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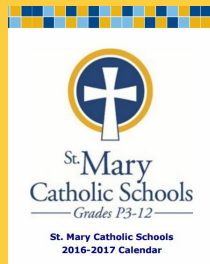
St. Mary Catholic Schools
— Grades P3-12 —

[Catholic Schools Week](#) is just around the corner! Check out all of the opportunities our students will have to celebrate Catholic education, and please plan to join us for the ones that interest you!

2016-17 SMCS Calendar

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

February 10	Rescheduled SMCS Enrichment Karate Showcase Demonstration
February 27	WPCP Information Night (moved from 3/8)
March 18	SMCS STEM Saturday
April 22 & 23	Middle school musical "Godspell" (was April 21-23)



Randy Peterson at SMCS Early Childhood Event!

Guess, what, SMCS Families! Locally beloved children's entertainer [Randy Peterson](#) will be our performer at the SMCS Early Childhood Event on **Saturday, January 28 at 10:30 a.m.** in the FAEC. Invite your friends!

Chinese New Year Celebration

Join us **from 3:30-5:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 28** at St. Mary Catholic Middle School when SMCS will be [celebrating the Chinese New Year](#), welcoming the Year of the Fire Rooster! Chinese treats and opportunities to try a variety of Chinese activities will be featured.

Although an RSVP is not required to attend, we would like to have an idea of how many guest to expect. Please [send an email](#) to let us know if you plan to come, but know that you are encouraged to attend even if you don't RSVP!

Clash of the Choirs

Are you ready to hear the area's finest choirs compete head to head for cash? Don't miss the Clash of the Choirs on **Saturday, January 28 at 6:00 p.m.** in the FAEC!

The choirs will sing three selections (one sacred, one secular and something else of their choice) for a panel of three judges. In this Sing Off/American Idol-style competition, the judges will give fun and interesting commentary to each group. The winning choirs can win \$250 for third place, \$500 for second or \$1,000 for first place!

Audience members can enter a drawing to win an autographed Jordy Nelson Packer Jersey or a Big 10 basketball autographed by WI Badger Head Coach Greg Gard.

Be sure to join us, with our host Cami Rapson, on January 28. Tickets cost \$3.00 in advance or \$5.00 at the door. Get your pre-show tickets at the high school office today or by calling 920-722-7796. No promises there will be any tickets available at the door, so get yours soon!

Basketball Grade/Middle School Night

At long last, the night is here! Join the Zephyrator tonight for SMCS Basketball Grade/Middle School Night!

The Zephyrator hopes to see you there!



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 January 1-6.

SMCS STEM Saturday

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, March 18** when St. Mary Catholic Schools will host its first SMCS STEM Saturday at the middle school. The event will offer opportunities for young and young-at-heart guests to engage in hands-on activities covering a variety of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) topics.

VIRTUS Class Tomorrow

There will be VIRTUS training at St. Mary Catholic High School on **Saturday, January 21 from 8:30 a.m. - noon**. Please plan to attend if you have not completed the classroom portion of your certification.

Tuition Assistance Application Period Open

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

Enrichment Update

There will be make-up classes for all recently canceled enrichment classes after they are scheduled based upon instructor and building availability. All missed classes will be made up.

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.

We have been experiencing some technical glitches with our registration system this week. If you encounter any trouble, please contact our [director of admissions](#) for assistance.

Zephyrfest 2017 Key Club Raffle

Zephyrfest will be celebrating its 32nd anniversary this year! One of the most exciting features of Zephyrfest is the opportunity to walk away from the event with a new car. This year's Key Club has a new twist! The winner will get to choose between a super cool 2017 Jeep Rubicon OR a \$40,000 credit towards any new vehicle at any Bergstrom Automotive store within a week of Zephyrfest. Keep in mind, there will only be 600 total Key Club memberships sold, so your chances are great, but the memberships will sell quickly. Without question, having the chance to be a winner in the Zephyrfest car raffle is exciting! However, the true excitement is in knowing that your contribution helps support the outstanding Catholic education and quest for academic excellence for so many students within the St. Mary Catholic schools.

[Key Club raffle flyers](#) are available at any SMCS school office, or simply go to stmarycatholicschools.org, click Support Us (button on top right corner), then Zephyrfest. For more information, please contact Robin Gallucci at SMC at 920-722-7796 ext. 852 or email at rgallucci@smcatholicschools.org.

Road Construction Updates

Read the [latest road construction updates](#) that may impact your travel to or from SMCS campuses.

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.

In the Community

Help With Tax Preparation

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.

Neenah/Menasha YMCA Upcoming Events and Activities

[Bump, Set, Spike Winter Volleyball Clinic](#) (grades 3-6)

Neenah Soccer

Sign up for Neenah Soccer Club's [spring/summer recreational soccer program](#) and read important information about the opportunity.

SMCS Media

[SMCS to Welcome Children's Entertainer
Randy Peterson](#)

["Giving Back so Our Community and Area Children
Can Prosper"](#) *Appleton Magazine* article re: John
Hogerty and SMCMS

[Clash of the Choirs](#)

[SMM to Host Wines Around the World](#)

[SMCHS Announces New Golf Coach](#)

[SMCHS Football Program Awarded Grant from
Green Bay Packers Foundation](#)

[A Passion for Catholic Education](#)
(Richard Bergstrom in The Compass)

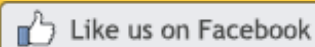
[SMCS Early Childhood Promotional Video](#)

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