

August 24, 2017



SMCS faculty and staff enjoyed a phenomenal retreat experience yesterday afternoon that included a game of Gracious Leadership Survivor. This year's theme will guide us through the year with these monthly attributes:

September - Service	January - Commitment
October - Attitude	February - Belief
November - Leadership	March - Focus
December - Kindness	April - Perseverance
	May - Witness

Today was a great day for the new students and SMCHS and returning students! A similar day is planned for new and returning middle school students on Monday, along with parent sessions. Elementary families will also enjoy orientation and parent sessions the same day. Tuesday will be the first day of classes for all!

Blessings and best wishes for the new school year!

SMCS 2017-18 Calendar Updates

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

Sept 19 Soccer fundraiser for FVHO's Fightback Foundation (SMCHS vs Lourdes)
Oct 7 SMCHS Homecoming Dance

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](#)

Back to school blessing

Dear Heavenly Father,

For all the children returning to school, send your Holy Spirit as their guide and protector.

Keep them free from danger and unnecessary harm. Put our sons and daughters in the right place, at the right time, to receive your grace.

Let them learn and grow strong. May the presence of your Spirit fill their hearts.

Help us to mature as parents and caregivers.

Bless every family, oh Lord.

We entrust our children to you, dear God. Since from the beginning, they are yours to keep.

In the name of the greatest Son of all, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Updated SMCS Enrichment Program

Copies of the enrichment class schedule for fall 2017 will be available on orientation day at all elementary campuses. New this year - Hip Hop dance at all three elementary campuses and fencing!

Registration will open on **Thursday, August 31 at 8:00 a.m.** [Registration link found here.](#)

Updated Order Scrip this weekend!

Today, Thursday August 24, is the last day of the summer delivery schedule. Starting

Thursday, August 31, Scrip orders will go to customers' preferred school-year delivery locations.



Place your Labor Day Scrip orders by 9:00 a.m. on Monday, August 28th for deliver on the 31st. There will be no Scrip the week of September 4 due to the Labor Day holiday, so the next order and delivery dates after next week will be September 11 and 14. Click below for further details.

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](#)

Updated 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!!

According to SMCMS Principal Mr. Zuleger, **middle school** parents can count up to *10 hours of involvement volunteering at the high school events* towards their middle school involvement hours. The purpose of the MS involvement hours is to help increase parent involvement at the middle school level, but you will still be expected to complete the necessary hours required by the Booster Club. Parents can work as many MS events as they want to count towards both their MS parent involvement hours and Booster Club volunteer hours, even if your child is not in that sport.

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.

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

Updated 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). 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 Rappel was just ordained this summer, and we also have two other SMCS alumni, Sam Schultz '11 and Jace Scheffler '14, studying to become priests.

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](#)



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](#)



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](#)



Updated Zephyrs Gold

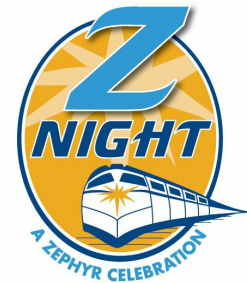
Zephyrs Gold is an exciting new fundraising program for St. Mary Catholic Schools. Beginning on September 1, 2017, raffle tickets will be available for purchase at \$25.00 each at all SMCS campuses and the Neenah and Menasha Festival Foods stores. Each raffle ticket will entitle the holder to be entered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



The first drawing will be held at the Z-NIGHT event on November 11. Prizes include a two-stage snowblower, a stand-up freezer and Meat Block gift certificate, a \$250 Scheels gift card *and more!*

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**

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](#)

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!](#)



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 Future Neenah's Presentation for coaches, parents & athletes

John O'Sullivan, bestselling author of Changing the Game: The Parents Guide to Raising Happy, High-Performing Athletes and Giving Youth Sports Back to Our Kids, will be in Neenah to give two talks about ways parents and coaches can support student athletes, help them reach their athletic potential, and enjoy their sports experience. One presentation is geared specifically to youth and high school coaches and a second talk is planned for parents and athletes. [Click Here to Watch John's TED Talk](#). The presentations will take place at Pickard Auditorium on **Tuesday, September 12**. [Click here for details](#).

New Parish Youth Activities

The parishes of Neenah are planning activities that are open to all area teens, including monthly [Taco Tuesdays](#) for students in grades 9-12 and a [glo-stick corn maze](#) field trip for students in grades 7-10 on October 13. More information can be found on the [St. Gabriel website](#) or by contacting [Brittany Schroeder](#) directly.

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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