Summer Camps

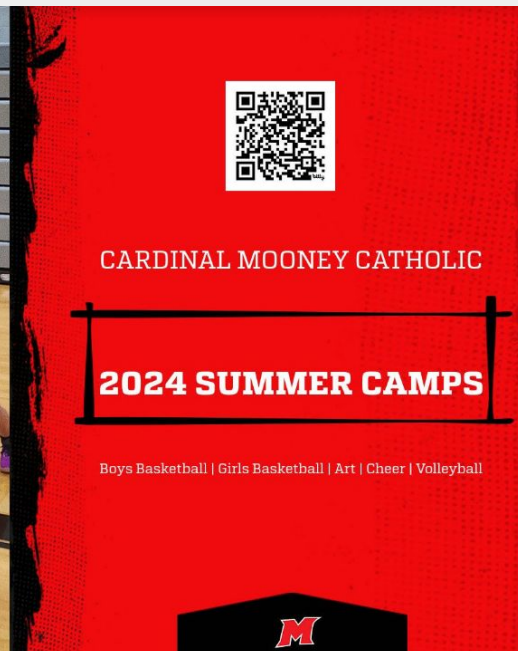
Boys Basketball (July 15-18)

Girls Basketball (July 9-12)

Volleyball (July 22, 23, 25)

Visual Arts (July 22-25)

Cheer (August 5-7)



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Austin Catholic High School Summer Camps

Austin Catholic High School will be hosting their 2024 Summer Camps for 5th-9th grade students.

**2024
SUMMER
CAMPS**

**FOR BOYS & GIRLS
5th - 9th Grade**

ATHLETIC & ACADEMIC

- Basketball
- Soccer
- Volleyball
- Leisure Sports
- Martial Arts
- Archery
- STEAM
- Drama & Improv
- Mad Scientist I and II
- Creative Writing
- Drawn to Science
- Art & Ceramics
- Music/Band

The poster features a collage of images: students holding up sailboat drawings, a student working on a project, a group of students in pink shirts, and a hand painting a colorful design on a plate. The Austin Catholic High School logo is also present.

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Austin Catholic High School Summer Camps (Cont.)

Austin Catholic High School will be hosting their 2024 Summer Camps for 5th-9th grade students.

SESSION 1 CAMPS JUNE 17 – 20

MORNING SESSION 8:00am to 11:30am

- Co-Ed Basketball
- Soccer
- Drawn to Science*
- Creative Writing

AFTERNOON SESSION 12:00pm to 3:00pm

- Intro to STEAM*
- Leisure Sports
- Ceramics I*
- Archery

SESSION 2 CAMPS JUNE 24 – 27

MORNING SESSION 8:30am to 11:30am

- Volleyball (7th, 8th, 9th)
- Mad Scientist I*
- Art Camp*
- Martial Arts

AFTERNOON SESSION 12:00pm to 3:00pm

- Volleyball (5th & 6th)
- Mad Scientist II*
- Ceramics II*
- Band Camp
- Drama/Improv

MAKE IT A FULL DAY!

Campers registering for a morning & afternoon camp may add on an activity/supervised lunch period for \$20 which includes pizza party on Thursday.

CAMP REGISTRATION DETAILS

- All campers will receive an ACHS Camp T-Shirt
- Registration begins March 1st
- For more information or to register visit us at:
<https://austincatholichighschool.org/camps/>
or contact Mr. Joe Bongiovanni at 586-200-0143
- Athletic & Academic Camps Price: \$50
- Science & Art Camps Price (*): \$60
- After June 1st camp prices increase by \$10 and Make It a Full Day increases by \$5



BEST Summer ever



Single Gender Summer Camps for Boys and Girls

ZIP LINE | DAILY MASS | ARCHERY TAG | SPORTS | SWIMMING | ARCHERY
ROPES COURSE | CANOEING | ROCK WALL | HORSEBACK RIDING



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BOYS' CAMPS**2-WEEK CAMPS**

Ages 8-16 yrs

Session 1

Sunday, June 23 - Sunday, July 7

Session 2

Sunday, July 7 - Sunday, July 21

Session 3

Sunday, July 21 - Sunday, August 4

1-WEEK CAMPS

Ages 8-13 yrs

Mini Camp A

Sunday, June 23 - Sunday, June 30

Mini Camp B

Sunday, June 30 - Sunday, July 7

Mini Camp C

Sunday, July 7 - Sunday, July 14

Mini Camp D

Sunday, July 14 - Sunday, July 21

Mini Camp E

Sunday, July 21 - Sunday, July 28

Mini Camp F

Sunday, July 28 - Sunday, August 4

Mini Camp G

Sunday, August 4 - Saturday, August 10

ROPES ADVENTURE CAMP

Ages 11-16 yrs

Sunday, August 4 - Saturday, August 10

HORSE CAMP

Ages 11-16 yrs

Sunday, August 4 - Saturday, August 10

GIRLS' CAMPS**1-WEEK CAMPS**

Ages 8-16 yrs

Sunday, June 16 - Saturday, June 22

Sunday, August 11 - Saturday, August 17

HORSE CAMP

Ages 11-16 yrs

Sunday, June 16 - Saturday, June 22

We have spent the last 90 years helping young people build a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and His church. Camp Sancta Maria's mission is to help young people unplug from the distractions of this digital age and encounter the Lord through authentic discipleship, sacramental life, and the beauty of His creation in Gaylord, Michigan.

"I cannot say enough good things about this place. My boys will tell you that CSM has changed their lives and brought them closer to their faith than ever before." -parent of a camper

"Camp Sancta Maria changed my life. My heart is open to Jesus and I learned to pray with my heart and soul. I heard God talk to me when I was praying at camp. I want God to lead my path in life."
- Sean, 11 years old

For more information or to register visit us at www.campsanctamaria.org.
For questions, contact us at 248-822-8199 or office@campsanctamaria.org.

