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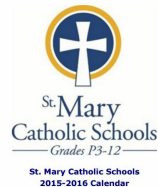
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## SMCS Email Newsletter

*Welcome back!*

The faculty and staff have been busy meeting and planning for the new school year. At their retreat this morning, SMCS employees focused on the concept of **servant leadership** and talked about how to incorporate it into daily life across our campuses. There is a very positive energy and excitement everywhere--the Holy Spirit is definitely at work in our schools!

We are happy to report that this week we received the ACT group results from the class that recently graduated. With 96% of the class taking the test, the SMCHS Class of 2016's **average composite score of 24.9** is 1.5 points higher than the school's average last year, and 4.4 points above the state's average of 20.5. This year's national average is 20.8.

A few reminders as we start the year:

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## **SMCS in the Media**

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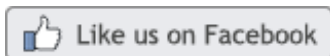
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### **Stay Connected**



Follow us on [twitter](#)

If you wish to restrict photos of your children from being used outside of SMCS, please contact the [advancement office](#).

Did you move or change your email address or phone number? Do you want to change your child's emergency contact? If so, you must [update your contact information](#). This database is used for the directory, and by the business, food service, school and advancement offices for all email contacts-no need to notify us anywhere else.

Orientation will take place for families with students in grades K-8 on Monday, and the first day of classes for everyone will be on Tuesday!

Best wishes for the last weekend of summer, weand we'll see you next week!

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## **2016-17 SMCS Calendar**

Click right below the calendar icon to the left for a link to the calendar page on our website.

*The following additions or changes were made this week to the SMCS 2016-17 calendar.*

Dec 5 HS/MS Choir Concert  
Dec 19 HS/MS Band Concert  
Dec 20 Elementary Band Concert  
May 19 HS Band & Choir Concert  
May 24 Elementary Recital

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## **Booster Club Needs Your Help!**

The SMCS Booster Club has nearly 700 volunteer opportunities for our middle and high school fall sporting events. We ask that each family volunteer for a minimum of five spots per sport or activity, per participant.

By volunteering you not only demonstrate the value of service to your children, you also help the SMCS Booster Club raise funds that support ALL of our co-curricular activities (athletics, fine arts, robotics and more!).

We still have one critical area that we need a volunteer for: football concessions lead (JV & Varsity games).

While school has not yet started, our fall athletes are already in full competition mode, and we need for volunteers in the next week for:

- \* Varsity football game tonight, August 26
- \* JV volleyball quad on August 27
- \* Varsity volleyball on August 30

Sign up today! at [SMCS Fall Volunteer Sign Up.](#)

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### **Show your Zephyr Pride!**

You may have seen these awesome welcome signs popping up around town in the yards of our new SMCS families. If you spot one in your neighborhood, why not stop by and say hello to welcome the new family to SMCS!

You, too, can be part of the fun by displaying an SMCS sign in your yard or in front of your place of business!

Contact our [director of admissions](#) to get your own sign, or pick one up at your school's orientation!



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### **BBQ and Bluegrass!**

Coming soon to a great school near you:  
**Meet Me in the Middle 2016!**

Join us for a casual evening featuring a live bluegrass band, BBQ and a whole lot of fun!

Mark your calendar for **September 16, 6:00-9:00 p.m.** in the St. Mary Middle School Commons. Tickets are [available online](#) or at the middle school office.

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### **Big East Conference Passes**

Big East Conference passes are available in the office at St. Mary Catholic High School. Get yours today!

Your purchase of one of these passes will gain you admittance to all Zephyr home games (conference and non-conference) and all away competitions at other Big East Conference schools. They are not valid for post-season competitions at any location.

Conference passes are part of the Booster Backer benefits! [Learn more here!](#)

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### **The Directory Project**

SMCS will print a family directory for the 2016-17 school year. Please consider promoting your business to other SMCS families while helping to defray the cost of this project by submitting your 2 x 3.5" business card or advertisement to the [director of communications](#) by **September 9, 2016**.

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.

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### **Win Packer Tickets!**

This year, the Connect 5 run/walk will raise money for the SMCS Booster Club! The event will be held on **Saturday, October 1**, and will start and finish on the campus of St. Mary Catholic Middle & High Schools. Entertainment and cash concessions will be available following the walk/run!

Get a **free t-shirt** by registering before September 4! And, even better, the participant who raises the most sponsorship dollars will **win four tickets to the Green Bay Packers/ Cowboys game** on October 16!

See the [Connect 5 flyer](#) for details and [register](#)

[online](#) today!

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### **VIRTUS Requirements**

Every administrator, faculty or staff member, parent volunteer, coach and chaperone **MUST** have successfully completed the Green Bay Diocese's VIRTUS - Protecting God's Children program before being allowed to spend time with students.

Sessions to be held at St. Mary Catholic Schools this fall will be held in the Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center on

**Saturday, September 10** from 9:00 a.m. to noon and **Tuesday, October 4** from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Contact [SMCS Business Director Jeanne Lee](#) for details.

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### **New! Scrip Schedule**

The last day of summer Scrip pick up at St. Mary Catholic High School will be on Thursday, September 1. *There will be no Scrip during the week of Labor Day (September 5-9), and the **first delivery to schools will be on Thursday, September 15.***

If you need to change your pick-up location for the school year, send the request to [Ann Harris](#) in the business office ASAP.

Don't forget, all online orders need to be placed by 9:00 a.m. on Monday morning for pick up on Thursday.

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### **SMCS Enrichment Update**

The [SMCS Enrichment Program](#) will continue to offer after-school enrichment classes this year for elementary and middle school students! This year we will offer two registration opportunities, and the one for first semester will open on **September 1, 2016.**

Classes will include karate (classes available for preK - middle school), hip hop, VEX IQ Robotics (STEM), Club Invention, KidStage, Girls on the Run, art, lacrosse, Wonder League Robotics (STEM), Zumba and math club. Click here to view the [enrichment schedule](#) for this semester's

classes.

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### **In the Community**

#### **SMCHS Jazz Band at Fox Jazz Fest**

Come and see the St. Mary Catholic High School Jazz Band under the direction of Dave Sawall when they perform at the Fox Jazz Fest on Sunday, **September 4 from noon until 12:30 p.m.** at Jefferson Park in Menasha. They will also be participating in a Jazz Masterclass led by Jazz Vocalist Sara Gazarek and her quartet who are the headliner group on Sunday September 4.

#### **SeafoodFest Service Hour Opportunities**

The local Rotary Clubs are looking for volunteers to help at SeafoodFest on **September 9 and 10**. High school and middle school students age 13 and older are encouraged to volunteer - this is a great way to get some service hours early in the school year. [Sign up today to help](#) at Seafood Fest!

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