

December 2, 2016



St. Mary Catholic Schools
— Grades P3-12 —

Advent Greetings!

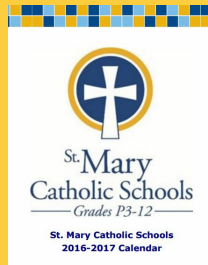
St. Mary Catholic Schools students are busy with special advent prayers and activities in this wonderful month of December. We hope that you will plan to attend one or many of our beautiful Christmas programs at the Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center!

Please consider participating in the SMCS blood drive on **Wednesday, December 7** at the high school.

Don't forget that there is no school next **Friday, December 9**. Our educators will be participating in a staff development day.

2016-17 SMCS Calendar

No additions or changes were made to the [SMCS 2016-17 calendar](#) this 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.

Basketball Grade & Middle School Night

Bring the kids to McClone Gynasium on **Friday, December 16** for Basketball Grade & Middle School Night! All students in eighth grade or younger will receive free admission, popcorn and a beverage, a chance to win some cool prizes and, of course, a photo-opportunity with The Zephynator! The excitement begins with the JV game at 5:50 p.m.

Get in the holiday spirit!

Join SMCS for a Christmas concert (or more) in December! All will take place in the fine

arts education center and will begin at 6:30 p.m.

December 5 St. Mary Catholic Middle & High Schools Combined Choir Concert
December 12 St. Gabriel Elementary School Christmas Concert
December 13 St. Mary Elementary School Christmas Concert
December 15 St. Margaret Mary Elementary School Christmas Concert
December 19 St. Mary Catholic Middle & High Schools Combined Band Concert
December 20 SMCS Elementary School Band Concert

Scrip

[Click here](#) to see the schedule for the Christmas season.



SMCS Athletic Apparel--Powerlifting

[Order by December 2](#) to get your SMCS Powerlifting apparel!

Baseball Clinic

St. Mary Catholic High School will again host the **U.S. Baseball Academy Spring Training program**. This series of six sessions for athletes in grades 1-12 will be held on the following Sundays: January 22 and 29, February 5, 19 and 26 and March 5. Read [the flyer](#) for more information or visit usbballacademy.com.

Enrichment Update

Second semester class registration starts on **December 15** at 8:30 am. Watch for the class schedules coming out soon. We are excited to announce that there will be a special karate demonstration in January! Please watch for more information on dates and location.

Softball Open Gym for Grades 3-12

The first open gym being offered through the St. Mary Catholic High School varsity softball program for girls in grade 3 and up will take place from 3:30-5:00 p.m. on **December 4**. Please contact the varsity coach [Brian Gullickson](#) with any questions.

In the Community

"Christmas on Main Street"

The Fox Valley Chorus invites you to enjoy their Christmas program on **Tuesday, December 6** at 7:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 900 North Mason Street in Appleton. Our high school religion teacher, Gail Hawley, is a member of this group and encourages you to bring along a donation for St. Joe's food program. Visit foxvalleychorus.org for more information.

Janssen Forum

The Janssen Forum Luncheon Speaker Series will be held on **Thursday, December 8** at

11:15 a.m. at Mount Tabor Center in Menasha. Deacon George Schraufnagel, St. John Nepomucene Parish, Little Chute, will share how he has been touched by God's mercy. Cost is \$7.00 for guest speaker and lunch. To register, call Mount Tabor Center at 920-722-8918. Walk-ins are welcomed.

STEM Safari at UWO

UW-Oshkosh is hosting a STEM Outreach on **Saturday, December 10** from 9:00 a.m. to noon for students in grades 3-6. The cost is \$12.00, and students may choose three topics with titles like Miniature World, Acids and Bases, Rocking Out, Bubble Blast, Crazy Chemistry, Science Meets Art, WeDo Bots, Stomp Rockets, Catapults and Hovercraft.

[Learn more!](#)

SMCS Media

[SMCS Early Childhood Promotional Video](#)

[SMCS Elementary Schools Promotional Video](#)

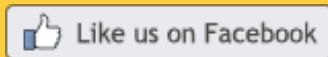
.....

Did You Know?

Each year, the schools of the Big East Conference have the opportunity to nominate exceptional students to participate in the All-Conference Honors Band. Six of our SMCHS band students have been selected to participate in this event. The Honors Band will rehearse on December 7 and again on January 5, culminating with a concert that evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Capital Civic Center in Manitowoc.

.....

Stay Connected



Important Links

[Apparel](#)

[Big East Conference Calendar](#)

[Elementary Enrichment](#)

[Photo Website](#)

[Update Family Information](#)

