

December 16, 2016



St. Mary Catholic Schools
Grades P3-12

Advent Greetings!

For the safety of players and fans, tonight's Zephyr game vs. Ozaukee and SMCS Grade/Middle School Night have been **postponed**. Team basketball photos for younger grades will also be rescheduled.

Please note that the **Zephyr Depot apparel sale** that was scheduled to take place tonight has been moved to the girls basketball game on **Tuesday, December 20**. *If you aren't able to make it to the game but would still like to purchase something for that special Zephyr in your life, please contact Tara at tgagne@smcatholicsschools.org.*

IMPORTANT: Sign up for our **new emergency alert system**, called Remind, which has replaced Cel.ly. If you would like to receive notifications of unexpected events such as school closings or early dismissal due to weather, etc., please do one of the following:

- If you have a smartphone, get push notifications by [opening your web browser](#) to download the mobile app.
- You can get text-only notifications by texting the message @9fg97 to the number 81010. If that does not work, text it to 920-933-1015.

Be assured that this system will be used *only* for very important notifications.

Please note that there will not be an SMCS Email Newsletter next Friday, December 23 due to the Christmas holiday.

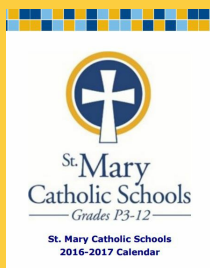


We at St. Mary Catholic Schools
wish a blessed Christmas to all of our community!

2016-17 SMCS Calendar

The following changes were made to the [SMCS 2016-17 calendar](#) this week:

- * Auditions for the middle school spring musical have been moved to in-school hours on January 27 and 31 and February 1.
- * Callbacks will take place on February 6 and 7.



Day-to-day at SMCS

Would you like to know more about day-to-day happenings in our St. Mary Catholic Schools? Follow our [Facebook page](#) or check out these [Facebook highlights](#) from the past week.

Christmas Shopping

As you are doing your online Christmas shopping, don't forget that St. Mary Catholic Schools participates in the Amazon Smiles program! When you choose St. Mary Catholic Schools, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the total of your purchase price to our schools! Click on [this special link](#) to make a donation to SMCS.

SMCS Office Hours Over Break

The business and advancement offices will be closed December 23 (for Christmas Eve), December 26 (for Christmas Day) and January 2 (for New Year's Day). They will be open December 27-30 from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Business office personnel are available for appointments outside these hours by calling Jeanne Lee's direct line at 920-215-7442.

School offices will be closed between December 23 and January 2. Regular hours for all will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration takes place on (generally) the first Friday of each month at St. Mary Catholic High School during the school year. The next date will be next Friday, January 6.

If you are interested in spending an hour with the Lord, please [visit the sign-up page](#) or contact [Barb Unruh](#).

Scrip

Monday, December 19 is the last day to order Scrip prior to Christmas and New Year's. Orders placed online after 9:00 a.m. on December 19 will be ready on January 12.

There will be no Scrip orders the week of December 26 or January 2. The next order date will be Monday, January 9th for delivery on Thursday, January 12. Shopwithscrip.com will process reloads and ScripNow orders paid with PrestoPay as usual, with the exception of the holiday dates.

Place your Christmas orders today and don't forget gas and groceries! And remind your friends. Thank you for using Scrip and Merry Christmas!



Host Families Needed Beginning in January

We currently have two boys, Muiy Miao (Morgan)- 9th grade and Zhenhua Chen (Jack)- 10th grade who will be joining our community as St. Mary Catholic High School students on January 16, 2017. We are in need of two host families to open up their home for this great cultural experience.

There is a \$550 monthly stipend and a pro-rated \$1,000 tuition credit associated with hosting an international student through STS. What a great way to make a St. Mary Catholic Schools education for your family more affordable! Host families do not need to be from SMCS so please pass on this opportunity to anyone you think may be willing to open their home. For details, please contact [Jason Tursky](mailto:jtursky@smcs.edu) at 722-7796 ext 808.

Enrichment Update

[Kidstage - LION KING! registration](#) is now open!

The registration for all other second semester enrichment classes will open January 3 at 8:30 am. Watch for the second semester schedule of classes that will be distributed soon. Some of the classes offered will be basketball, cheer, karate, tennis and hip hop dance.

Don't miss early registration! Deadline is January 31

Register your children now to take advantage of our reduced registration fee. A \$50 per student registration fee (\$150 family max) is available through January 31, 2017. After that date registration fees will increase to \$100 per student. Visit the [registration page](#) on the SMCS website to take advantage of this early registration incentive. If you need assistance, please contact our [director of admissions](#). Once registered, please click on the link to [pay your registration fee](#) in order to take advantage of the discount.

SMCHS VEX Tournament

Come and see what VEX Robotics is all about when St. Mary Catholic High School hosts their annual VEX tournament on **Saturday, January 7!**

SMCS Annual Fund Year-End Giving

Please consider making a gift to the SMCS Annual Fund. This important fund benefits *all* students and families by helping to cover the cost of improvements in programs,

curriculum and technology, along with athletics and other co-curricular activities.

Did you know that the tuition you pay covers only one third of the cost of educating your child? The remainder comes from the SMCS Annual Fund, parish subsidies, other fundraising efforts and limited grants.

Please consider making a tax-deductible gift to the St. Mary Catholic Schools Annual Fund. Your gift of any amount will help to ensure that all costs of education are covered this year! [Click here to donate online!](#)

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In the Community

YMCA Winter Session (new additions)

Registration is open for:

- [Little Sports Classes](#) (Grades 3K-1)
- [Growth & Development Winter 1 Funshops](#) (Grades 3K-1)
- [Youth Sports Classes](#) (Ages 7-10; Grades 2-5)
- [Arts & Humanities Dance](#) (all ages and grades)
- [Arts & Humanities Fine Arts](#) (all ages and grades)

Fox Crossing Parks and Recreation Department [Daddy-Daughter Winter Formal](#)

Fox Valley Youth Tennis [Winter Classes](#)

SMCS Media

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Did You Know?

Several of our elementary students recently placed in the top three finalists in their age categories of the "Healthy Soils are Full of Life" poster contest, which was sponsored by Winnebago County chapter of the the National Association of Conservation. Our first place winner's entry will move on to the

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state competition!

Third Place Gretchen Strande
Esther Pingel

Second Place Winston Ogden
Greta Goethel

First Place Abigail McClone



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