

December 13, 2024



Dear St. Mary's School Parents:

We have some exciting news! St. Mary's School has been approved to receive a grant for an afterschool program! The purpose of this grant is to provide enrichment activities that complement the academic program **free of charge to our families!** While this grant must be used throughout the remainder of the school year 2024-2025, there is a good chance that we will be invited to apply again the following year.

As with most grants, there are certain parameters that we must ensure to meet. **The first one is that we need to serve at least 15 students every day from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM.** The second one is that we offer academic and creative activities to the children.

Starting with full implementation on January 6, some of the program options we are working on are:

1. Band - 5th -8th
2. Coding - 2nd -8th
3. Lego Robotics - 5th - 8th
4. Lego Explorer - K-1
5. Book Club - 3rd -5th
6. Chess Club – 5th - 8th
7. Recreation Club - K-8th
8. Art Club K-8th
9. Spelling Bee Practice 5th-8th
10. Debate Club 6th-8th

Please check your email over the winter break for the final schedule of activities and a sign-in sheet. While we understand that not all students can be in attendance every day until 5:00 PM, we will need to have enough students registered to ensure our numbers are steady throughout the duration of the grant. **Our license allows up to 54 students to be in attendance daily but no less than 15 to receive the grant money.**

We are blessed with this great opportunity for funding and the entire staff is very excited to help provide creative and educational options after school hours for the students! God bless!

Beth Walsh
Program Coordinator/Supervisor

Maria Farney
Program Director

**** This program will be part of our licensed afterschool program, so if your child is new to this program, we ask that you fill out the attached forms no later than January 6. Spots are reserved on a first-come first-served basis.**