

February 17, 2017



St. Mary Catholic Schools
Grades P3-12

The SMCS Food Service office has had **problems getting lunch account notifications out** to most families the past few weeks. If you now see a large negative balance come across, please pay as soon as possible. Food service will be waiving service fees since families had no way of knowing, and they are working to remedy this problem. In the meantime, if you think your child's account may be getting low, please contact Anne Greif [via email](#) or at 967-0107. Thanks much for your patience.

Please plan to attend **On Track** this Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the black box theater in the Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Center. The session will help you develop strategies to turn your assets into retirement income.

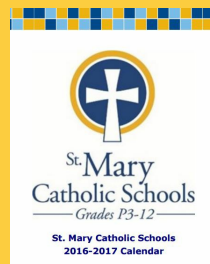
Also on Tuesday, the **varsity girls basketball team** will compete against Iola-Scandinavia as the 9-seed in the state regional quarterfinal, an away game at 7:00 p.m. Admission for everyone is \$4.00 except for children age 6 and under, who can get in for free. No passes will be accepted. [Click here](#) to see the full brackets.

Congratulations to Phil Janssen, coach of the undefeated 2016 Zephyrs state champion baseball team, who was named the Wisconsin Baseball Coaches Association's spring baseball **co-coach of the year!**

Enjoy your break! See you on Tuesday.

2016-17 SMCS Calendar

No changes or additions were made to the SMCS calendar this week.



Spring Musical

This year's Zephyr Players musical will be "Little Shop of Horrors!" Get your tickets today at www.showtix4u.com to attend a performance on March 10, 11 or 12. Visit [the website](#) for details!

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 Trolley Square in Appleton on **Saturday, March 4, 2017!** *Please note this is a change of venue from last year's event.* [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--new choices!

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. See below to see what's been added!

Size samples will be available at the high school spring sports meeting on February 13; **orders are due by February 28, 2017.**

[Baseball](#) (new)

[Soccer](#)

[Softball](#) (new)

[Tennis](#) (new)

[Track](#)

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

In the Community

YMCA Programs

[Spring Flag Football](#) (grades 4K-6), [Boys 7-on-7 Football League](#) (grades 7-12)

[Menasha Soccer Club](#) summer program.

[Camp Tekawitha](#) (Catholic summer camp)

[St. Gabriel Fish Fry and Bingo](#) (March 3, 10, 17, 24 and April 7)

[Our Lady of Victory Football Camp](#) (Faith + Football at St. Norbert)

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*)

[SMCS Early Childhood Promotional Video](#)


[SMCS Elementary Schools Promotional Video](#)

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!

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Important Links

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