

December 30, 2016



St. Mary Catholic Schools  
— Grades P3-12 —

Congratulations to **SMCHS Senior Alex Rosiejka**, who was recently [named Lunch Mentor of the Year by Best Friends of Neenah-Menasha](#), and to our **football program**, which was awarded a [grant of \\$4,000 from the Green Bay Packers Foundation](#) to upgrade safety equipment for the team.

**Basketball grade/middle school night** has been rescheduled for Friday, January 20! Team pictures for grade and middle school basketball teams have also been rescheduled for that day, so please plan to stick around after the photos for a great night of fun, food, friends and prizes! See below for details.

A reminder that ZFAB (Zephyr Fine Arts Boosters), which is open to all SMCS community members, will have their meeting on **Wednesday, January 4 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Commons at the high school. Please contact [Christina Turner](#) for further information.

**Please note** that Mrs. Olsen is at the front desk at St. Mary Catholic High School from 7:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Because the doors are locked for safety reasons, if you need to access the building before or after that time please make prior arrangements. Thank you!

And, finally a reminder that classes at SMCS will resume on **Tuesday, January 3, 2017**. We hope you are enjoying a restful and enjoyable break!

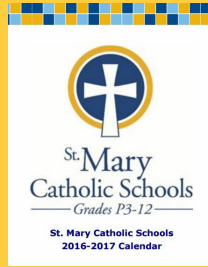


We at St. Mary Catholic Schools  
wish a blessed New Year to all of our community!

### **2016-17 SMCS Calendar**

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

January 13	SMCHS Dance Team ½-Day Camp
January 20	Basketball Grade/Middle School Night (rescheduled)
January 23	Post-High School Night (rescheduled from 1/23)
January 24	Zephyr Basketball Club Night <b> canceled</b>
March 15	Forensic tournament for middle and elementary schools at SMCMS
March 23	Forensic tournament sponsored by the high school at MS & HS



### **Basketball Grade/Middle School Night**

This fun event has been rescheduled for **Friday, January 20!** At basketball grade/middle school night your children in 8th grade and younger will enjoy:

- free admission
- activities and fun!
- popcorn and a beverage (water or Gatorade)
- raffle prizes of items that can't be purchased elsewhere
- a photo-op with The Zephyrator!

All are welcome, and if your son or daughter plays basketball, come on over to the gym after team pictures! It's always a great night, so plan to join us beginning at 5:30!

### **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 December 17-30.

### **Half-Day Dance Camp and Performance**

The SMCHS dance team will be holding a [half-day camp for girls](#) in grades 2-8 on **Friday, January 13** from 1:30 4:00 p.m., followed by a performance at halftime of the varsity girls basketball game that evening. Cost to attend the camp is \$25 and each attendee will receive a t-shirt and snacks.

To sign up, please complete the [registration form](#) and send to Mrs. Ott at the high school **by Monday, January 9**. If you have any questions, please contact [Mrs. Ott](#).

### **Clash of the Choirs**

Mark your calendar for the Clash of the Choirs on **Saturday, January 28 at 6:00 p.m.!** It's a competition between local high school choirs in three categories--sacred, secular and something else-- with a chance to win \$1000! Come on out and cheer on the SMCS Soul Tones and St. Mary Singers!

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Eucharistic Adoration will take place next **Friday, January 6** at the high school chapel. If you are interested in spending an hour with the Lord, please [visit the sign-up page](#) or contact [Barb Unruh](#).

## Scrip

There will be no Scrip orders the week of January 2. The next order date will be Monday, January 9 for delivery on Thursday, January 12. However, [Shopwithscrip.com](http://Shopwithscrip.com) will process reloads and ScripNow orders paid with PrestoPay as usual, with the exception of the holiday dates.

## Food Service News

Beginning in January, SMCS will offer ham sandwiches (hot or cold, with or without cheese) as an additional alternate at the elementary and middle schools. If your children would like this option, please have them indicate how they would like it prepared.

SMCS has been working with the new hot lunch advisory committee. We are receiving great feedback, including items students would like to see discontinued or added. As a result, we will soon be offering jicama, frozen slushies and other items!

## Enrichment Update

We are excited for Semester 2 classes! [Semester 2 Registration](#) opens January 3, with some classes starting the week of January 9! [Click here for a list](#) of available classes.

New classes include basketball and Invention Playground (preschool), new hip hop classes and a Club Invention class at St. Gabriel Elementary. Don't miss out on the chance to experience Kidstage-Lion King!

## 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.

## SMCS VEX Tournament

Our SMCS VEX Teams will host a regional tournament for more than 30 teams from around the area next **Saturday, January 7**. The excitement begins on at 7:30 a.m. in the fine arts education center. Watch the SMCS school and middle school teams in action! Admission is free and concessions will be available.

## 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!](#)

## Pastries with the Principal

January's Pastries with the Principals will take place at the individual campuses, where the principal from the "next" school will be on hand, along with your school's principal. This will give you the opportunity to chat about any thoughts or questions you might have about your child's current experiences or what might be coming up in the future.

Each event will run from **7:45-8:45 a.m.** on the following dates:

- \*Monday, January 9 at St. Mary Elementary w/ Mrs. Leege and Mr. Zuleger
- \*Tuesday, January 10 at St. Mary Catholic Middle School w/Mr. Zuleger and Mr. Batey
- \*Wednesday, January 11 at St. Gabriel Elementary with Mrs. Leege and Mr. Zuleger
- \*Thursday, January 12 at St. Margaret Mary Elementary w/ Mrs. Healy and Mr. Zuleger

## In the Community

### Cor Jesu

Young adults are invited to join the SPIRITUS team for Cor Jesu, a monthly evening of adoration, formation, penance and faith sharing. Cor Jesu is held at St. Bernadette Parish, Appleton on the **second Thursday of each month** from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Come to the heart of Jesus. Registration is not required.

### IGNITE!

IGNITE are dynamic gatherings for area high school students and young adults who wish to grow in their Catholic faith and spend time with their friends. Guests are invited to join the SPIRITUS team members on the **first and third Mondays** from 7:30-9:00 p.m. at Mount Tabor Center. Registration is not required.

### Janssen Forum

The Janssen Forum Luncheon Speaker Series will be held on **Thursday, January 12** at Mount Tabor Center, Menasha. The speaker series begins with Mass at 11:15, followed by a light lunch and guest speaker at noon. Barb Bigalke, Executive Director/Founder of the Center for Suicide Awareness, will share how she has been touched by God's mercy. Cost \$7.00 for guest speaker and lunch. To register, call Mount Tabor Center at 920-722-8918. Walk-ins are welcomed.

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

**Fox Valley Youth Tennis** [Winter Classes](#)

## SMCS Media

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## Important Links

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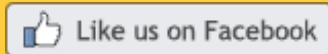
### **Did You Know?**

**Several St. Mary Catholic Schools  
students we recognized for their  
participation in a recent diocesan  
Just for Kids Christmas contest?**

**[Read more about it!](#)**

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### **Stay Connected**



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