

September 21, 2017



Many thanks to all who supported our **Hurricane Harvey Relief Rally**, which raised more than \$2800 and a carload of non-perishable goods that will be sent to relief organizations. Both the entertainment and sense of community were wonderful. Thanks, too, for the families who came out for the **football grade & middle school event**. We hope you all had as much fun as we did! And, finally, what a great night it was for the **Kick Cancer!** event at Titan stadium! Thank you for sharing your compassion and resources.

Please note that there is **no school tomorrow**, as our faculty will gather for staff development.

Highlights in the upcoming week include tomorrow night's Meet Me in the Middle fundraiser, Make it at the Market at the Neenah Farmer's Market, our first-ever system-wide Zephyrs Spirit Day on Tuesday and Soccer Grade School & Middle School Night on Thursday!

SMCS 2017-18 Calendar Updates

No **additions or changes** were made to the calendar this week:

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 Homecoming 2017



St. Mary Catholic High School's homecoming week activities have lots of special events for the whole family!

SMCHS will kick off homecoming week activities with a prayer service on **Sunday, October 1 at 6:00 p.m.** followed by a pep rally featuring a powder puff football round robin tournament and the introduction of the homecoming court and the fall sports teams. This is a really fun event!

On **Friday, October 6**, please join us for the following activities:

Parade from Tri-County Ice Arena to St. Mary Catholic High School at 5:00 p.m.

S.A.L.T. Homecoming Tailgate Party at 5:30 p.m.

S.T.E.M. Center Open House at 6:00 p.m.

All-Alumni Gathering in the Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center at 6:00 p.m.

Varsity Football vs. Reedsville at 7:00 p.m.

For a peek at the fun things planned for SMCHS students during homecoming week, [click here](#). The competitions for other Zephyrs teams throughout the week are also listed there.

And, keep reading to find out about the SMCS Campus Showcase—an opportunity to see all of the exciting changes to the main campus.

New SMCS Campus Showcase

Are you curious about all of the changes at the SMCS main campus? Come check it out!

SMCS Campus Showcase

Sunday, October 1, 2017

4:30-5:30 p.m. Visit the middle school, fine arts education center, SMCS STEM Center and the high school (chapel, band room and resource center), where guides will be waiting to show you the highlights ; *pick up your guide map in the FAEC lobby*

5:25 p.m. Gathering in the entryway to the new SMCS Fitness and Training Center

5:30 p.m. Official ribbon cutting and brief appreciation and dedication ceremony, tour the new fitness facility

5:50 p.m. Members of the SMCS marching band will lead guest to the homecoming prayer service and pep rally! (Concessions will be available at Zephyr Fields)



New Important Reminder for SMCS Volunteers

In order to volunteer at SMCS, you must first be compliant with diocesan policy on Maintaining Safe Environments. This policy includes submitting an approved criminal background through eAPPS (background checks are rerun every four years), completing a VIRTUS Adult



Awareness Training Session and signing and agreeing to adhere to the Diocesan Code of Pastoral Conduct.

VIRTUS classes in the area [can be found here](#), and any school office within SMCS can send you directions to complete the background check. Thank you for your willingness to volunteer at SMCS!

STEM Club Open House

Join us for the [SMCS Club Open House](#) on **Friday, October 5** (during the homecoming festivities)! Check out the facility and try the hands-on activities!

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)!

Zephyr Basketball Club Registration

[Online registration](#) for Zephyr Basketball Club is available online now through October 4.



Updated SMCS Family Directory

In order to provide the SMCS family directory will for the 2017-18 school year, which will be available in early October, we are in need of additional sponsors. Please consider promoting your business to other SMCS families while helping to defray the cost of this project!

Advertise your business or show your support by submitting your 2 x 3.5" business card or advertisement to the [director of communications](#) by **September 29, 2017**. Then, please send your check made payable to St. Mary Catholic Schools in the amount of \$25.00 to: SMCS Directory, 1050 Zephyr Drive, Neenah, WI 54956, or submit it to your school office.

Scrip Special Events!

Check out details about the [exciting Scrip events that are coming up soon](#) including Thanks-Scrip-ing Day, a free

PrestoPay day, anniversary specials and more!

Scrip users can order Scrip gift cards, download ScripNow! and reload existing gift cards [online](#).



Tomorrow Meet Me in the Middle: Bluegrass and Barbecue



Friday, September 22, 6-9pm

St. Mary Catholic Middle School Commons

1000 Zephyr Drive, Neenah

Please join us for a fantastic barbecue dinner, drinks, grilling demonstrations, and live bluegrass music! Tickets (\$30 each) are available online at

<https://tcces.ejoinme.org/MMITM2017>

or through the middle school (920)727-0279.

All proceeds support middle school programs!

Big Green Egg: Click here for details about [the exciting raffle for a Big Green Egg](#) and a multitude of accessories!

Now on sale! 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 11, tickets are available at all SMCS schools and at Neenah & Menasha Festival Foods (tickets must be purchased at school to count toward the SMCS fundraising fee). **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!](#)

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.

CONNECT 5

Support SMCS students while getting fit and having fun! CONNECT 5, a noncompetitive run/walk will be held on **September 30, 2017** to raise funds for the St. Mary Catholic Schools Booster Club and fine arts programs.



It will begin and finish at the St. Mary Catholic Middle/High School campus. Entertainment will be provided after the event along with cash concessions for all to enjoy!

[Flyer and registration form](#)
Become a [Connect 5 sponsor](#)
[Register today!](#)

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.

In the Community

New **YMCA Classes for Youth** 2018 [Boys Y-Ball](#), [Junior Y-Ball](#), [Youth Basketball](#)

Next week **SPIRIT ALIVE to benefit SPIRITUS**

"What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to the children who are now growing up?" This quote from Pope Francis challenges us to play a role in the formation of our youth. Per Matthew Kelly, 85% of confirmed youth will leave the church by age 30. We have the responsibility to support SPIRITUS missionaries as they impact the future generation of Catholics and encourage leaders for our Church.

Join Bishop Robert Morneau and SPIRITUS on **Tuesday September 26** for [Spirit Alive](#), with wine, cheese and chocolate at the Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center. This FREE event begins with a social at 6:15 p.m. followed by a program from 6:30-7:45 p.m. Find out how you can help empower and inspire our Catholic youth by supporting SPIRITUS through financial donations, volunteering and prayer.

New **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.

New An [ATV & snowmobile safety class](#) is being offered at Mercy Medical Center in Oshkosh & St. Elizabeth Hospital in Appleton in the upcoming months for children 12 and older. Younger children may take the course when accompanied by a parent.

New [Fox Crossing Activities](#)

New 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.

New 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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