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**SSBVM School Scoop Vol#37**

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9/28/2025 - 10/4/2025

Dear SSBVM Families,

This week, our students wrapped up the beginning of the year testing. Looking ahead, we are excited to celebrate the Feast of the Guardian Angels on Thursday, October 2nd. During morning prayer, our students will learn more about the gift of Guardian Angels. As a family, you may wish to join in this celebration by praying the Guardian Angel Prayer with your child before bedtime in the days leading up to the feast.

**Angel of God, my guardian dear,  
to whom God's love commits me here,  
ever this day be at my side,  
to light and guard, to rule and guide.**

**Amen.**

**Upcoming Events & Save the Dates:**

- 10/5 10:30 Parish Mass at Hoffer Park Lunch to Follow Mass
- 10/10 11:30 Dismissal- Teacher In-Service Day Office Closes at 12:00 pm
- 10/13 No School for Students - Offices are Closed

- 10/24 Fall Pictures (School Uniforms) & Trunk or Treat (see flyer below)
- 10/31 All Saints Day Celebration ( Saint Parade PreK - 8th Grade) More details to follow.

Blessings,  
Mrs. Warner

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## Spotlight of the Week!



## Principal Retreat

Mrs. Warner attended the Diocese principals' retreat this week. This photo was taken at the Grotto at Mount St. Mary's, where principals were given time for quiet prayer and reflection. Mrs. Warner prayed especially for our school and families.

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## Launch of the Heart of Mary Fund

Tomorrow, we will officially launch the ***Heart of Mary Fund***, our school's most impactful annual giving initiative. The *Heart of Mary Fund* directly supports every student, every teacher, and every classroom—providing resources for academic programs, faith formation, technology, extracurriculars, tuition assistance, and more.

Letters and commitment forms will be sent home with your oldest child. Please keep an eye out for this important mailing. Families who wish to give online may do so at any time using the button below.

This year, we invite every family to join the **Principal's Circle** with a gift of \$250 or more, or the **Mantle Society** with a gift of \$500 or more. And in honor of our **75th Anniversary**, we encourage families to prayerfully consider a **special commemorative gift of \$750**—a meaningful way to celebrate this milestone year.

**Give to the Heart of Mary Fund**

For more ways to give—including sponsorships, EITC, and estate planning—please visit our [Support Our School page](#)

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We've Got Spirit- Yes, We Do!

Fall Spirit Wear Sale – Open Now!



Show your school pride and support SSBVM with our Spirit Wear Collection. Our fall sale is open now through through October 6. Orders will be delivered by October 24—just in time for cozy fall days!

This year's collection includes:

- Classic navy T-shirt and hoodie featuring our 2024–25 school verse “in His image”

- Vintage off-white T-shirt celebrating this year's virtues, the "Fruits of the Spirit"
- Commemorative 75th Anniversary Collection: coordinating long sleeve t-shirts and sweatpants

All available in youth and adult sizes. Proceeds directly benefit our school programs—thank you for helping us grow!

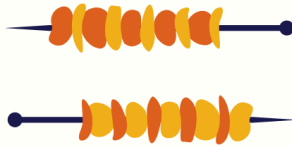
Have spirit wear questions? Mrs. Kennedy is happy to help—please email her directly at [mkennedy@ssbvm.org](mailto:mkennedy@ssbvm.org). (Please do not call the school office for spirit wear inquiries.)

**Order Spirit Wear Here!**

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Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary

# TRUNK OR TREAT



SSBVM SCHOOL  
COSTUME  
**PARADE**  
4:30 - 5:30



**F R I D A Y**  
**OCTOBER 24, 2025**  
4:30 - 7:30 PM



ALL ARE WELCOME  
**TRUNK  
OR TREAT**  
6:00 - 7:30



Sittin' Pickin' Chickin Food Truck • HomemadeTaco Stand •  
Costume Parade • Trunk or Treat • Games & More

Would you like to host a trunk for this event?  
**Click on the link below to register!**



Trunk Registration



**Get your game  
face on!**

**Seven Sorrows  
CYO Girls and  
Boys Basketball**

**All SSBVM  
students in  
grades 3-8  
are eligible to  
participate**



**Online registration opens  
September 1st – follow the  
Seven Sorrows Athletic  
Association Facebook page  
for up to date information**

**Please contact Allison Bowen with questions  
[abowen2973@gmail.com](mailto:abowen2973@gmail.com)**

Seven Sorrows online basketball registration is now open! All boys and girls in grades 3-8 who attend Seven Sorrows School are eligible to participate. Please use the link below to sign up. You may need to copy and paste link in your browser.

[Register Now](#)

# ATTENDANCE SNAPSHOT

## SSBVM ATTENDANCE POLICY

Per state law, SSBVM Students must attend school regularly. Students need to be in attendance prior to 11:30 a.m. in order to be considered present for the full day. Students arriving after 11:30 a.m. will be considered absent for one-half day.

All absences will be treated as unlawful until a written excuse explaining the reason(s) for absence is received by the office.

### WHAT IS EXCUSED??

1. Personal illness
2. Death in the family
3. Serious family illness
4. Educational and/or scholastic trip experiences pre-approved by the Principal.

\*\*If excuse is not submitted within 3 days it will be considered unlawful

## PA ATTENDANCE LAW

State law requires, a child must comply with compulsory attendance requirements from age 6 to age 18.

Specifically, a child who has attained the age of 6 on or before September 1 must enroll and attend school or begin a home school program that year.

Additionally, any student less than 18 years of age must comply with compulsory school age requirements. The term "compulsory attendance" refers to the mandate that all children of compulsory school age having a legal residence in PA must attend a day school in which the subjects and activities are set by the standards of the State Board of Education.

### CONTACT THE OFFICE

717-944-5371 or  
email [lstill@ssbvm.org](mailto:lstill@ssbvm.org)

## REMINDERS

- When a child is absent, the parent must call or email the school by 8:30 a.m.
- Doctor's note required if student is absent 3 or more consecutive days
- Excuses must be submitted upon student's return
- Students arriving after 8:15 will be considered tardy







[View Lunch Menu](#)

[September Events Calendar](#)

[After Care Information Packet](#)

[Volunteer Clearance Requirements](#)

[Join the SSBVM Family FB Group to See More Pictures](#)

School office hours are Monday - Friday 7:30am - 3:15pm  
(Please leave a message if no one answers your call we are most likely helping  
a student.)



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