



St. Mary's School

Wow! Our first Family Night of the fall semester was a great success! From doughnut eaters, to painters, to puzzle completers and "apple bowlers," everyone seemed to greatly enjoy an hour of fun, food and sharing with each other. If you were unable to attend, please be reminded that our next Family Night will be held **October 26**.

We are off to a great academic start, with students preparing to share some of their great work with you during our Open House, next Wednesday, September 27. Also, we now have our full schedule up and running, including general music, band and chorus with Crane music students and professors; physical education with Mr. Taillon and Mrs. Cruickshank; art with Mrs. Turner and library classes and skills with Mrs. Feuka. A great big THANK YOU to all of our volunteers that make all of this possible!

Fr. Stitt and Friends enjoying Family Night at St. Mary's School on September 21, 2017.



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Upcoming Events

September

27 – Open House 6:30pm

October

6 – First Friday

9 – No School (Columbus Day)

**15 – Knights of Columbus
Pancake Breakfast /Winner of
Quilt Raffle announced**

26 - Family Night

Important Announcements

 Don't forget to keep collecting those Box Tops for Education!

 Be sure to sign up at Price Chopper for Tools for School! Our code is: **18633**.

Our Website

www.stmaryscantonny.com

Please check out our website if you are looking for:

- Supply lists
- Teachers' contact info

Our Saint of the Week Sept. 25-29



St. Vincent de Paul – Feast Day Sept. 27

Vincent was born in a town in Southwest France and was the son of poor French peasants. His father sent him to school to study under the Franciscan friars. Vincent became a priest at the age of 20.

At first, he was given an important position as the teacher of rich children, and he lived rather comfortably. But while he was traveling by sea from one city to another, he fell into the hands of Turkish pirates who sold him as a slave in Tunis.

Two years later after he was finally set free by one of his owners, who he converted to Christianity, he returned to France where he served as a parish priest.

The charities of St. Vincent de Paul were so many that it seems impossible for one person to have begun so much.

He took care of criminals who worked on the sailing ships; started the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity; opened hospitals and homes for orphans and old people; collected money for the poor.

Even though he was such a charitable man, however, he humbly admitted that he was not so by nature. "I would have been hard, rough and ill-tempered," he said "were it not for God's grace."

"It is not sufficient for me to love God if I do not love my neighbor. I belong to God and to the poor." Vincent de Paul died in Paris on September 27, 1660.