

October 5, 2017



Happy Homecoming!

St. Mary Catholic High School's **homecoming weekend** has lots of special events for the whole family! *Watch for an email tomorrow morning* with details, including a few back-up plans in case of rain.

SMCHS was pleased to host **eighth grade visit day** for students from across the Valley to enjoy a day of learning about the high school's academics, faith, co-curriculars, fine arts, STEM and community. It was a great day for all involved!

Congratulations to our **equestrian club**! They won the Reserve Championship and the spirit award at last weekend's tournament, and qualified for state! And congratulations to our **Zephyrs volleyball team**, who just finished an UNDEFEATED regular season and won the conference championship for the first time in 32 years!

Highlights for the upcoming week include the weekend homecoming festivities, Volleyball Grade/Middle School Night on Tuesday, and the first day of elementary conferences on Thursday.

SMCS 2017-18 Calendar Updates

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

February 24 Chinese New Year (moved from 2/10)

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 relocation, times that have been provided and contact information.

New 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!



BE A ZEPHYR!

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.

New 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.

New 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.

SMCS Grade/Middle School Night @ Zephyrs Volleyball

We have an exciting night of Zephyrs fun in store at the upcoming SMCS Grade/Middle School Night at the varsity volleyball game on **Tuesday, October 10!** Fans in eighth grade or younger will receive free admission, popcorn and a Zephyr Gatorade. Hang out and have your picture taken with the Zephyrator and cheer on the *UNDEFEATED ZEPHYRS VOLLEYBALL CONFERENCE CHAMPS!*

New 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.

New SMCS Training & Fitness Center to be Open to Alumni

The SMCS Training and Fitness Center will be open on **Saturday, October 7** from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for alumni who are interested in seeing the facility.

Volleyball Conference Champs T-Shirts

We have made shirts to celebrate our volleyball conference championship! Short-sleeve shirts are \$10.00 each and long-sleeve shirts are \$15.00 each. Checks should be made out to SMCS or St. Mary Catholic Schools, and payment should be given to Mr. Bates at the high school.

[Click here to order](#) **no later than Sunday, October 8.** You will be notified once the shirts are available to be picked up, and payment is due before shirts will be released.

Fine Arts Family Feud Fundraiser

The survey says....! Join us on **Saturday, October 14** for a night of Family Feud fun when teams of students and teachers from grades 4-12 are pitted against each other to see who knows the most about SMCS! Hosted by our bigger-than-life personality, SMCHS Choir Director Spencer Jones, it'll be an evening of surprises, laughter and fun.

The evening begins with a social hour and doors opening at 6:00 p.m., followed by the show starting at 7:00 p.m. with "first come, first served" seating.

The team that raises the most money automatically advances to the championship round. Help your team (or all the teams!) get to the finals while you help SMCS fine arts program grow! Your support can be spread out over as many teams as you would like. [Click here](#) for direct access to online tickets (no searching for the event necessary)!

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!](#)

Next weekend 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 on **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 or sponsor the event by clicking on the link below. Tickets are also available at St. Gabriel Elementary School and Cellars Wine & Spirits.

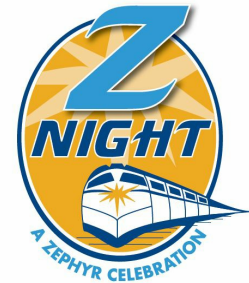
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Z-NIGHT!

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 register or to become a sponsor for Z-NIGHT.

In the Community

New St. Mary/St. John Youth Ministry

Check out the [St. Mary/St. John Youth Ministry Facebook page](#) to find out all of the fun activities they have planned! A [permission slip](#) is required for all SMSJ youth activities.

Join the St. Mary /St. John Youth Ministry program for a bus trip to the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Help of Christians for [A Day of Faith and Fellowship Just for Youth](#), on Saturday, October 7.

New YMCA Classes for Youth

[Fun With Friends](#) (Growth and Development Fall 2 Classes) (grades 4K-1), [Make A Stop at a Fun Shop](#) (grades 4K-1), [Sportsmanship Starts Early](#) (ages 7-10), [Together Everyone Achieves More](#) (ages 7-10)

New 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.

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.

Perpetual Adoration 20th Anniversary

The Twin Cities Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is celebrating 20 years, and would like to invite you to attend the [celebration on October 7](#), and to consider making a regular visit to the chapel part of your prayer life.

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.

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."](#)

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