



WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A
HAPPY EASTER!

ENJOY THE TIME OFF!

MISS LOMBARDO WILL BE IN THE OFFICE
FROM 8:00A-12:00P ON 3/28 & 4/2-4/5 IF
YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED TO
STOP IN. OUR UNIFORM CLOSET IS ALWAYS
OPEN IF YOU'D LIKE TO TAKE A LOOK.

THANK YOU!



DEAR PARENTS,

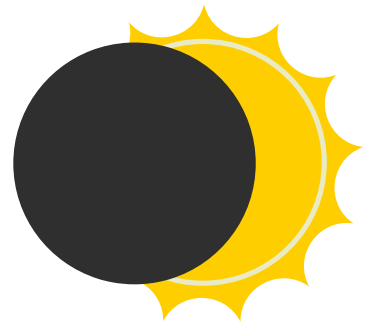
A NUMBER OF CONCERNS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO THE OFFICE ABOUT THE SAFETY OF OUR DROP-OFF AREA. IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON ENTERING THE BUILDING, PLEASE PARK IN THE LOT. THE DROP-OFF AREA ALONG THE CONES IS FOR "DROP OFF" ONLY.

ALSO, ONCE THE SCHOOL DAY BEGINS AT 8:45AM, YOUR CHILD MUST BE SIGNED IN THE OFFICE FOR A LATE SLIP. AT THAT TIME NO ADMITTANCE BEYOND THE OFFICE IS PERMITTED. CLASSES ARE IN SESSION AND IT PRESENTS A DISTRACTION TO TEACHING.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!



Dear Families,

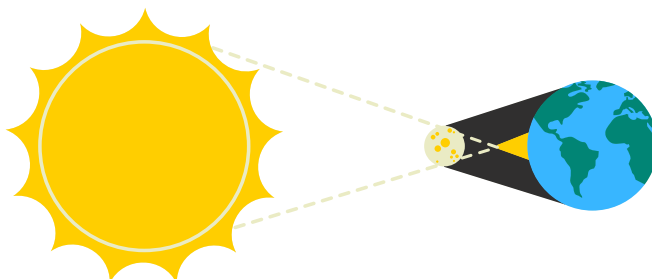


I hope you all have a wonderful Easter break and that we have clear skies to watch the solar eclipse on April 8th. We watched some videos in science class today and the National Parks Service has a "Junior Ranger Activity Booklet" that contains things you can do with the kids related to the eclipse. I've included the link to the website and there are a number of different activities that you can delve into in addition to the eclipse..

<https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/eclipse-explorer-junior-ranger-program.htm>

Please let me know if you have any questions. We also covered the safety procedures that should be followed so no one ends up damaging their eyesight.

**Phil Kenline
St Stephen Science Teacher
8th Grade Class Advisor**



Dear Families,

When your child stays after for clubs or sports and will not be picked up at the end of their sport or club please send a note to the office indicating the arrangements for pickup. If they are to go to after-school care we will need a note so that the after-school care teachers can be notified. The child must be registered with the after-school program.

Boys and girls who have made their First Communion or higher are encouraged to become Altar Servers. Training for altar servers will take place at the end of April.

Please sign up your child below and information will be shared with you as to the date of training. Please return the permission slip by April 12.



Attn: Ms. Fusco

My child would like to volunteer as an altar server for school liturgies and weekend Masses.

Student name: _____

March 2024

Dear Business Owner:

St. Stephen's School is actively working on assembling its 2023/2024 school yearbook. We are seeking monetary donations from area businesses to help defray our production costs. If you would like to advertise your business or place an ad or message to our school, or its graduates, please see the options listed below. Please fill out your desired size ad and include your camera-ready artwork or message for processing. Please make your check payable to **St. Stephen School**. In order to meet our production deadline, we will need your information by March 28, 2024.

If you have any questions, please call the school office at 773-7647 or email Mrs. Calato at calatok@ststephensgi.org. Thank you for your support of our project. We would like to wish you and your business a very happy and prosperous year!

Sincerely,

St. Stephen's Yearbook Staff

St. Stephen 2023-2024 Yearbook Ad/Patron Order

One Line Message \$ 10.00

Business Card Ad \$ 25.00

¼ Page Ad \$ 50.00

½ Page Ad \$100.00

Full Page \$125.00

Please use the back of this page to write your copy as you wish it to appear. Alternatively, enclose a business card or camera-ready artwork.

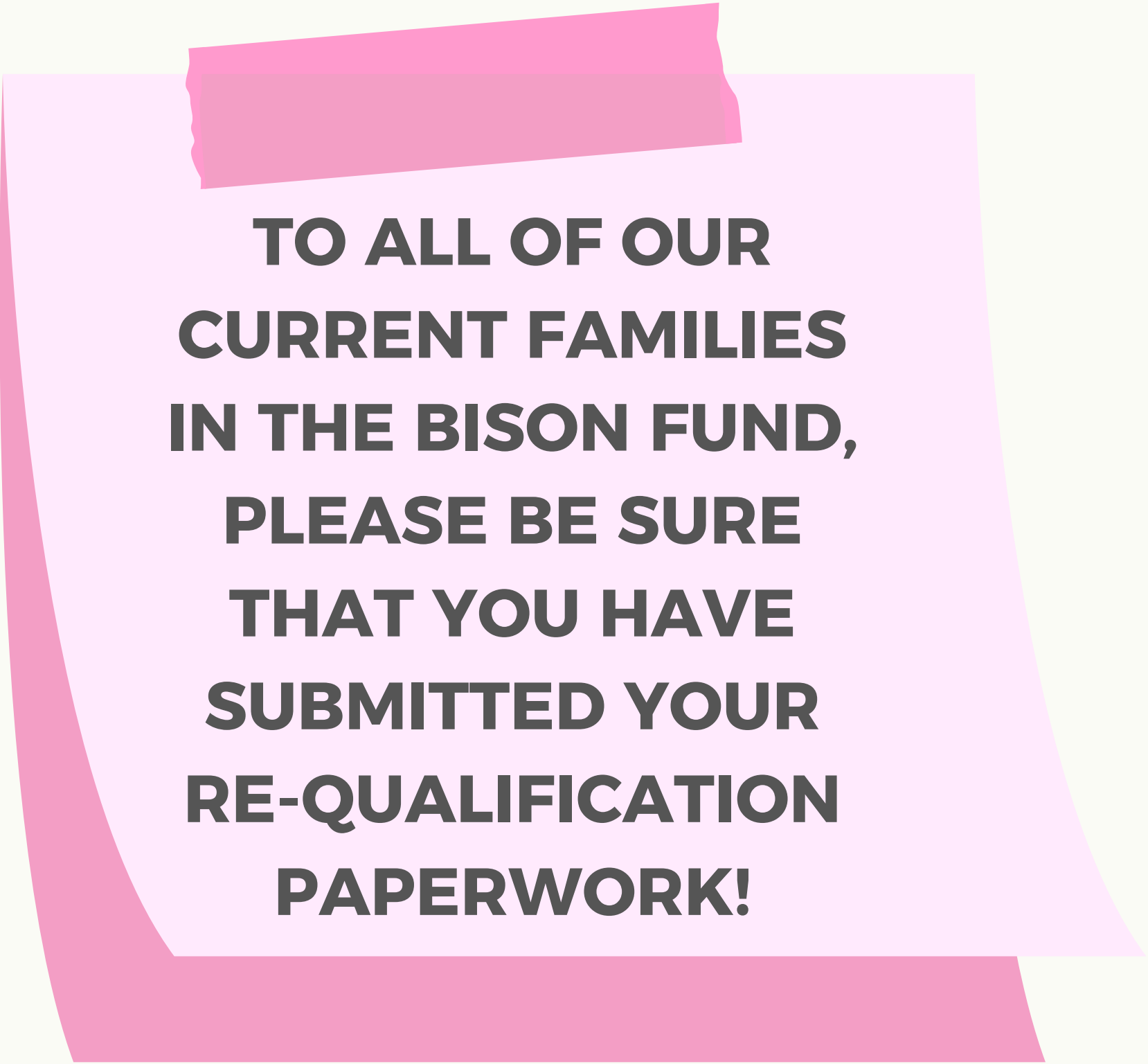
Signature of Advertiser or Patron _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Payment enclosed \$ _____ **Cash** _____ **Check** _____

Please return to St. Stephen School to the above address by March 28, 2024.

A graphic of a pink sheet of paper with torn edges, featuring a darker pink rectangular tab at the top left. The text is centered on the paper in a bold, dark grey font.

**TO ALL OF OUR
CURRENT FAMILIES
IN THE BISON FUND,
PLEASE BE SURE
THAT YOU HAVE
SUBMITTED YOUR
RE-QUALIFICATION
PAPERWORK!**



BISON

CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Giving Parents a Choice • Giving Children a Chance

The **BISON Children's Scholarship Fund** is a private scholarship fund providing tuition assistance for low-income families throughout the 8 counties of Western New York who want to enroll their children in private K-12 schools.

STEP 1

Complete a pre-application online at bisonfund.com between **January 15, 2024** and **March 15, 2024**. Call BISON with questions at (716) 854-0869 ext. 1.

STEP 2

Watch for notification after the BISON Lottery is held on **March 16, 2024**. Lottery winners will receive an email with a link directing them to complete a full application to receive the scholarship. If you're not chosen, you will automatically be placed on the BISON waitlist.

STEP 3

If selected, complete the full application online. Enroll your child(ren) in the school of their choice and ask the school to complete the school commitment form.

STEP 4

Once all the steps are completed, BISON will notify you of your scholarship amount. Watch for email notices to annually renew your BISON Scholarship in February of each year and add siblings.

BISON K-8 Scholarship Quick Facts:

- Average K-8 scholarship of \$1,620 and maximum award of \$2,500.
- Currently BISON has over 1,900 scholars in 77 different private schools across Western New York.
- Each family must contribute toward their child's private education.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY AMOUNTS

Household Size	Total Income (Based on 2023 household income)
2	\$ 53,244
3	\$ 67,122
4	\$ 81,000
5	\$ 94,878
6	\$ 108,756
7	\$ 122,634
8	\$ 136,512



Cindy McDonald, Program Director

(716) 854-0869 ext. 1

cmcdonald@bisonfund.com

BISON CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND • 284 DELAWARE AVENUE • BUFFALO • NEW YORK • 14202



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FAQ for FAMILIES

More detailed information can be found on our website at www.bisonfund.com

WHO QUALIFIES FOR A BISON K-8 SCHOLARSHIP?

Residents of the 8 counties of Western New York (WNY) with children entering K-8th grade with a total family income within the income eligibility scale on the reverse side. You may only apply for your biological or legal guardian children.

HOW DO NEW FAMILIES APPLY?

New families must complete a pre-application form electronically (online) on our website at bisonfund.com. The new family deadline is **March 15, 2024**. Preference is NOT given to early applications; however you must apply by 3/15 to be considered for the lottery. Families applying after the **March 15, 2024** deadline will be placed on our waitlist.

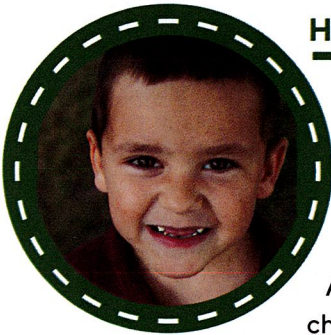


HOW ARE BISON SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS CHOSEN?

Scholarships are awarded using a lottery system from all submitted pre-application forms on **March 16, 2024**. Lottery winners will receive an email with a link directing them to complete a full application in order to receive the scholarship.

HOW DO I KNOW IF I WON THE LOTTERY?

All applicants will be notified of lottery results by email on **March 16, 2024**. If you're not chosen in the lottery you can always reapply for the next school year.



I RECEIVED A SCHOLARSHIP AWARD EMAIL ... NOW WHAT?

In your award email, there will be a link to complete your full application. Click on the link and follow the application steps. **The deadline to complete the application is April 30, 2024**. Please be sure to include all your income sources including your FEDERAL 1040 tax return, child support, business income, public assistance, food stamps, Social Security income, unemployment insurance, worker's compensation and financial assistance from family & friends. Select your school (a complete list can be found on our website) and contact the school to complete the school commitment form. After receipt of all the required documents, your scholarship will be calculated based on your household size and income, as well as tuition amount. You must renew annually to continue with BISON.



I RECEIVED NOTICE I'M ON A WAITLIST ... NOW WHAT?

Unfortunately, there are always more applicants than available funding. We keep waitlist names for the academic year hopeful that additional funding becomes available. If you are not taken off the waitlist, you will need to resubmit a pre-application next year to be considered.

WHY DO FAMILIES HAVE TO PAY PART OF THE TUITION?

One key component of educational success is parental involvement. Making a financial sacrifice is a strong incentive to becoming and remaining, involved. BISON families are required to pay a minimum of \$500 each year.

ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB

PROUDLY PRESENTS...

Disney MOANA JR.

Based on the 2016
Disney film *Moana*

Book & Lyrics by
Susan Soon He Stanton

Music & Lyrics by
Lin-Manuel Miranda,
Opetia Foa'i,
& Mark Mancina



Music & Orchestrations
Adapted & Arranged by
Ian Weinberger

April 26th & 27th at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Mount St. Mary Academy
3756 Delaware Ave, Tonawanda, NY 14217

Tickets:

Presale: \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$5 for children
5-17 years old, and free for 4 years old and younger.
At the door: \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors, \$6 for children
5-17 years old, and free for 4 years old and younger.



To purchase tickets:
Scan the QR code or
call 716-773-7647
with any questions.



Disney's *Moana JR.* is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International, New York, NY.
212-541-4684 mtishows.com

Refreshments
will be available for
purchase



SPRING DANCE

Open ONLY to students in grades
6, 7 and 8 who attend a

Diocesan Elementary School

Friday, May 3rd, 2024

7:00pm - 10:00pm

St. Gregory the Great

200 St. Gregory Court

Williamsville, NY 14221

\$25 per ticket - presale only

Purchase tickets from now until
April 26 through TicketSource
or use the QR code to the right



TicketSource <https://www.ticketsource.us/diocese-of-buffalo-catholic-schools/t-rpdzpxy>

*Proceeds to Benefit the
Bison Children's Scholarship Fund*



BISON
CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND



Diocese of Buffalo
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



TEEN CHAT LINE



Monday through Friday
from 2pm to 8pm EST

Youth Peer Advocates (YPAs)
operate this **anonymous and
confidential warmline** to provide
support **for youth experiencing
emotional concerns or stress**
in non-crisis situations.

**WE CAN
RELATE**

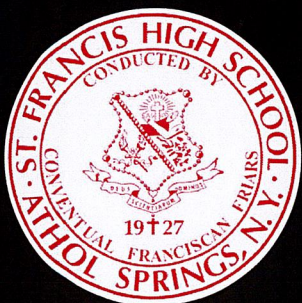
YPA's are between the ages of 18 and 30
with their own identified lived experience
with mental health (or other) systems.

For more information visit **JustTellOne.org**

St. Francis High School

OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, April 18th 5-7pm





RESEARCH STUDY **SUMMER** PROGRAM

We are currently recruiting children with behaviors consistent with ADHD for a summer research study from grades 1-6.



When
**Jun. 24 - aug. 16
2024**

Where
**VILLA MARIA
COLLEGE**

**There is no cost for
participating in
this program.**

Children will participate in daily activities including an academic classroom, sports, and team-building group activities. Research study treatments for ADHD (medication, behavior therapy, academic supports) will vary across the summer for each child.

Apply

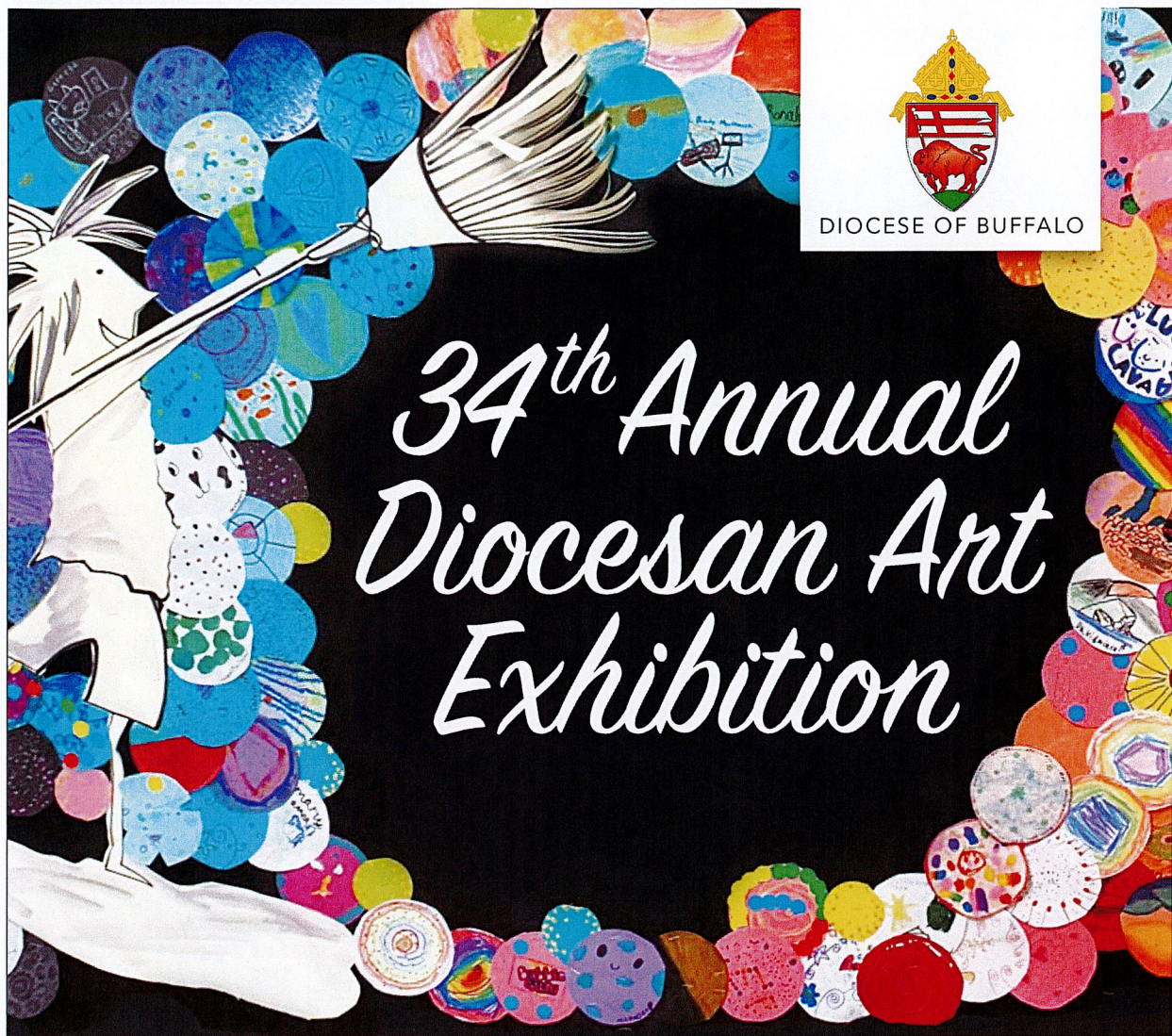
Call 716-359-7500
or scan the QR Code



Location

Villa Maria College
240 Pine Ridge Rd.
Buffalo, NY 14225





Please Join Us!



St. Mary School
SWORMVILLE

6919 Transit Rd., Swormville, NY

OPENING & RECEPTION

Monday, May 13th - 6:00 to 8:00 pm

EXHIBITION TIMES

Tuesday, May 14th - 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Wednesday, May 15th - 6:00 to 8:00 pm

NEHS/NJHS Meeting Schedule

NEHS (gr. 5 & 6):

Wednesday, January 10

Wednesday, February 7

Wednesday, March 6

Wednesday, April 17

Wednesday, May 8

Wednesday, June 12

NJHS (gr. 7 & 8):

Tuesday, January 9

Tuesday, February 6

Tuesday, March 5

Tuesday, April 16

Tuesday, May 7

Tuesday, June 11