

August 17, 2017



It's beginning to look a lot like the school year! Parent groups are having meetings, fall athletes are all practicing, the board of trustees had their first meeting of the year and new employees have attended orientation. May God bless us as we continue to prepare to begin a year of learning and growing in faith and love.

Please remember that all SMCS employees will participate in an all-staff meeting and retreat next Wednesday, August 23, so our school and administrative offices will not be open that day.

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## SMCS 2017-18 Calendar Updates

The following **corrections** were made to the calendar this week:

October 10 Remove SMM FACES meeting  
October 14 SMM Mother/Son Event  
October 18 SMM Donuts for Dads

**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 location, times that have been provided and contact information.

[View our calendars](#)

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**At the recent leadership team retreat, system president Helen Englebert shared the following prayer, which will inspire and motivate us throughout the school year.**

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## Prayer for the Grace of Faithful Discipleship

Eternal God

You have shown yourself to us  
as a God of steadfast love and fidelity.  
You gave us Jesus so that we might know  
that Your love is steadfast, relentless, and endless;  
that Your faithfulness is constant, honest, and true.

In the name of Jesus,  
we come to You as a community of disciples.  
May our hearts be consumed by Your marvelous love.  
May our minds be gripped by Your faithful presence.  
And in genuine response to Your fidelity and love  
may we in turn become faithful disciples of Jesus.

Send us forth in the Holy Spirit, dear God;  
send us forth as faithful disciples.  
In the way we think, talk and act  
may we bear witness to Christ.  
Thus may Your steadfast love and fidelity  
be made known to the whole world.  
Amen.

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### Scrip End-of-Summer Schedule



The last day of summer delivery to St. Mary Catholic High School or a parish location is next Thursday, August 24. Starting Thursday, August 31, Scrip orders will go to customers' preferred school-year delivery locations.

There will be no Scrip the week of September 4 due to the Labor Day holiday. Place your Labor Day Scrip orders by 9:00 a.m. on Monday, August 28th for deliver on the 31st. The next delivery will be September 14. Click below for further details.

[Summer-to-school year Scrip schedule](#)  
[shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com)

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### Support SMCS Athletics and Activities!



The **SMCS Booster Club** is a very active parent group that supports athletics and co-curricular activities at all five of our schools. Click on the link below for details.

Support SMCS students via this very important organization by:

- \*becoming a Booster Backer (deadline Sept 18)
- \*sponsoring the season sports and activities book (first deadline Sept 1)
- \*sponsoring a banner with the name of your business (no deadline).

[Booster Backers, Sports/Activities Book, Banners](#)  
[Order forms](#)

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## New! Booster Club Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are essential to ensuring the success of our student teams. The Booster Club budget is more than \$65,000 annually to fund new uniforms, referees, transportation and facility fees. By volunteering, you help the SMCS Booster Club raise funds to support our co-curricular activities. Your help is greatly appreciated!!

ALL middle school parents, no matter if you have a student currently participating in a sport, can receive Parent Involvement Hours for volunteering at middle school athletics events.

We are asking that **EVERY** family with a student participating in co-curriculars (sports, dance, STEM Club) at either the middle or high school, volunteer. Sign ups will be sent out at the beginning of each season. **Families with a student participating in the current season will have 10 days to sign up to volunteer. If you do not sign up in that 10-day period, volunteer spots will be assigned to you.**

[Click here to sign up](#). Please note there are separate links within for high school and middle school activities.

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## New! Concessions Leaders Needed

The Booster Club is looking for concessions leads for varsity football and middle school volleyball. This person(s) will be responsible for setting up the concessions area, instructing volunteers on concessions operations, communicating inventory needs with the Booster Club and counting money at the end of the evening.

Anyone fulfilling the concessions lead role will automatically receive the full credit of required Booster Club volunteer hours. If you are interested contact [Adam Bates](#) or [Melissa Uhlenbrauck](#).

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## New! Eucharistic Adoration

Each school year, SMCHS hosts Eucharistic Adoration in the chapel. This usually takes place on the first Friday of the month from 8:00-3:00, but sometimes takes place the following week due to days off or other significant conflicts (view [the SMCS calendar](#) for this year's dates).

We are pleased to announce that each day of Eucharistic Adoration will begin with a Mass at 7:15 a.m., which will end early enough for students and faculty to get to class. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. [Sign up today](#) for the first Eucharistic Adoration on **Friday, September 1**.



Let us continue to lift up our students, staff and families in prayer! Bishop Ricken has also called us all to continue praying for vocations. Our prayers make a difference! SMCS alumnus Fr. Matt Rappal was just ordained this summer, and we also have two other SMCS alumni, Sam Schultz '11 and Jace Scheffler '14, studying to become priests.

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## School Supply Lists

Is back-to-school shopping on your mind? Click below to see what's on the list for our SMCS Elementary and Middle Schools.

[SMCS School Supply Lists](#)

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## Highway Construction Update

Some updates have been made to the DOT's plans for lane closures on Highway 41 this week. Click below for details and check back for next week's update.

[DOT Current Construction Update](#)

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## SMCS Football Badger Sports Park Event

Join the SMCS football teams for an evening of fellowship and fun at Badger Sport Park on **Thursday, September 14 from 6:00-9:00 p.m.** Click below for details!

[SMCS Football Badger Bash](#)

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## Zephyrs Gold

Zephyrs Gold is an exciting new fundraising program for St. Mary Catholic Schools. Beginning on September 1, 2017, raffle tickets will be available for purchase at \$25.00 each at all SMCS campuses and the Neenah and Menasha Festival Foods stores. Each raffle ticket will entitle the holder to be entered in a drawing every month between November 11, 2017 and April 11, 2018 for one fabulous prize each month. Stay tuned for more details!



## Z-NIGHT!

In November of each year, the SMCS community gathers for our one-and-only systemwide fundraiser (formerly Jumbo Gumbo). A new concept, Z-NIGHT, will be introduced this fall to promote unity and fellowship among our entire SMCS community—alumni, school families, parishes and community supporters.



With a lower admission fee, plenty of fun games and yummy food, Z-NIGHT will be a casual and festive event for all adults to enjoy. All proceeds go to maintaining our facilities, purchasing curriculum materials and supporting our SMCS students. Everyone is invited... current Zephyrs parents, all Zephyrs alumni and community members... and encouraged to attend this evening of fun, faith and friends! The inaugural Z-NIGHT will take place at Waverly Beach on **Saturday, November 11, 2017 from 6:30-11:00 p.m**

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## Meet Me in the Middle: Bluegrass and Barbeque!



### Meet Me in the Middle 2017: Bluegrass and BBQ

St. Mary Catholic Middle School Commons  
Friday, September 22, 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Held on **Friday, September 22 from 6:00-9:00 p.m.**, Meet Me in the Middle 2017 will be a casual evening featuring the live band "Badgergrass," a delicious pulled pork dinner, barbecue demonstrations and tastings, cash bar, and a whole lot of fun. You'll have the chance to sign up for events taking place throughout the year and take part in exciting raffles for fantastic prizes! Click the link below for details and to find the link to purchase tickets or set up a sponsorship, or call the school at 727-0279.

[MMITM: Bluegrass and Barbeque](#)

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## CONNECT 5

This 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!](#)

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## 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.

[TASTE! A Brewfest Event](#)

## Community Events

**New! Used Books Sale** The Friends of Neenah Public Library will be conducting its annual used book sale **September 20-25**. There is a good selection of both adult

and youth titles. Entry for the first night is \$5.00 for guests over 10 years old, and will be free thereafter. Times: Sept 20, 21: 5:30-8:30 p.m.; Sept 22: 9:30-5:00; Sept 23: 9:30-4:00; Sept 24: 1:30-4:00 and Sept 25: 9:00-9:00 (all items free).

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