

October 12, 2017



Thanks to everyone who helped to make the **2017 homecoming festivities** a big success!

Encourage your friends and neighbors who may be interested in learning more about SMCS to attend our [information nights](#) next week! Our families are our best ambassadors, and SMCS families who refer others to the events will be entered to win one of five SMCS swag bags! [Click here for details](#) about the referral bonus.

There is a lot of **exciting volleyball action** coming up at SMCS! Both the eighth grade and varsity teams finished their seasons in first place in their respective conferences and will participate in post-season play. See below for game details and sign-up links to help with the games we will be hosting very soon!

Early registration for 2018-19 will begin on Tuesday! A reduced registration fee will be offered, and special discounts for students entering kindergarten, sixth grade or ninth grade will be announced.

Finally, did you realize that purchasing tickets for Zephyrs Gold and Z-NIGHT will be **counted toward your fundraising fee**? Watch your email inbox tomorrow for great information about these awesome events!

System highlights for the upcoming week include conferences at all school tonight, TASTE! on Friday, Family Feud on Saturday, Information Nights at the middle and high schools on Monday, the beginning of early registration and elementary and high school conferences on Tuesday, and a board of trustees meeting on Wednesday.

SMCS 2017-18 Calendar Updates

The following **additions and/or changes** were made to the calendar this week:

October 17 The time of high school conferences has been changed to 3:45-5:30

Note: The PDF calendar is available for you to download by clicking on the link below. You may also click on specific items in the online calendar of upcoming events (on the right side of the screen on [our homepage](#)) to get more information such as the event selocation, times that have been provided and contact information.

[View our calendars](#)

New Volleyball Action-Middle School

Our eighth grade white volleyball team finished the regular season in first place! SMCS was just notified yesterday that we get to host the league tournament tonight, Thursday, October 12! Our seventh grade-white volleyball team also qualified for their league tournament, and will compete at St. Ignatius this evening.

Both semi-final games in the eighth grade tournament will be played at 7:00 p.m. at SMCMS. Following a 20-minute break, the championship game will be played on the main court.

New Volleyball Action-High School

Next Tuesday will be a busy evening at SMCHS as the Zephyrs 2-seed volleyball team hosts the 15-seed Menominee Indians in the playoff game at 7:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, October 17**. Tickets will be \$4.00 for all fans over the age of six. Join us to cheer on the Zephyrs!

The Booster Club is looking for some volunteers to help with Tuesday's game. If you are able to help, [please sign up online](#).

Please note that, due to Tuesday's game, the time for HS conferences has been changed to 3:45-5:30 p.m.

If the Zephyrs win, we will host the victor of the Iola-Scandinavia (7-seed) and Rosholt (10-seed) game on Thursday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Check out the [complete brackets](#).

New Enrichment Updates

*We still have class **openings**! Sign up for cheer at SMM, KidStage-Alice in Wonderland at SM and SG or computer coding (which starts tomorrow) at SM. [Register](#) for any of these classes online.

*There will be a Shorei Kempo [Karate Workshop](#) on Tuesday, October 24 at SM, and all SMCS students are welcome to attend.

*Planning for **second semester classes** is underway! Please [contact our program director](#) with ideas for classes of if you have a hobby or talent that you would like to

New 5th and 7th Grade Visit Days

Come and see what being a Zephyr is all about!

At the St. Mary Catholic Middle School Visit Day on **Thursday, November 2 from 7:45 a.m. to noon**, fifth grade students will spend an informative and fun-filled morning at the middle school and learn about academics, co-curricular activities and our one-to-one laptop program. A complementary lunch will be included and each student will receive a Zephyr t-shirt!



At the St. Mary Catholic High School Visit Day on **Thursday, November 2 from 7:45 - 11:10 a.m.**, seventh grade students will spend an informative and fun-filled morning at the high school and learn about high school academics, co-curricular activities, robotics and our one-to-one laptop program.

All participants will receive a class Z-shirt! Contact Kelly Beisenstein-Weiss via [email](#) or at 722-7796 ext 157 for details.

New Highway Construction Update

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation tells us that there are a lot of construction changes going on this week, some of which may impact your commute to an SMCS campus. Check out their [latest update](#).



Tomorrow Eucharistic Adoration

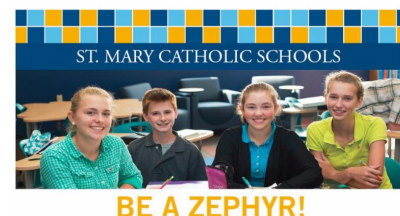
Eucharistic Adoration takes place on (generally) the first Friday of each month at the St. Mary Catholic High School chapel during the school year. The next date is tomorrow, **Friday, October 13** from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Although it takes place at the high school, everyone in the SMCS community is encouraged to participate!



If you are interested in spending an hour with the Lord, please [visit the sign-up page](#) or contact [Barb Unruh](#).

Shadow Days

SMCS is offering several shadow days for eighth grade students interested in St. Mary Catholic High School and fifth graders interested in St. Mary Catholic Middle School. A shadow day is the perfect opportunity for a student to gain knowledge and insight into the school atmosphere of our middle school and high school!



These events are structured to give students a glimpse of courses at the next level, meet the faculty and allow participants to view the schools from a student's

perspective. If you have a fifth or eighth grader, sign him or her up! Or, share the info with a friend or neighbor!

[Contact our director of admissions](#) to sign up for a shadow day at the middle school or the high school. Choose between **Monday, November 6, Tuesday, November 7, Monday, November 13** or **Wednesday, November 15**, all from **7:45 to 11:10 a.m.**

If these dates do not work, contact Ms. Weiss to make other arrangements. Each school can accommodate up to 12 students per day.

Middle School & High School Information Night **Monday, October 16**

Invite your friends who might be interested in SMCS!

St. Mary Catholic Middle School 6:00 p.m.

1000 Zephyr Drive, Neenah (enter through front doors)

St. Mary Catholic High School 7:00 p.m.

1050 Zephyr Drive, Neenah (enter through FAEC doors)

Faculty, administrators and students will share information about SMCS middle school's and high school's faith, academics and co-curriculars, including STEM Club (robotics, engineering, aeronautics), athletics and fine arts. Check out our spectacular fine arts education center, fitness center and state-of-the-art middle school. Learn more about our dual campus, busing options and our one-to-one laptop program.

Elementary Schools Information Night **Thursday, October 19 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.**

Invite your friends who might be interested in SMCS!

St. Gabriel Campus - 900 Geiger Street, Neenah

St. Margaret Mary Campus - 610 Division Street, Neenah

St. Mary Campus - 540 Second Street, Menasha

Meet the teachers, tour the classrooms, and learn more about our exciting enrichment program! Information about early childhood, extended care and after-school care will also be available.

ON TRACK-Seven Myths About College Admissions

A college admissions professional will tackle some of the myths about college admissions and provide accurate and pertinent information to help students and families in the college search.

The ON TRACK series of evening seminars is hosted at the Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center, and is offered in partnership with community resources and field experts. [This first ON TRACK presentation](#) will be held on **Tuesday, October 24**

at 6:30 p.m. in The Miron Forensic Theater at the fine arts center. Contact our [director of community relations](#) for details or to register.

This weekend! Fine Arts Family Feud Fundraiser

The survey says... you don't want to miss this evening of fun! Beginning at 6:00 this Saturday night, **October 14**, is the night for SMCS Family Feud! Excitement and fierce competition will dominate the evening as teams of students and teachers from grades 4-12 are pitted against each other to see who knows the most about what students think about SMCS!

[Click here](#) for direct access to online tickets and [read all about it here](#). Tickets will also be available at the door.

Zephyrs Gold

Someone will win these fabulous prizes, and it could be YOU!



- *An upright freezer and \$300 gift card from The Meat Block
- *A Toro single-stage snowblower
- *A \$500 gift card from Scheels
- *A 13-piece set of Circulon professional nonstick cookware & a \$300 Festival Foods gift card
- *A Yeti Hopper 20 Cooler w/ drinkware and \$250 Pick 'n Save gift card
- *A Weber Genesis gas grill and accessories

These are all prizes that you will be qualified to win in the monthly drawing (one prize per month, November-April) with the new ZEPHYRS GOLD fundraiser when you buy \$25 raffle tickets. With each ticket you purchase, you will be entered in ALL SIX DRAWINGS!

Now through November 10, tickets are available at all SMCS schools and can be counted toward the SMCS fundraising fee! They will also be available for purchase at Z-NIGHT. **The first drawing will take place at Z-NIGHT on November 11**, and then on the 11th of each month through April, but your tickets must be purchased by November 11. Sorry, raffle tickets cannot be sold online. [Check out the details!](#)

Tomorrow night! TASTE! A Brewfest Event

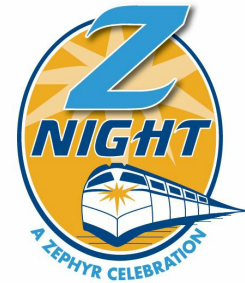


Gather up your Brewfest friends and plan a night out for some beer and bites! Join us at The Ballroom at the Reserve tomorrow night, **Friday, October 13 from 6:00-10:00 p.m.** for an evening of beer tasting paired with food from over 25 local food vendors, raffles and fun! Sample more than 40 handcrafted brews, plus wine, sodas and coffees.

[Purchase tickets online](#) for \$35.00 each through tonight or at St. Gabriel Elementary through tomorrow. They can also be purchased for \$40.00 at the door, and designated driver tickets are always \$15.00.

Z-NIGHT!

Please join us for Z-NIGHT (formerly Jumbo Gumbo) on **Saturday, November 11 from 6:30 -11:00 p.m. at Waverly Beach in Menasha.**



Z-NIGHT, a new event concept, promotes unity and fellowship among our entire SMCS community - alumni, school families, parishes and community supporters. With plenty of fun, raffle games, great food and the SMC Athletic Hall of Fame induction, Z-NIGHT will be a festive evening for all—whether current Zephyrs parents or Zephyrs friends. It will also be the first drawing of the [Zephyrs Gold raffle!](#)

All proceeds will go toward keeping SMCS among the best schools in the valley by contributing to the purchase of curriculum materials, maintaining our facilities and supporting our SMCS students.

[Click here](#) to purchase tickets or to become a sponsor for Z-NIGHT.

In the Community

New Robotics Event at FVTC

Fox Valley Technical College is hosting [Girl Powered Fox Valley](#) on **Saturday, October 14**. The event is celebration of all things STEM, especially competitive robotics, with a focus on encouraging more girls to explore opportunities in competitive robotics. However, boys are also very welcome to attend, as robotics is for everyone! Featured opportunities include VRC and VEX IQ demonstrations and scrimmage matches, a VEX IQ challenge area, 3D design and printing, door prizes and free t-shirts.

New St. Gabriel Craft Fair

St. Gabriel Parish is hosting a [craft fair](#) on **Saturday, October 21**. Students from St. Mary Catholic Middle School will be selling baked goods there to raise money for their trip to Washington, D.C.

New Fish Fry at St. Patrick's Parish

St. Patrick's Parish will be hosting a Fish Fry on **Friday, November 3**, which will feature fish tacos, sweet potato fries and hearty Italian meatball soup, plus brews from Wisconsin in addition to their standard wide variety of fish. For take-out call 725-5544.

New St. Gabriel Fall Festival

St. Gabriel Parish is holding a fall festival on **Saturday, November 4** after the 4:30 Mass. They will be serving a delicious chili/loaded baked potato/hotdog dinner. The drawing for our cash raffle will be held that evening, and bingo will follow. Raffle tickets are available in the entry of St. Gabriel Parish. We hope you can attend and/or sell raffle tickets, as this fundraiser is needed to offset parish operating expenses. Call Anne Greif at 722-4914 for details.

St. Mary/St. John Holly Jolly Sale

Attend the [St. Mary/St. John annual Holly Jolly Craft, Candy and Cookie Sale](#) on **November 4** in the St Mary gym from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Family Planning Presentation

A presentation by experts in the fields of infertility, natural procreative ethics and technology will take place on **Saturday, October 21** at 8:30 - noon at the Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center. The topic is ["Family Planning & Women's Health-What are the Choices."](#)

Fr. John Girotti Presentation

Fr. John Girotti presents part 1 of ["Why Loved Ones Leave the Church"](#) at St. Mary Parish in Menasha on **Wednesday, November 15** at 6:00 p.m.

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