



# Weekly News for the Week of November 16, 2020

## This Week at SMS

### Monday, November 16th

- Mrs. MacDonough will be working part time this week! Welcome Back!!

### Tuesday, November 17th

- St. Anne's donations due [Click here for info](#)
- School Advisory Board Meeting, 7 pm

### Wednesday, November 18th

- **December Hot Lunch Ordering Deadline**

### Thursday, November 19th

- Thanksgiving Mass at 1:30 - Grades 4/5

### Friday, November 20th

- Saint Paul's High School Virtual Visit to Grade 8
- Project Based Learning for Grades 7/8
- Thanksgiving Mass at 1:30 - Grades 2/3

## Upcoming Events

- 11/21 – 12/6: SMPA Holiday Jingle Jog Fundraiser
- 11/23: Thanksgiving Mass at 1:30 - Grades 6/7/8
- 11/24: Thanksgiving Mass at 1:30 - Grades - K/1
- 11/25 - 11/29: Thanksgiving Break

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In just ten weeks our Kindergarten students know the routine for their snack break. They do a fantastic job each day socially distancing themselves on the playground to eat their snack. Then they can't wait to run around and soak up some sunshine and fresh air.



### Thanksgiving and COVID –19

We all know that our Covid numbers in Massachusetts are on the rise and through a combination of luck and prayer, we have remained in a protective bubble here at Saint Mary School. Thanksgiving is not the time for us to relax the practices that have kept us all safe. Please exercise your best judgement and pay close

attention to the CDC guidelines for holiday celebrations. [Learn more.](#) If your child participated in higher risk activities such as large family gatherings or traveled out of state, please take extra precautions for 14 days after the event to protect others in our school community. **We strongly urge you to contact Mrs. Powers if you believe that your Thanksgiving celebration or travel plans may impact the health and well-being of the Saint Mary School community. Mrs. Powers will help you to determine the date that your child can safely return to school.**



It was difficult to say goodbye to the 70 degree weather we enjoyed at the beginning of last week, but now we recognize that we need to start expecting more seasonal temperatures. Open up your closets and pull out the warm jackets, hats and mittens that your children will require to be comfy and warm during recess time. While you are taking inventory, put aside any coats and other winter gear you no longer want that may be cluttering up your closets. The Seventh Grade has been hard at work planning their annual coat drive for St. Anne's and more information will be posted soon!

Register online now to join in the fun of our very first virtual [Holiday Jingle Jog](#). All participants receive a t-shirt and are able to complete the mileage at their own convenience. Once you finish the "race," contact Katie Apicerno with your results and see if you are eligible for a prize!



As you think about decorating for the holidays, click here for another [SMPA holiday fundraiser](#). You have two options: order wreaths at Danielson's Florist by visiting the store in person on December 5th or order from the comfort of your home through Lynch Creek. It is your choice, and either way you support Saint Mary School! Thank you!