

ST. MARY CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL WEEKLY UPDATE

DATE August 31, 2016



St. Mary Catholic Middle School
Grades 6-8

IMPORTANT DATES



SMCS EMAIL NEWSLETTER



SMCS CALENDAR PAGE

September

- 1 8th grade to Camp Lakotah
- 1 Prayer Service at 9:40 AM in SMCMS Chapel
- 2 8th grade back at 3:30PM
- 2 All forms due to SMCMS office
- 5 Labor Day – No School
- 8 Prayer Service at 9:40 AM in SMCMS Commons
- 9 7th grade Retreat/Team Building at Camp Lakotah 8:10AM-5:00 PM
- 12-30 MAP Testing
- 15 Liturgy at 9:40 in FAEC
- 16 6th grade Team Building
- 16 Meet Me In The Middle 6:00-9:00 PM in Commons
- 22 Prayer Service at 9:40 AM in SMCMS Commons
- 23 No School – Staff Development
- 29 SMCMS Picture Retakes
- 29 Liturgy at 9:40 in FAEC

October

- 1 Connect 5
- 1 SMCS Host MS Volleyball Tournament

Meet Me In The Middle (MMITM)

St. Mary Catholic Middle School annual fundraiser is right around the corner. You don't want to miss this year's themed Blue Grass and BBQ event. MMITM is Friday, September 16th from 6:00-9:00 pm.

We are still looking families to host or co-host event boards. If you are not able to host an event board, please consider being an event sponsor. All the sponsors will be recognized on that evening. If you have any questions, please contact our co-chairs: Michelle Campbell campbellm@uwosh.edu, Rebecca Campbell campbell1500@att.net, or Amy Hansen amyjeanhansen@yahoo.com. Keep scrolling for the order form to purchase your tickets. Thank you all for your support in SMCMS!

FORMS

Thank you to all of the parents who turned in all their forms to SMCMS already. Any student who brings all of the following forms, field trip payment, and summer reading work (6th, 7th, 8th) by September 2nd will get an **out of dress code pass**.

*[Medication Consent Form](#)

*Field Trip Permission Form (6th, 7th, and/or 8th grade) and payment

*[Student Emergency Information](#)

*[Student/Parent Handbook Acknowledgement](#) (Please read the [2016-2017 SMCMS Student/Parent Handbook](#))

*[Technology Acceptable Use Policy](#)

*[Terms and Conditions/Accidental Damage Agreement](#)

*[VIRTUS Diocesan Volunteer Code of Conduct](#) (Must be signed every year)

All of these forms can also be found on our website. (www.smccatholicsschools.org) On the top click "Forms" and scroll down to SMCMS Forms.

Medication

If you anticipate your child needing any medications, pain killers, etc. please send to school the medication consent form and the medication in the original package with his/her name on it. All the medications must be kept in the school office. We've received many forms without any medications.

Notes from Food Service

SMCS Food Service Director Lynn Graves recently shared a [back-to-school message for school families](#). Please read this important letter for information about our food service program and the USDA's new prices for school lunches.

Dress Code Reminder

Here is the [2016-2017 SMCS dress code \(Same as 2015-16\)](#). The only hooded sweatshirt part of the dress code is the navy blue SMCS Zephyr sold at the [Zephyr Depot](#). Also, I want to point out that on the Special dress days (Thursdays) that **black denim jeans are not part of the dress code**. Last year we noticed an increasing number of students wearing black jeans as "dress pants." Students are not allowed to wear denim as part of the dress code on regular dress code days and Special dress code days.



Basketball Signups

THE DEADLINE TO SIGN UP FOR BASKETBALL IS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Please use the following link to sign your child(ren) up for basketball: [2016-17 Athletic Registration](#)

If you have already signed your child(ren) up, you do not need to do so again. If you are not sure if you signed your child(ren) up, please email [Mr. Bates](#). We will be creating the game schedules in mid-September and hope to have all details (coaches, practices, games, etc.) finalized well before the season starts. Boys basketball practices will start on Monday, October 10 and girls basketball practices will start on Monday, November 7. If you have any interest in coaching, contact [Mr. Bates](#).

Parent Involvement

SMCMS requires 40 hours of parent involvement as part of having a child enrolled at SMCMS. Research has proven that parent involvement and student achievement go hand in hand. Parents may choose to pay the fee or give 40 hours of time to SMCMS. Parents are billed \$200 as a parent involvement fee. This fee may be worked off through volunteer activities (\$5.00 per hour). Parents are responsible for keeping track of the hours they work and hours are credited on a quarterly basis. **Please provide all dates and be specific in the details.** Service needs to benefit SMCMS but only 10 hours can come from Scrip or Jumbo Gumbo. Some possibilities include:

- Meet Me in the Middle
- Serving lunch
- Lunch Supervision
- Concessions/gate/score book/ clock at home games
- Coaching/assistant coaches
- Retreats/field trips
- 6th grade teambuilding
- Socials
- Building cleaning/organizing
- Forensic coaches
- Math team help
- Teacher appreciation lunch/Supper
- Classroom help (contact your child's teachers)
- Attending parent meetings
- Student Teacher Conferences
- Working the forensic/solo & ensemble performances

Not Parent Involvement:

- Attending band/choir concerts
- Attending sports games
- Attending forensic/solo & ensemble performances

The SMCS Booster Club asking parents to work 5 shifts/athlete/sport, with a max of 20 shifts/family.

We have determined that you can count up to 10 hours of involvement volunteering at the high school events towards your middle school involvement hours. The purpose of the MS involvement hours is to help increase parent involvement at the middle school level. However, you will still be expected to complete the necessary hours asked by the Booster Club. If parents work a MS event, they can use those hours to count toward both booster club obligations (up to 20 shifts/family) and MS parent involvement hours.

FIRST and VEX teams

FIRST introduces students to real-world engineering challenges by building LEGO based robots to complete tasks on a thematic playing surface. Open for all students from 6th-8th grade. The SMCMS FIRST program typically meets 3 times a week for 2-3 hours at a time. Currently we have 2-3 openings on the 2016 team. Contact John Ahles jahles@kcc.com for more information or check out the 2016 challenge at <http://www.firstinspires.org/robotics/fl> The 2016 theme is Animal Allies.

For the second year, the SMCS Robotics Club is offering the opportunity for SMCMS 8th grade students to join a SMCS VEX Robotics team and compete in the 2016-2017 competition season. If you have any questions, please contact Greg Cheslock at gcheslock@new.rr.com



The St. Mary Catholic Middle School annual fundraiser is just weeks away! You won't want to miss [Meet Me in the Middle](#) this year, so mark your calendar for **Friday, September 16, from 6-9 pm**. Once again held in the beautiful middle school commons, Meet Me in the Middle features:

- Exciting raffles, silent auction items and event boards! Enter for a chance to win a **Big Green Egg!**
- Pulled pork dinner with delicious sides
- BBQ demonstrations, food tastings, and cash bar
- Live music from local musicians *Badgergrass*
- Fun photo ops provided by Pinnacle Fine Portraiture

Use the link to purchase tickets online: <https://tcces.ejoinme.org/MMITM>

*****or*****

Please tear off and return to school office along with payment

ATTENDEE NAME(S):

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

of ATTENDEES: _____ **@ \$25.00 each =** _____ **Total Enclosed:** _____

Please make checks payable to SMCS