

February 24, 2017



St. Mary Catholic Schools  
— Grades P3-12 —

It's a busy weekend for SMCS students! Tonight our Zephyr **girls basketball team** will travel to Manitowoc Lutheran for the next game in the post-season. Keep track of the girls games with these [updated brackets](#).

A team from our elementary schools will represent SMCS at the **VEX IQ State Tournament** at Xavier Middle School on Saturday and an SMCMS team will compete at the **WI VRC Middle School State Championship** at the same location. Why not pop on over and see our young SMCS robotics teams in action!?

Several SMCS students who earned first place in their grade's category in the **Knights of Columbus Knowledge Contest** will compete at the diocesan level tomorrow. Meanwhile, our high school musicians will travel to Hilbert to compete in the **conference solo & ensemble competition**.

Good luck to all of our Zephyr competitors!

See below for details about Monday's **WPCP information session**. Also on Monday, our incoming high school students will participate in **course selection night**. Congratulations to those students who are taking the next step in their preparation for high school!

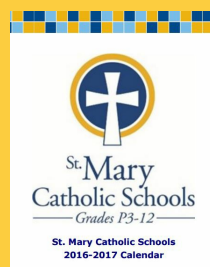
Next Wednesday, all of our schools will participate in **Ash Wednesday liturgies**. Check with your school office to find out the time if you'd like to attend.

Reminder: next Friday is the **pick-up date for the fruit sale**.

Finally, take a look at this [heartwarming story](#) that appeared in The Compass this week.

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

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



### **WPCP Drop-In Info Session Early Evening on Monday!**

Attend our [WPCP Open House](#) on **Monday, February 27 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.** in the high school IMC. SMCS personnel will be on hand to provide information, help you explore the option and assist in completing the application.

Not sure if you qualify? Check out [SMCS's Q&A](#) to see if your family is a good fit for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program, which enables qualified students to attend our schools at no cost.

For a link to the application and up-to-date information about the program, please visit the [WPCP page](#) on the Department of Public Instruction's website.

### SMCS Directory

The SMCS Family Directory was sent home this week with the youngest or only SMCS child in each family. If you did not receive yours, please check with your son or daughter first, and then email the [director of communications](#). If you find that the information about your family is not accurate, please use the same link to let us know. We will be sharing any corrections with the community in a few weeks.

Thanks to the sponsors who helped to defray the cost of printing so every family could have a copy at no charge! If you wish, you may purchase an additional copy for \$3.00 by contacting your school office.

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

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!

### Spring Musical

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

### Boys Basketball on Tuesday

The SMCHS Boys Basketball Team received a 5-seed in the playoffs and will host Mishicot, the 12-seed, on **Tuesday, February 28 at 7:00 p.m.** in the regional quarterfinal game. Admission for everyone is \$4.00 except for children age 6 and under, who can get in for free. No passes will be accepted.

The SMCS Booster Club is looking for help to host this game. [Please sign up online!](#)

### 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!

**Get your Zephyrwear Before it's too Late!**

Calling all Zephyr fans! Look your best this spring sports season! Visit the [apparel page](#) for links to order your Zephyrwear, then send your check to either the middle or high school office labeled Booster Club Apparel.

Big news--[golf apparel](#) has now been added to the choices!

The deadline to order is February 28, which will ensure you will have your Zephyr apparel as the season is starting.

*Thank you for supporting your Booster Club!*

## Traffic Impacts

Check out the [construction update](#) regarding the Highway 441 project that was recently issued by the department of transportation.

## Spring Scrip Information

[Click here](#) to view the spring bulletin for Scrip, and be sure to use Scrip for all of your everyday purchase like groceries and gas, as well as those spring home improvement projects!

## 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](#).

## Eucharistic Adoration and Mass

Eucharistic Adoration will take place at St. Mary Catholic High School next **Friday, March 3** from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A liturgy will also take place at 7:15 a.m. in the chapel.

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

## In the Community

### YMCA Programs

Janssen Forum Speaker Series will be held on **Thursday, March 9 at 11:15 a.m.** at Mount Tabor Center, Menasha. The event begins with Mass at 11:15, followed by a light lunch and guest speaker Deacon Ray DuBois at noon. To register, call Mount Tabor Center at 920-722-8918. Walk-ins are welcomed.

The Boys and Girls Club will host an [activity fair](#) on March 4.

[Tech Savvy](#), a dynamic science and math program for girls in grades 6-9 will take place on [April 8](#).

[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)

## SMCS Media

[Catholic School Students Collect Three Suitcases of Pencils for Diocesan Mission](#)  
(article from *The Compass*)

[SMCS Welcomes All to S.T.E.M. Saturday](#)

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

[SMCHS Announces First Semester Honor Roll](#)

[SMCS to Offer WPCP Drop-In Information Session](#)

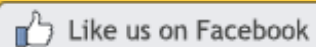
[SMCS Announces Plans to Enhance Fitness for Grades 6-12 Students](#) (*Post Crescent article*)

[SMCS Early Childhood Promotional Video](#)

[SMCS Elementary Schools Promotional Video](#)

## Did you know?

### Stay Connected



## Did you know?

Our elementary schools often plan activities together, such as the upcoming Sweetheart Ball for dads and daughters. They also plan community building activities for their own school families such as tonight's movie night at St. Mary Elementary. Sponsored by the school's POPS (parent) group, families will gather in the gym in their jammies with blankets and favorite stuffed animals to munch on popcorn and watch "The Secret Life of Pets!" Have fun!

## Important Links

[Apparel](#)

[Big East Conference Calendar](#)

[Elementary Enrichment](#)

[Photo Website](#)

[Update Family Information](#)