



# Weekly News for the Week of October 26, 2020

## This Week at SMS

**Monday, October 26th**

**Tuesday, October 27th**

**Wednesday, October 28th**

- **1:30 pm** Marianapolis Academy Virtual visit for Grade 8 students

**Thursday, October 29th**

**Friday, October 30th**

- Orange and Black Out of Uniform Day for all students
- November After School Registration due

***Congratulations to Grades 4 and 6 for having the highest average sales by the end of the Magazine Drive. Congratulations to our top salespeople: Sara Kate Edmunds and Sophia Buffone!***



***All grades have earned a chance to participate in the annual Pig Race. Thanks to all for your support!***

## Upcoming Events

- 11/2: Winter Uniform Policy in effect
- 11/2: Evening Virtual Parent Conferences
- 11/3: Virtual Parent Conferences **No School for Students**
- 11/8: Dining for Dollars 110 Grill 11:30am –9pm
- 11/11: Veteran's Day—**No School for Students**

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**Parents of Grades 5-8 students:** Don't forget to schedule your conferences through the sign-up genius sent out last week's Wednesday Announcements.

**Parents of Grade K-4 students:** The schedule for Grades K-4 conferences will be published in this week's Wednesday Announcements.

## Saint Mary School Celebrates Massachusetts Stem Week



**STEM** Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics

This week Saint Mary School students participated in Massachusetts STEM Week 2020, and each grade level was presented with a particular STEM challenges. STEM lessons involve hands-on, inquiry-based activities that immerse students in an open-ended path to learning. The students enjoyed the opportunity to control their own ideas and design their own investigations! Thank you to all of the faculty who worked hard to help Saint Mary School maintain its commitment to STEM education. The kids had a blast!



Kindergarten students constructed ladders that would help pick apples off of a miniature apple tree!

Students in Grade 1 learned to use the basic steps of the engineering design process to guide them in building a tall tower from pipecleaners.

The story of the **Three Billy Goats Gruff** story was the springboard for second grade's challenge of designing a bridge that would could hold 10 pounds.

At some point in your life you will need a Creature Catcher, and Grade 3 students were challenged to design one that could hold as many spiders as possible. (Thankfully the spiders were plastic!!)

Inspired by the story The Boy Who Could Harness the Wind, the fourth graders were instructed to create their own wind powered device.



After listening to the story Dogzilla, Grades 5 and 6 built catapults that could launch a dog biscuit.

Grade 7 worked on creating simple tessellations, an arrangement of shapes closely fitted together in a repeated pattern without gaps or overlapping.

Using their knowledge of air pressure, Grade 8 students were eager to design their own rocket-powered cars.