



St. Mary
Catholic Schools
— Grades P3-12 —

Welcome to the first SMCS weekly email newsletter of the 2017-18 school year! Please note that beginning next week, the newsletters will be delivered to your email inbox every Thursday (rather than on Fridays).

It has been quite a busy summer for SMCS families, faculty and staff, and we are looking forward to welcoming our students back to our five campuses. Normal business hours in our schools and system offices will resume on Monday, August 14.

In the meantime, though, it is still summer—so be sure to make the most of the vacation days that remain!



SMCS 2017-18 Calendar Updates

Many new events have been added to the SMCS 2017-18 calendar, and a few dates have been changed. Please download the latest version as you make your plans for next year.

[View our calendars](#)

Important date changes include:

- August 16 SMM Pre3/K Welcome (moved from August 14)
- Sept 5 *REMOVED* Elementary Parent Night (info to be included @ orientation)
- Sept 30 *REMOVED* SMCHS Homecoming Dance (date TBD)

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](#)

Help Needed with Scrip

The SMCS Scrip program has the opportunity for someone to help out in a very important role that has great flexibility and doesn't take much time. Interested? Click on the link below or contact Shelley in the business office.



[Scrip help needed](#)

Scrip End-of-Summer Schedule

The last day of summer delivery to St. Mary Catholic High School or a parish location is 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](#)

Booster Club Meeting

The first SMCS Booster Club meeting of the new school year will be held next week.

Come on out to the high school at **6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 9** to find out more about how this dedicated group raises funds to support our schools' athletic teams and co-curricular groups! They provide essential support for dozens of student teams and organizations. Get involved!



[Learn about SMCS Booster Club](#)

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](#)

VIRTUS Classroom Session



Are you interested in being a coach, mentor, classroom helper or field trip chaperone? If so and you haven't yet completed the diocese's VIRTUS training, an opportunity for the classroom component is coming up on Wednesday, August 16.

Click below to register for the class, which will be held in the fine arts education center on **Wednesday, August 16 from 12:30-4:30 p.m.**

[Register for VIRTUS](#)

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](#)

Pack the Park @ SkyZone!

Next **Thursday, August 10** is Pack the Park at SkyZone in Appleton! Planned by the St. Mary Elementary POPS group, this day of fun is open to ALL SMCS families. Come on out for the fellowship and fun!



[Pack the Park](#)

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](#)

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**

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!](#)

Host an International Student

Have you considered opening your home to an international student? This is a great cultural opportunity that also comes with a stipend and a tuition discount for SMCS families.

Call or email Sue at sthelen@smcatholicschools.org or call 722-7796. She will tell you more about the program and share her experiences as a host parent with you!



[SMCHS International Program](#)

Apparel for Zephyrs Fans

Fans of Zephyrs cross country, football, boys soccer, girls tennis and girls volleyball, take note!

Click on the link below, scroll down the page and you will find the links that will take you to the order form for apparel for your favorite Zephyrs sports!

Many order forms are due in early- to mid-August, so don't delay in placing your order.

Why not order now for Christmas? The orders for each seasonal sport take place only once a year, so don't miss it!

[SMCS Apparel](#)



SMCS Enrichment Update

The SMCS Enrichment Program will continue to offer after-school enrichment classes this year for elementary and middle school students! Class details and a link to sign up are coming soon!



[SMCS Enrichment Program](#)

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.

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