

January 6, 2107



St. Mary Catholic Schools  
Grades P3-12

Congratulations to our **SMCS football program**, which was recently awarded [a grant in the amount of \\$4,000](#) from the Green Bay Packers Foundation for safety equipment for our Zephyr teams.

St. Mary Catholic High School is pleased to announce that Mr. Mike Buss will be the **new coach for the Zephyr golf team**, moving up from his position as assistant coach following the retirement of Coach Adrian Martin.

Good luck to our high school students who will be taking their **first semester finals** next week! That week will end with **early dismissal** for all SMCS students on Friday, January 13.

Please be sure to read the [message from SMCS Food Service Director Lynn Graves](#) regarding the policy for **addressing unpaid balances** in families' food services accounts.

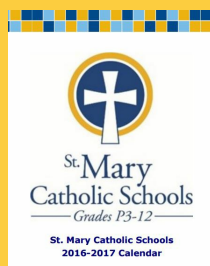
And finally, this email is being sent to SMCS families and staff today regarding **SMCS's inclement weather policy** and the variety of ways that you can find out about school delays or cancellations. It can also be found on the News page of the SMCS website.

Have a great weekend, and *stay warm!*

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

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

- January 27 HS choir sing at Gamblers Game
- January 28 Chinese New Year Celebration



### **Mark your calendar for the following upcoming SMCS events!**

- January 7 [VEX Robotics Competition](#)
- January 13 Early dismissal  
[Dance team ½ day camp & performance](#)
- January 20 [Basketball grade/middle school night](#)
- January 21 VIRTUS training
- January 28 SMCS Early Childhood Event-**Randy Peterson!** (details soon)

- January 28 Chinese New Year Celebration (details soon)
- January 28 [HS hosts Clash of the Choirs](#)
- February 10 Deadline for tuition assistance applications
- February 11 SMM's Wines Around the World

## Calendar for 2017-18 School Year

At their December meeting, the SMCS Board of Trustees approved the [key-dates calendar for the 2017-18 school year](#). The calendar is now posted on the Calendars page of the SMCS website.

## Chinese New Year Celebration

Mark your calendar for the late afternoon of **Saturday, January 28** when SMCS will be celebrating the Chinese New Year at the middle school to welcome the Year of the Fire Rooster. Chinese treats and opportunities to try a variety of Chinese activities will be featured. Stay tuned for more details!

## 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.

## Half-Day Dance Camp & Performance Registration Deadline: Monday

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!

## Scrip

Our regular Scrip schedule resumes next week, with orders due by 9:00 a.m. on **Monday, January 9** for delivery on Thursday, January 12.

## Enrichment Update

Registration for Semester 2 classes opened on January 3, with some classes beginning the week of January 9. [Click here for a list](#) of available classes (recently updated), and on this

link for [Semester 2 Registration](#).

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 Tomorrow**

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.

### **Road Construction Updates**

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

### **Pastries with the Principal Next Week**

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 school also has a list of topics to chat about, so check out the posters at your school!*

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**

Learn [about the Byzantine Catholic Church](#) at St. Gabriel Church on **January 12** at 6:30 p.m., in a discussion presented by Abbot Nicholas Zachariadis from Holy Resurrection Monastery.

### **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.

### "Hockey Fights Cancer"

Appleton United Hockey is hosting the Fox Cities Stars for the breast cancer-awareness hockey game at AFIC on **January 17** at 8:00 p.m. This should be a very good game between two teams ranked in the top ten in the state! All [t-shirt orders](#) must be received by January 10 and t-shirts will be ready for pick up at the January 17 game.

### Neenah/Menasha YMCA Upcoming Events and Activities

[Friday Teen Nights](#) (Grades 5-8)

[Saturday Youth Nights](#) (Grades 3-5)

[Youth Indoor Soccer League](#) (Grades 4K-5K, 1-2, 3-4, and 5-6)

## SMCS Media

[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](#)

[SMCS Elementary Schools Promotional Video](#)

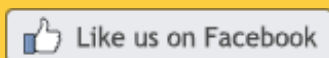
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### Did You Know?

**Ten SMCHS students participated this week in the Big East Conference Honors Band in Manitowoc. If you are on Facebook, click here to [catch a bit of the action!](#)**

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### Stay Connected



## Important Links

[Apparel](#)

[Big East Conference Calendar](#)

[Elementary Enrichment](#)

[Photo Website](#)

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