

THE DINNER BELL

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF



OUR MISSION: To alleviate food insecurity throughout St. Mary's County

OUR VISION: A St. Mary's County free from hunger

**STUFF
THE BUS
FOOD DRIVE**



Bring non-perishable food to the Oyster Festival on Oct 16 and 17. Help the Feed St. Mary's Food Bank support local food pantries as they fight hunger in St. Mary's County.



U.S. OYSTER FESTIVAL – OCTOBER 16-17

The 55th Annual U. S. Oyster Festival is being held at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds. In addition to all the fun and festivities of the festival, the Lexington Park Rotary Club is sponsoring a "Stuff The Bus" Food Drive that supplies the Feed St. Mary's Food Bank and benefits dozens of feeding organizations throughout the county.

Join us as St. Mary's County celebrates a tasty local resource. On your way, pick up some non-perishable food items and bring them with you. Remember that **TOGETHER** we can Feed St. Marys!

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- *STUFF THE BUS – U.S. OYSTER FESTIVAL (OCTOBER 16-17)*
- *FSM AND MASTER'S OF TEACHING PROGRAM CAMP*

FEED ST. MARY'S COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Feed St. Mary's was on track to commemorate our first delivery of food into St. Mary's County on March 20, 2020. Due to the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, FSM postposed that celebration. It wasn't until September 16, 2021 that we were able to feel comfortable enough to host a celebration at the warehouse. On that Thursday evening, FSM threw a party and invited our partners to join with us in honoring the work that had been done over the previous year-and-a-half. About 100 people came together to celebrate our collective work together with food, fellowship and a speech or two.

Thank you for all you have done. We are excited about what has been accomplished through the Feed St. Mary's partnership during the last several months and look forward to what awaits us in the months and years to come.



CONGRATULATIONS FEED ST. MARY'S!

FSM PARTNERS WITH ST. MARY'S COLLEGE OF MARYLAND ...



Feed St. Mary's partnered with St. Mary's College Of Maryland to provide food for participants of their Master's of Teaching Program (MAT) camps. The pre-service teachers in the Master's of Teaching Program (MAT) at St. Mary's College of Maryland first practicum course involves working with kids who qualified for free and reduced lunch. The students are broken into two different camps; 4th-5th graders and raising 9th graders attending Great Mills High School. Both camps work around a theme based on a novel. The pre-service teachers work with Kim Page, Connie Reynolds, Janet Varner, Katy Arnett, and Janna Chevon Thompson, who are a part of the faculty in Educational Studies at St. Mary's College of Maryland on lessons that they will implement during camp weeks before camp begins. Though the students participate in some of the activities at their schools before camp, the camp is considered an enrichment week on St. Mary College of Maryland's campus. This year's camp was held August 9th-13th.



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