



February 1, 2024

Dear Saint Mary's Community Partner,

Saint Mary Star of the Sea School's 100-year legacy has been to provide an excellent Catholic education to generations of Pre-K through 8th grade students across the Hampton Roads area. Carrying on this legacy of providing our students with quality learning experiences, our school periodically updates its instructional materials and resources. For the 2024-25 school year, Saint Mary's is revamping its Reading and Math programs. The school will purchase a new series of textbooks as well as digital resources and instructional manipulatives. These updates will be implemented across our elementary grade levels. This is a major investment that will directly support our students' learning outcomes. We are seeking your help to achieve this goal.

To support this effort, Saint Mary's will hold a *Boots & Bling Auction & Casino Night* (play for fun chips only) on Saturday, April 20 starting at 6 p.m. in our school gym. The auction is the school's main annual fundraiser, with event proceeds to be used to enhance the Reading & Math programs.

We kindly ask and welcome your generosity in collecting donations for the auction. These donations can be in the form of items, services, and/or gift cards. We also offer sponsorship opportunities and will acknowledge our sponsors in our auction program, the event website, and any promotional material that we distribute before or during the event. Every gift helps us reach our fundraising goal. Attached are the sponsorship levels as well as item donation forms. More information for our event can be found on our Auction website at: <https://charityauction.bid/bootsbling>.

We thank you in advance for your support. Every gift helps us reach our fundraising goals. Your gift can change and impact the lives of our students. Please help us make this year's auction a success!

Saint Mary's is a 501-C non-profit organization, so your donations are tax-deductible. If you have any additional questions about our event, please contact me or Maritza Davila.

Sincerely,

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