

February 10, 2017



St. Mary Catholic Schools
Grades P3-12

Two Zephyr volunteers were recently highlighted in local media. Senior **Alex Rosiejka** was [featured in *The Compass*](#) for his role as a lunch mentor with Best Friends of Neenah/Menasha, and alumna **Maggie Ullrich '73**, an assistant to the Zephyrs girls basketball team, was [recognized in *The Post Crescent*](#) for her years of dedication to the program. Congratulations to Maggie and Alex, and thank you for the good that you do and for representing our community!

SMCS families, please do your part to support the maintenance of our fine arts facilities by purchasing and selling quality fruit and Wisconsin products through our **fine arts fruit sale**. Please turn in all order forms to your school office by next Wednesday.

If you are looking for something fun to do this weekend, check out our **VEX teams** as they compete in the middle and high school tournaments at Xavier High School. Stop in any time during the day and see the action! This will be our seniors' last regional tournament, and the last chance for some of our members to qualify to join their teammates who are already eligible for the state and national tournaments. Go, Zephyrs!

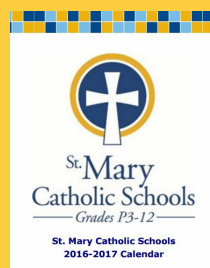
Then, on Saturday evening, head to North Shore Golf Club for **St. Margaret Mary's Wines Around the World: All That Jazz** event. Read the details below, and we hope to see you there!

Finally, remember that there will be **no school** February 16-20. On Thursday, our teachers will spend the day on professional development.

2016-17 SMCS Calendar

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

April 26 Spring Spotlight Night
July 20-23 Zephyr Community Players Show (moved from July 28-30)



Tuition Assistance Application Deadline Today!

[Applications for tuition assistance](#) for the 2017-18 school year are due to the SMCS Business Office by **Friday, February 10, 2017**.

Enrichment Update

The Karate Showcase demonstration will take place **tonight** at 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary Elementary School. At the showcase demonstration, students will demo their skills and self-defense moves. Everyone is welcome to come and see what this great program is about!

Wines Around the World-Tomorrow!

Wines Around the World is St. Margaret Mary Elementary School's annual fundraiser, and this year will be another great event! "All that Jazz" is the theme, and it will feature tasty wine pairings, fabulous silent- and live-auction prizes and the smooth sound of a great jazz trio. [Click here](#) to purchase tickets. [Click here](#) to see the evening's program, which includes details about all of the exciting packages you can bid on!

Fine Arts Fruit Sale--going on now!

If every family would purchase or sell *just one box* of delicious, fresh-picked apples, oranges, grapefruit and pears or tasty Wisconsin specialties, it would be so meaningful to our effort to be good stewards. Every student who has \$100 or more in sales will earn an out of uniform pass (not to be used on liturgy days).

Order forms are available on the website. Please contact [Kathy Bergholz](#) at 920-257-3946 after 3:30 p.m. with any questions.

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program online application now open!

St. Mary Catholic Schools participates in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP), which offers the possibility for students to receive a Catholic education free of charge.

For a link to the application (which is now active) and up-to-date information about the program, please visit the [WPCP page](#) on the Department of Public Instruction's website or attend our [WPCP Open House](#) on **Monday, February 27 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.** in the high school IMC.

SMCS STEM Saturday

Join us from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on **Saturday, March 18** at St. Mary Catholic Middle School for our first SMCS STEM Saturday! We will have demonstrations and hands-on activities for guests of all ages ranging from robotics, aeronautics, electronics and ham radios to Project Lead The Way, VEX IQ and First Lego League demonstrations, flight simulators and more!

On Track: Turning Your Assets into Retirement Income

Join us on **Tuesday, February 21 at 6:30 p.m.** in the black box theater in the FAEC for On Track to learn about how to turn your assets into retirement income. Presenters sponsored by Van De Hey, Van De Hey and Associates will share with future retirees and retired people ways make informed decisions about their retirement income and help create personalized income strategies that are right for them. [Click here](#) for details.

SMCS Job Openings

SMCS currently has job openings for an administrative assistant, a part-time mental health coordinator, a part-time business teacher and a gifted-and-talented teacher/program coordinator. Please visit our [human resources page](#) for details.

St. Mary Winter Escape: [Dueling Pianos](#)

This fun event will take place this year at Pullman's in Appleton on **Saturday, March 4, 2017!** [Click here](#) to find out more and for a link to the page where you can sign on as a sponsor, purchase tickets or make arrangements to have someone in your party serenaded!

Parochial School Tax Deduction

Parents in Wisconsin with a child in a parochial school can receive a tax deduction for K-12 tuition. Click here for [detailed information](#) about this opportunity. A Wisconsin Tax Form PS must be filed with your Wisconsin income taxes to receive this deduction. Click here for [instructions and a PS form with SMCS information](#) completed, which you may print out and use with your taxes, or as a template for completing your form. The required FEIN # is 39-1656963.

Winter Break Scrip Schedule

Read the details about the [special schedule for Scrip](#) during the weeks of February 13 and 20, which is different due to the upcoming winter break.

Day-to-Day at SMCS

Not everything that goes on in our schools makes the news, but many interesting and cool things do make our Facebook page! Follow our [Facebook page](#) or check out these [Facebook highlights](#) from February 3-9. If you have a photo of a neat SMCS experience to share, please email our [director of communications](#).

Zephyr Spirit Wear

Print out and complete the order form for this season's sports apparel by clicking on the corresponding link below or visit the [APPAREL page](#) on the website and scroll to spirit wear. Size samples will be available at the high school spring sports meeting on February 13; **orders are due by February 28, 2017.**

[Soccer](#)

[Track](#)

[Zephyr Athletics \(non sport-specific\)](#)

Check back for baseball, golf and softball spirit wear, which will be available soon!

In the Community

"The Mass: Becoming What We See"

The St. Gabriel worship committee invites you to attend [a presentation](#) on **Sunday February 12 from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.** about how to experience liturgy more deeply.

YMCA Programs

The YMCA has some **new classes** to offer, with Winter 2 registration starting on Monday, February 13. They are: [Growth & Development](#) (Pre3-Grade 1), [Little Sports](#) Classes

(Pre3-Grade 1) and [Youth Sports](#) Classes (ages 7-10/Grades 2-5).

Esto Vir, a Catholic faith program for men, is hosting a "[Men for All Seasons](#)" [conference](#) on **March 4**, which will include a special breakout session for middle school boys.

Help with Taxes

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) offers **free tax assistance**, preparation and electronic filing services for people with low to moderate incomes. The program is available now through April, 18. Visit the [VITA website](#) for details.

SMCS Media

[St. Mary Elementary Invites All to Dueling Pianos Night](#)

[SMCHS Announces First Semester Honor Roll](#)

[SMCS Announces Plans to Enhance Fitness for Grades 6-12 Students](#) (*Post Crescent article*)

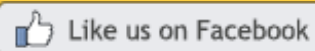
["Giving Back so Our Community and Area Children Can Prosper"](#)
Appleton Magazine article

[SMCS Early Childhood Promotional Video](#)

[SMCS Elementary Schools Promotional Video](#)

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Did you know?

Our outdoor security cameras caught some [great footage of the meteor](#) that "visited" our areas this week. When we shared the YouTube video on Facebook, it was viewed by more than **23,000 users** and shared by **239 people!**

Important Links

[Apparel](#)

[Big East Conference Calendar](#)

[Elementary Enrichment](#)

[Photo Website](#)

[Update Family Information](#)