

August 31, 2017



We are off to a **great start with the new school year!** Thanks to all of the families who shared back-to-school photos on our [Facebook page](#). It's wonderful to see those smiling faces! While you're there, why not "like" our page? It's a great way to keep up with everything happening at SMCS.

In keeping with this year's theme of **gracious leadership**, tomorrow, September 1, is the first day of our month-long focus on Service. The saints we will learn about who were dedicated to service to God and their neighbors are St. Katherine Drexel, St. Angela Merici and St. Sebastian. May their examples of selfless giving inspire us to be generous with our time and industrious in our efforts to serve others.

Please **join us in praying** for our eighth grade class and their teachers as they attend their retreat today and tomorrow at camp, and for the freshmen who will have a retreat next Wednesday.

If you can't make the Zephyrs home football game tomorrow night, **tune in online** at [WHBY](#) for a live broadcast.



**Highlights coming up next week** include no school on Monday, auditions for the high school's fall drama Tuesday-Thursday, and the first ZFAB (fine arts boosters) meeting and a high school VEX meeting for parents, both on Wednesday. Check with your school or club mentor for details.

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

Removed from September 7	Zephyrs Basketball Club registration–new date TBA
September 15	Hurricane Harvey Relief Rally
October 11	HS PSAT Test
March 24	SMCS STEM Saturday (moved from March 10)

**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](#)

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## **New** Hurricane Harvey Relief Rally

Before the home football game on **Friday, September 15, from 5:30-6:30 p.m.**, SMCS will host a [Hurricane Harvey Relief Rally](#) event that will benefit the victims of Hurricane Harvey. [Click here to learn the details](#) about the entertainment and fabulous raffle prizes (hint: Aaron Rodgers-signed helmet and more).



Admission is free, but guests are highly encouraged to bring canned goods, non-perishable items and monetary donations in the form of cash or checks made payable to Catholic Relief Services or the American Red Cross.

Come for the rally and stay for the football game! Dinner concessions will be available for purchase at the concession stand at Zephyr Fields.

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## **New** Football Grade School & Middle School Night

We have [an exciting night of Zephyrs fun](#) planned for the upcoming SMCS Grade School & Middle School Night at the home football game on **Friday, September 15!**

Fans in eighth grade or younger will receive free admission, popcorn and a Zephyrs Gatorade! Hang out and have your picture taken with the Zephynator. Stay tuned for info about cool prizes or contact Kelly Beisenstein-Weiss for details at 722-7796 ext 157.

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## **Updated** SMCS Enrichment Program

[Registration for Semester 1 Enrichment 2017-18](#) opened today, August 31 at 8:00 a.m. The SMCS Enrichment schedule for 2017-18 Semester 1 is now available at the [SMCS Enrichment Webpage](#) .

New this year: hip hop at all three elementary campuses, fencing, new karate unlimited class plan, competitive VEX IQ for grades 5-7, Club Invention (STEM) and computer coding (STEM) at St. Mary Elementary School. Stay tuned for more exciting classes to come!

Please contact [enrichment@smcatholicschools.org](mailto:enrichment@smcatholicschools.org) with any ideas for classes or if you have a talent or hobby that you would like to share with our SMCS community.

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## **Updated** Order Scrip this weekend!



Reminder that there will be no Scrip orders processed next week due to the Labor Day holiday. Regular ordering and delivery will resume with the orders due on Monday, September 11. Scrip users can still download ScripNow! and reload existing gift cards [online](#).

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## **Tomorrow, updated** Eucharistic Adoration

Join us tomorrow, **September 1 between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.** in the high school chapel for Eucharistic Adoration. [Sign up today](#) for a specific spot, or stop in at any time. There will *not* be a Mass this month preceding adoration.



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.

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## **Updated** Zephyrs Gold



What do these things have in common?

- \*An upright freezer and \$300 gift card from The Meat Block
- \*A Toro single-stage snowblower
- \*A \$500 gift card from Scheels
- \*A 13-piece set of Circulon professional nonstick cookware & a \$300 Festival Foods gift card
- \*A Yeti Hopper 20 Cooler w/ drinkware and \$250 Pick 'n Save gift card
- \*A Weber Genesis gas grill and accessories

They are all prizes that you will be qualified to win in the monthly drawing (one prize per month, November-April) with the new ZEPHYRS GOLD fundraiser when you buy \$25 raffle tickets. With each ticket you purchase, you will be entered in ALL SIX DRAWINGS!

From September 15 - November 11, tickets will be available at all SMCS schools and at Neenah & Menasha Festival Foods (tickets must be purchased at school to count toward the SMCS fundraising fee). The first drawing will take place at Z-NIGHT on November 11, and then on the 11th of each month through April, but your tickets must be purchased by November 11. [Check out the details!](#)

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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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## 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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## **Updated** 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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## **Updated** Meet Me in the Middle: Bluegrass and Barbeque



Friday, September 22, 6-9pm  
St. Mary Catholic Middle School Commons  
1000 Zephyr Drive, Neenah

Please join us for a fantastic barbecue dinner, drinks, grilling demonstrations, and live bluegrass music! Tickets (\$30 each) are available online at <https://tcces.ejoinme.org/MMITM> or through the middle school (920)727-0279. All proceeds support middle school programs!

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**Big Green Egg:** Click here for details about [the exciting raffle for a Big Green Egg](#) and a multitude of accessories!

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## 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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## 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.

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## In the Community

**New** SPIRIT ALIVE to benefit SPIRITUS



"What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to the children who are now growing up?" This quote from Pope Francis challenges us to play a role in the formation of our youth. Per Matthew Kelly, 85% of confirmed youth will leave the church by age 30. We have the responsibility to support SPIRITUS missionaries as they impact the future generation of Catholics and encourage leaders for our Church.

Join Bishop Robert Morneau and SPIRITUS on **Tuesday September 26** for [Spirit Alive](#), with wine, cheese and chocolate at the Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center. This FREE event begins with a social at 6:15 p.m. followed by a program from 6:30-7:45 p.m. Find out how you can help empower and inspire our Catholic youth by supporting SPIRITUS through financial donations, volunteering and prayer.

### **New Fox Valley Youth Hockey Association Offerings**

Fox Valley Youth Hockey Association offers a free introduction to hockey program for kids from the Neenah, Hortonville, and Menasha school districts. There are also opportunities for area youth to try hockey for free at events throughout the fall and winter. *Both of these opportunities are for kids ages 4 to 8.*

Hockey is a WIAA high school sport, and a club sport through 8th grade. SMCS kids who play hockey in high school play for the Fox Cities Stars, and SMCHS will have a couple new Stars players this year! [Click here for details about FVYHA opportunities.](#)

### **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.

### **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.](#)

### **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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