St. Mary's Bryantown School

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November 9, 2011

THIS WEEKS HIGHLIGHTS

Front Door Security

Some of you might have already noticed that there is a new security system at the school's main entrance doors. All visitors who wish to enter the school building will need to push the Intercom button, and identify themselves to the main office. Once you have buzzed in the doors will unlock, briefly, allowing you entry. This system was installed to ensure the security of the students while in the building. Please be patient as we all adjust to this new system, and routine. Thank you.

Honoring our Veterans

We invite our currently serving military, as well as our retired veterans, to join us on Thursday, November 10, 2011 for coffee and doughnuts at 8:30 a.m. We ask them to stay for morning prayers during which they will be honored for serving our country. Please RSVP to the main office, Mrs. Caniglia, or your child's or grandchild's classroom teacher by Tuesday, November 8, 2011.

Grandparent's Day

Grandparent's Day will be held on Tuesday, November 22, 2011. Please take a few moments to review the flyer in this week's packet with all the information for the day. Lunches must be pre-ordered, and paid for by November 16. If your child is going to be dismissed early with their grandparents, or significant other, written permission must be provided before November 22.

We do ask that parents allow the students to spend this day with their special visitors. Parents are needed in the main hall as volunteers, but not in the classrooms on this day. Teachers will pair up students without a visitor with others to make sure no one is left out.

As part of this day, we would like to do a special display honoring our Grandparents. We are asking that you send in a photograph of your child's grandparents—making sure you have marked the back with the student's name and grade, so that it can be returned.

The Giving Tree

You might have noticed our new "Giving Tree" in the front foyer. There are removable leaves hanging with a variety of wish list items from the faculty and staff. We are asking that if you feel so inclined, to take a leaf, and donate that item to the individual teacher and/or classroom. We will be changing the wish list items seasonally, so periodically give it a look. We truly are appreciative of any donation. A special thank you goes to Penny Bailey for taking our first leaves, and donating paper goods to the faculty room and a new printer and cartridges for Mrs. Vanni.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Thanksgiving is less than a month away, and it is that time for our annual food collection for the Thanksgiving baskets. Each grade is assigned a specific food item to ensure a variety of food in each basket. Our goal is to give more each year, so help us provide a nice Thanksgiving to families in the Bryantown community who are less fortunate than we are. Please begin sending in the food right away. Thank you for your cooperation and generosity.

Pre-K—Canned pumpkin and other canned fruits
K—Stuffing mix
1st—Boxed mashed potatoes
2nd—Cranberry sauce
3rd—Canned green beans
4th—Canned corn
5th—Cornbread and muffin mixes
6th—Gravy and canned or boxed milk
7th—Boxed dessert items
8th—Gift cards to grocery stores or money to purchase turkeys

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Parent-Teacher Conferences

This Thursday, November 10 is Parent Conferences. They will be held from 4:30-8:30 p.m. You should have received a conference time if you requested one for the elementary school grades. Middle school teachers and all Specials teachers will be available for conferences in the school hall on a first-come, first-serve basis. No children are to be unattended during conferences. Thank you for your cooperation.

Tuition Assistance for 2012-2013

The Archdiocese of Washington Tuition Assistance application for the 2012-2013 school year is now on their website at www.adw.org under Tuition Assistance. Please note if you are applying online that the Code word is WASH. **We strongly encourage and recommend that ALL families begin the process of applying NOW.** See flyer for more details. Do not wait for the deadline. All applications are due the first week of December. Even if you don't think you need assistance, please apply. This is the only means of support for our school and families. The more families that apply increase the chances that our families will receive aid. If you have any questions, or issues with the application fee please contact Mrs. Caniglia.

Raising Good Children in a Materialistic World

Mark your calendars and join us on Tuesday, November 29, 2011 from 7 – 9 p.m. for an informative presentation on the challenges of raising children in today's materialistic world. Sister Patricia McCormack will discuss character development, moral growth, and establishing a Christian Conscience. Parents are children's first educators, and we need to be ready to guide them for the world in which they live today.

Tuition Assistance Program

There are only 5 Thursdays left to order before Christmas. Hard to believe isn't it, but don't fret, ordering couldn't be easier. Buy your cards at Tuesday Walk-up sales (every other week), fill out the weekly order form in your white envelope, or try out the new on-line ordering system. Want more incentive to order on-line? PrestoPay has lowered the convenience fee from $.39 to $.15 per transaction. Safeway cards are back in stock, so start ordering those cards now. There will be Walk-up sales on Tuesday, November 22 at Grandparent's Day with special extended hours from 9:15 – 11 a.m. In addition, there will be Walk-up sales on the evening of December 19, prior to the Christmas program. Our TAP team is busy at work making this program as user-friendly as possible. If you haven't begun ordering your gift cards, do so now!

Christmas Raffle

We are busy gearing up for the annual Christmas Bazaar and Auction and with that comes our H.S.A. $1000 Raffle. Each family will receive three books of tickets per child. Please sell them to business associates, family, friends, and neighbors. Take a chance yourself, and maybe you will be the lucky winner. These are cheaper than six month raffle! ☺

Field of Honor

Our 2nd annual Field of Honor event will be held on May 18-20, 2012. Planning for this great event must begin now, and our committee from last year could use some help. Please join us on Monday, November 17, 2011 at 7 p.m. for our first informational and planning meeting. If you missed it, or are new to our school, you will surely want to be involved with this highly patriotic and moving community event. We want to make this year's event even more spectacular than last year. Plan to attend the planning meeting, and if you are unable to attend please sign up with Mrs. Caniglia.

On-line Lunch Ordering Computer Glitch

We have received several reports from families that they are getting a "Malicious Web Site Blocked" message when they try to place their lunch order on-line. Without getting too technical, because of the way our school website, and the lunch order program are hosted, the anti-virus software is picking up some differences between them that could be an indicator of going to a problem site. Please be assured that we have checked our links, and the school lunch order site, and we have determined that it **is** a safe site. You can select to "continue to the site anyway", or you should be able to add "smcs.webhop.org" as a safe site within your

anti-virus software. Please see Mrs. Hoover or Mrs. Nguyen if you have additional questions.

Student Spotlight

- Congratulations to our 7th grade class who are the winners of the October Boxtop competition. They will receive an out of uniform day (date to be determined). Keep clipping, and saving those Boxtops for the next competition to be held in February.
- Basketball News—Our Varsity Girls and Boys Basketball teams are off to a great start. Both teams have advanced to the semi-finals in the annual SYBL Tip-Off Tournament. Check out the SYBL website at www.syblsomd.org for scores, opponents, and the next match-ups. A big thank you goes to all of our coaches, parents, and volunteers for assisting with the 2011-2012 basketball season. Special thanks to Mrs. Joanie Heinze for taking on the role of Basketball Coordinator for our St. Mary's Angels.
- Congratulations to our newly elected Student Government Officers:
  President = Lindsey Keller
  Vice President = Eric Lombardi
  Secretary = Julia Mays
  Treasurer = Charlie Heinze.

Important Dates

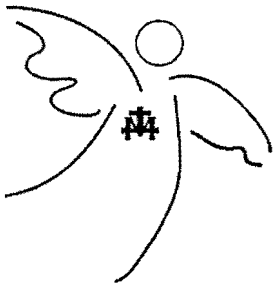
- Nov. 9 (Wednesday)—Honors Assembly—9:10 a.m.
- Nov. 10 (Thursday)— Parent-Teacher conferences—4:30 – 8:30 p.m.
  Veteran's Day Coffee and Donuts – 8:30 a.m.
- Nov. 11 (Friday)—School closed—Veteran's day
- Nov. 15 (Tuesday)—Ledo's Pizza Fun-raiser—Charlotte Hall location—All day
- Nov.18 (Friday)—Early dismissal—1:30 p.m.; 6th grade hot dog lunch; Mass—9:30 a.m.

Upcoming Dates

- Nov. 22 (Tuesday)—Grandparent's day; Mass—9:30 a.m.
- Nov. 23-25—School closed—Thanksgiving break
- Nov. 29 (Tuesday)—Parent Information Session—"Raising Good Children in a Materialistic World" – 7 p.m.

The Lord says, "I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name."

Psalm 91:14



Thank you, Veterans!

To all Veterans: Please join us at St. Mary's School on November 10th

~In the School Hall at 8:30 a.m. for a donut and coffee reception...

We invite you to our SMB student thank-you ceremony

and prayer service

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LEDO PIZZA "FUN" RAISER

at the Charlotte Hall Ledo's

- Tuesday, November 15, 2011
- All day
- Dine in or take out
- Ledo's will donate 10% of your bill back to St. Mary's Bryantown
- Buy Ledo gift certificates through the Tuition Assistance Program*

* Plan ahead and buy your Ledo's gift certificates now! Must order by Nov. 3rd to receive them in the Nov. 9th white envelope. Buy your gift certificates NOW to avoid the last minute rush!!

SIXTH GRADE HOTDOG LUNCHEON

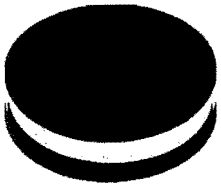
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

HOTDOGS -- $1.00

CHIPS -- 25 cents

BAKED GOODS -- 25 cents

CANDY GUESSING JAR -- 25 cents



St Mary's School Lunch Menu

Parent's Copy

Please Place Your ORDER ONLINE To Ensure Accuracy

Return Online Invoice With Your Payment

Order and Payment DUE
THURSDAY
Nov. 17, 2011

DECEMBER 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1. Chick-Fil-A	2. 3 Bros. Steak n cheese
5. Pizza	6. Three Bros.	7. Subway	8. Chick-Fil-A	9. Hot dog Sponsored by 5th grade
12. Pizza	13. Three Bros.	14. Subway	15. Chick-Fil-A	16. Stuff shells & salad
19. Pizza	20. Three Bros.	21. Subway	22. School Closed	23. School Closed
26. School Closed	27. School Closed	28. School Closed	29. School Closed	30. School Closed

NOTES

1. **Pizza** price does NOT include a drink or chips.
2. **Three Bros Calzones** include marinara dipping sauce, a side, and a drink.
3. **Subway** includes chips, cookie, and a drink.
4. **Chick-Fil-A** includes chips and a drink.
5. Drink is a cup of fruit punch or lemonade. Extra cup costs $0.25.
6. Chips can be purchased over the counter for $0.25.
7. Carrots or Applesauce may be substituted or purchased for $0.25.
8. **Ice Cream** is available on **Tuesday** and **Friday** for $1.00

SORRY

NO LATE ORDERS ACCEPTED

NO EXCEPTIONS !

St Mary's School Lunch DECEMBER 2011 Invoice

When possible, PLEASE input your ORDER ONLINE, print, and return the invoice with your check payable to St Mary's Bryantown.
Go to www.bryantown.org. Click on "School Lunch" link.

Complete the section below only if you don't enter your order online. Return this portion with your payment. One per child.

Child's Name: _____ **Grade:** _____

Indicate quantity on the line next to your selection for the dates you want lunch and enter the cost for each date and total.

Date	Menu Selections				Cost
12/5	Pizza -	Plain ____	Pepperoni ____	@ $1.50slice	
12/12	Pizza -	Plain ____	Pepperoni ____	@ $1.50slice	
12/19	Pizza -	Plain ____	Pepperoni ____	@ $1.50slice	
12/6	3 Bros Calzone –	Meatball & Cheese ____		@ $3.50each	
		Pepperoni & Cheese ____		@ $3.50each	
		Cheese ____		@$3.50each	
12/13	3 Bros Calzone –	Meatball & Cheese ____		@ $3.50each	
		Pepperoni & Cheese ____		@ $3.50each	
		Cheese ____		@$3.50each	
12/20	3 Bros Calzone –	Meatball & Cheese ____		@ $3.50each	
		Pepperoni & Cheese ____		@ $3.50each	
		Cheese ____		@$3.50each	
12/7	Subway Sub -	Turkey ____	Ham ____	Tuna ____ @ $3.50each	
12/14	Subway Sub -	Turkey ____	Ham ____	Tuna ____ @ $3.50each	
12/21	Subway Sub -	Turkey ____	Ham ____	Tuna ____ @ $3.50each	
12/1	Chick-Fil-A -	Sandwich ____	Nuggets ____	@ $3.50each	
12/8	Chick-Fil-A	Sandwich ____	Nuggets ____	@$3.50 each	
12/15	Chick-Fil-A -	Sandwich ____	Nuggets ____	@ $3.50each	
12/2	3 Bros. Steak n cheese w/chips			____@$3.50 each	
12/9	Hot Dog, chips & drink			____@$1.50each	
	Extra Hot Dog			____@$1.00each	
12/16	Stuff shells w/salad			____@$3.50each	
Total all days and make check payable to St Mary's Bryantown.					

Due by THURSDAY NOV. 17th ** PLEASE ORDER ON LINE **

Total $ _____ Check # _____ Check Date _____

LUNCH VOLUNTEER SIGN UP SHEET FOR DECEMBER 2011

This form is due **November 17th**

Sign below on dates you can volunteer for lunch

For Hot Lunch, please arrive at 10:45.
For all others, please arrive at 11:15.

IF YOU SIGN UP, PLEASE SHOW UP FOR THE DATES YOU'VE COMMITTED.

RETURN THIS FORM TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE, THANKS!!!

12/1/11 Thursday	Chick-Fil-A	
12/2/11 Friday	Hot Lunch	
12/5/11 Monday	Pizza Hotline	
12/6/11 Tuesday	Three Bros.	
12/7/11 Wednesday	Subway	
12/8/11 Thursday	Chick-Fil-A	
12/9/11 Friday	**5th Grade** Hot Dog Lunch	
12/12/11 Monday	Pizza Hotline	
12/13/11 Tuesday	Three Bros.	
12/14/11 Wednesday	Subway	
12/15/11 Thursday	Chick-Fil-A	
12/16/11 Friday	Hot Lunch	
12/19/11 Monday	Pizza Hotline	
12/20/11 Tuesday	Three Bros.	
12/21/11 Wednesday	Subway	

St. Mary's Catholic School and H.S.A. Committee would like to invite our Grandparents for our annual

Grandparents Day

November 22, 2011

Schedule of Events:

9:30am Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church (following Mass School Hall for refreshments)

10:45am Classrooms will be open for visitors

Lunch:

11:30 - 12:00pm	Lunch Grades Pre-K - 2
12:00 - 12:30pm	Lunch Grades 3-5
12:30 - 1:00pm	Lunch Grades 6 - 8

Lunch Cost is $8.00 per person (Adults and Children same price)

Lunch will include: Roasted Chicken Breast, Mashed Potatoes and Green Beans and Roll. Provided by Randy's Ribs. Desserts will be served thanks to donations by our St. Mary's School families.

Portraits:

There will be two photographers on site to take portraits of Grandparents and their Grandchildren. We ask all who are interested to please pre-register/pre-pay. All pre-registered customers will go first. Families who have not pre-registered will still be able to have portraits taken after pre-registered portraits are completed.

Parking:

Parking will be available in both the upper and lower lots after 9:15am. All vehicles MUST be moved by 3:00pm.

Order Form attached

Grandparent's Day Order Form

Tuesday, November 22, 2011

All lunches must be ordered prior to Wednesday, November 16th!

Please return this form to the SMB office.

Family Name: _____

Grandparents or Special Persons attending:

_____
_____
_____
_____

Volunteer to Help (please check if interested)

I would like to:
_____Homemade desserts (i.e. brownies, cookies, or other finger desserts)
_____Donate towards a door prize
_____Help set-up on Monday, November 21, 2011 after 2:00pm
_____Help on Tuesday, November 22, 2011 (Times available_____ to_____)

Lunch Orders:

Number of Grandparents/Student lunch orders _____ @ $8.00 per person $_____
Students name and Grade:

_____ _____
_____ _____
_____ _____
_____ _____
_____ _____

Please enclose cash or check. Make payable to St. Mary's H.S.A.

Portraits: _____ Please check if you would like to pre-register /pre-pay for portraits.
(Envelopes to be sent home when received from Lifetouch)

Please include all students' names and grades to be inlcuded in the portrait.

Students name:	Grade:	Students Name:	Grade:
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Early Dismissal:

Students name:	Grade:	Students Name:	Grade:
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

My children have permission to leave school with _____ on November 22, 2011.
Parent Signature: _____

The 2011 White House Christmas Ornament

Thanks for supporting St. Mary's School Bryantown 8th grade fundraiser!

Proceeds being raised for their spring 2012 New York Trip

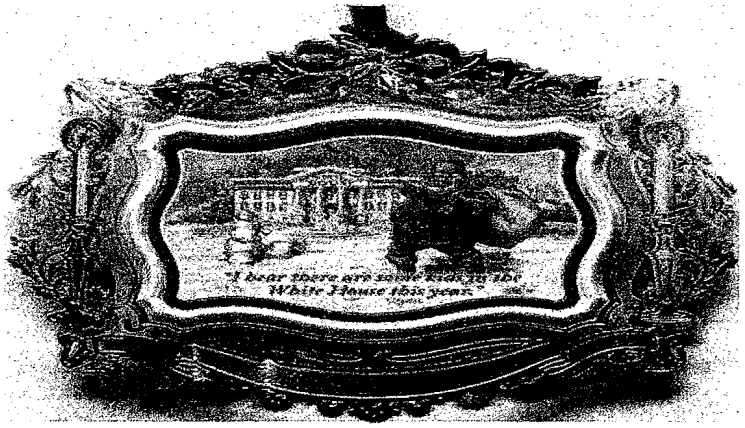
The 2011 White House Ornament is a celebration of Christmastime with Theodore Roosevelt, affectionately known as "Teddy". Teddy brought six children to live with him and his wife in the White House. Christmas with the Roosevelts was a festive time full of surprises, and this ornament captures the excitement perfectly!

Don't delay pre-order yours today
Will be delivered Friday
before Thanksgiving

COST

SINGLE (1) ORNAMENT
$20 EACH
THREE (3) OR MORE ORNAMENTS
$18 EACH
FIFTHTEEN OR MORE ORNAMENTS
$17 EACH

Must be paid for when ordered



Visit : www.whitehouseornament.com to see ornament in color

Gift Ideas:
Friends & Co-Workers
Secret Santa
Baby's First Christmas
First Christmas Together
Teacher's gift
UPS or Mailman

Please return Order Form and payment by November 10, 2011 to:
Penny Bailey c/o Mikaela Bailey grade 8, or to the Rectory Office
Make checks payable to St. Mary's

_____ # of ornaments at $20 each (1 or 2) _____ # of ornaments at $18 each (3 or more)

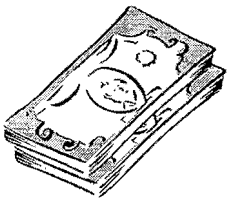
_____ # of ornaments at $17 each (15 or more)

Name: _____, telephone #_____

Check # _____, Amount Enclosed _____

Oranments can be picked up in the school hall on Friday November 18th from 5—7 pm.

Seller: _____



St. Mary's Bryantown's

Tuition Assistance Program is Now Online

As announced at "Meet the Teacher" night, your Tuition Assistance Program is now online to help you place and schedule orders for the 2011-12 school year.

Benefits of Online Ordering:

- Increases your flexibility of when to place your order
- Reduces ordering errors
- Provides reload features and e-card ordering
- Families can track their own progress in program

HOW TO START: all families will be emailed their username and password by Friday 7-October – once you receive this

go to www.shopwithscrip.com

Enter "username" and "password"

- Once signed in, it is strongly recommended to go to the "Account" tab and change your password from the generic one that was issued
- Establish your PrestoPay account, buy clicking on PrestoPay along the left side of the screen. There is a 7 minute video that will walk you through the Registration process
- Once your account is verified, please report your 4 digit authorization code to the program's coordinator: kagbowling@aol.com, or robert_horecky@comcast.net

Please Note: St. Mary's Bryantown will only process your online orders if supported by Prestopay.

TUITION ASSISTANCE ORDER FORM

Date:	Family to be credited:

Name:	Telephone number in case there are questions about your order:	Name & grade of youngest child (weekly white envelope):	Check #:

	Denomination	Quantity	Total Amount Ordered
BJs (2%)	25		
BJs (2%)	50		
BJs (2%)	100		
Food Lion (5%)	25		
Food Lion (5%)	100		
Giant (4%)	25		
Giant (4%)	100		
McKays (5%)	25		
McKays (5%)	50		
McKays (5%)	100		
Nick's of Clinton (5%)	25		
Safeway (4%)	25		
Safeway (4%)	100		
Ritas (10%)	5		
Spirit of America Car Wash (15%)	25		
Ledos -- Charlotte Hall (10%)	10		
WRITE-IN STORES FROM GLSCRIP BELOW:			
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TOTAL ORDER:			$

Check out www.glscrip.com for daily updates and changes to stores that are offered.

Replacements will not be issued for lost or stolen cards. Please keep in a safe place.

ATTENTION PARENTS

Please join us on **Tuesday, November 29, 2011**

from **7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

for a special presentation of:

Raising Good Children in a Materialistic World

This parent presentation will identify key issues in moral development and focus particularly on the following topics:

- Children learn what they live
- The Fundamental Elements of Character Development
- Core Habits needed for moral growth
- Objective Criteria for Christian Conscience

Treat yourself to a digest version of moral development. Find validation of your parenting style and hear practical suggestions for fostering moral maturity within children at every stage of life.

ABOUT THE PRESENTER:

Dr. Patricia M. McCormack, IHM is an international formation-education consultant who focuses on the whole-person development of children. Her practical experience in education includes both classroom and administration experience at the elementary, secondary, and college levels. In addition to a bachelor's degree in theology and sociology and a master's degree in K-8 education, she holds a doctorate in private school administration. Currently, Dr. McCormack is director of the IHM Office of Formative Support for Parents and Teachers, Arlington, VA. She is the author of the "Parent Partnership Handbook" feature of *Today's Catholic Teacher* magazine, numerous articles, and several books. Books and CDs will be available for sale.

ADW Tuition Assistance – On-Line

1. Log into **www.psas.org**.
2. Click on "**Online Application**" on the right side of the screen.
3. Click on "**Click here to begin your Application**"
4. If you are a new on-line applicant, complete fields under "**2012-2013 School Year New User**" otherwise login with last year's email address and password under "**2012-2013 School Year Returning User**"
5. Enter the authorization code "**WASH**"
6. Complete instructions available on webpage as follows:

The **First Step** involves gathering the documents that you will need. These documents include the following:

- You and your spouse's Social Security Numbers. If you do not have a valid Social Security Number, contact your school or program for alternate application methods.
- Detailed copies of all pages and Schedules of your 2010 Federal Income Tax Return Form 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ (as filed with the IRS) for individuals listed in Sections A and B. E-file recaps and/or Summary Forms are not acceptable. However, a full line-by-line transcript is also acceptable. Copies of all 2010 W-2 Wage and Tax Statement Forms, all 2010 1099/1099R for Interest/Dividends, Pensions/Annuities and/or Misc. Income Forms for individuals listed in Sections A and B.
- If you have not yet filed for 2010, provide a complete copy of your 2009 Federal Income Tax Return Form 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ (as filed with the IRS). You will also be required to provide 2010 Business Income Estimates for any/all of these businesses.
- Provide year-end documentation of TOTAL AMOUNTS received in 2010 for all Non-Taxable Income (welfare, food stamps, Social Security, housing assistance, unemployment, Workers' Compensation, etc.).
- Information about the value and amount still owed on any investments, including real estate.
- Information about the value and amount still owed on your home.

The **Second Step** is to complete the on-line application. Note: **Each time you hit *next* on the screen, the application saves the information on that screen. You will not be able to go back to edit previous pages.**

The **Third Step** is to verify the information that you entered.

The **Fourth Step** is to submit the **nonrefundable** $24.00 fee for processing your application. Payments via VISA, Master Card or American Express are accepted. All payment transactions are protected through the use of a secure server. If a payment is not received, we will be unable to process your application.

Finally, submit your application to **PSAS** by **December 2, 2011** for review by our staff. You must then print out the certification document and mail or fax this to us with the following required documentation:

1. Online Certification Statement
2. A **complete** photocopy of your **2010** federal 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ form, including all schedules and worksheets and copies of all **2010** W2 and/or 1099 forms for **ALL** adults living in the household.
3. Provide year-end photocopies of your Social Services Grant Letter (AFDC, ADC, TANF) and/or photocopies of your Food Stamps Grant Letter and/or photocopies of your Social Security Benefits Statement(s) for **ALL** adults living in the household receiving benefits in **2010**.

IMPORTANT: if the above items do not accompany this application, your application will not be considered complete.

Print a copy of the online certification page and make a copy of all documentation submitted for your records.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible to apply?

All families of students entering grades PK - 12 who demonstrate financial need may apply.

What if I have had a divorce? Who should complete the PSAS Student Aid Form?

In the case of divorced families, the parent who claims the child and is responsible for the tuition should complete the form. If your case is unique, contact PSAS for direction.

Who decides the amount of the grant?

While PSAS will make award recommendations to the Archdiocese of Washington, the final decision lies with the Financial Aid Committee. All information is kept confidential throughout the process.

Do I have to file separate applications for each child attending a school in the Archdiocese of Washington?

No. You should list all siblings on the same application. In fact, if PSAS processes applications for schools that your other children attend, they can potentially be considered for aid from their respective schools with just one application!

Must I file every year?

Yes. Families are required to reapply every year before the deadline date. This year's deadline is **December 2, 2011**.