

October 14, 2016



St. Mary Catholic Schools  
Grades P3-12

Thanks to everyone who helped to make the 2016 homecoming festivities a big success!

Encourage your friends and neighbors who may be interested in learning more about SMCS to attend our open house/information nights on **Tuesday, October 18!** Each elementary school has its own focus (see below) and the starting times at each level are staggered so you can visit our elementary, middle school and high school campuses!

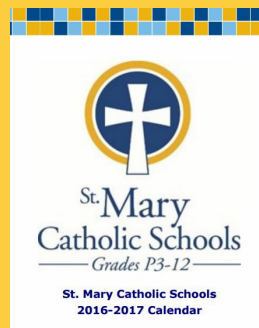
Tuesday will be a busy evening at SMCHS as the Zephyrs 4-seed volleyball team hosts 5-seed Amherst in a regional quarterfinal match at 7:00 p.m. Tickets will be \$4.00 for all fans over the age of six. Join us to cheer on the Zephyrs! Complete brackets can be found [here](#).

Our [robotics program was recently profiled in Insight](#) business magazine (see pages 16-17), and [our middle school football players' participation in the St. Baldrick's event was highlighted in The Compass!](#)

Have a great weekend!

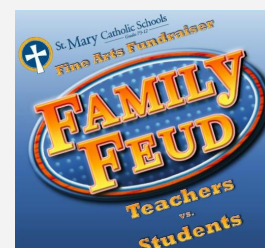
### 2016-17 SMCS Calendar

No additions or changes were made this week to the [SMCS 2016-17 calendar](#).



### SMCS Fine Arts Family Feud

The survey says... you don't want to miss this evening of fun! **Tomorrow night, Saturday, October 15** is the night for our first-ever SMCS Family Feud! Excitement and fierce competition will dominate the evening as teams of students and teachers from grades 4-12 are pitted against each other to see who knows the most about what students think about SMCS!



Fun, supervised activities are planned at the middle school for students in preschool-third grade, so you don't even have to get a babysitter!

[Click here to read all about it](#), support your favorite teams and [purchase tickets online!](#)

### Amazon Smile

Are you one of the 44% of online shoppers that starts their online shopping with Amazon? When you select St. Mary Catholic Schools as the beneficiary, you can support our students by using Amazon Smile. Use [our special code](#) link for quick access!

### Early Registration

Early Registration is set to begin on October 18. Be sure to attend one of our information nights at any of our campuses to find out this year's incentive!

### 2016-17 SMCS Annual Fund

When you support the [SMCS 2016-17 Annual Fund Drive](#) you help our students excel, our school community thrive and our faith grow. Thank you!

### 5th Grade and 7th Grade Visit Days

Come and see what being a Zephyr is all about!

At the St. Mary Catholic Middle School Visit Day on **Thursday, November 3 from 7:45 a.m. to noon**, fifth grade students will spend an informative and fun-filled morning at the middle school and learn about academics, co-curricular activities and our one-to-one laptop program. A complementary lunch will be included and each student will receive a Zephyr t-shirt!

At the St. Mary Catholic High School Visit Day on **Thursday, November 3 from 7:45 - 11:10 a.m.**, seventh grade students will spend an informative and fun-filled morning at the high school and learn about high school academics, co-curricular activities, robotics and our one-to-one laptop program.

### Brewfest!

Would you like to sample hand-crafted beers (more than 70 selections!) from eighteen different breweries, as well as wines and sodas? And taste delicious appetizers from several area restaurants? All while enjoying live music and perusing exciting basket raffles? Then, Brewfest is the event for you!



Brewfest, St. Gabriel Elementary's only fundraiser, will be held on **Friday, October 21** from 6:30-10:00 p.m. at the Riverwalk Hotel in downtown Neenah. Tickets are \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door, and only \$15 for your designated driver. Tickets can be purchased at the school office or Cellars Wine and Spirits in Neenah. Brewfest is open to the public and is an adults-only event. You must be 21 years or older to attend. [Read all about the enjoyable evening](#) and encourage your friends and neighbors to attend!

### ON TRACK-- Saving for College

Susie Bauer, a 529/UIT Manager from R.W. Baird & Co. will present "Preparing for Your Child's Future." Bauer will discuss ways in which parents can begin today to save for their children's college tuition. This no-cost session is recommended for parents with children in kindergarten through high school. It is never too early or too late to start!

The ON TRACK series of evening seminars is hosted at the Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center, and is offered in partnership with community resources and field

experts. This first ON TRACK presentation will be held on **Tuesday, October 25** at 6:30 p.m. in The Miron Forensic Theater at the fine arts center.

Contact our [director of community relations](#) for details or to register.

## Family Survey

As part of the strategic plan that was developed by the SMCS Board of Trustees and administrative leadership, task forces were developed to focus on several important goals, including the delivery of academic excellence in St. Mary Catholic Schools.

The task force has sent two surveys to faculty and staff, and one was sent to school families on Monday. We are finding that some parents did not receive their survey, presumably because they were "caught" in the servers' spam filters. If you did not receive a survey, please contact our [director of communications](#) who will send you a link directly.

Your feedback is critical to the analysis, and the task force heartily encourages you to complete the survey.

## Jumbo Gumbo!

The 12th annual Jumbo Gumbo is right around the corner! It will be a great night of fun, food, and friends. Join the festivities on Friday, November 11 from 6:00 to 11:30 p.m. at Waverly Beach. Enjoy the musical talents of Road Trip and the SMCHS Jazz Band and Show Choir!

Great prizes will be again available this year, including \$1000 in cash, a \$500 gift card from The Meat Block, a \$250 Kwik Trip gift card and an exciting Zephyr Spirit package. A Jumbo raffle, Jumbo Plinko, Jumbo Glo and Jumbo Throw will all be part of the fun!

Jumbo Gumbo raises funds for all five SMCS campuses, so please plan to attend. More details will be coming out next week, so stay tuned!



## Shadow Days

SMCS is offering several shadow days for eighth grade students interested in St. Mary Catholic High School and fifth graders interested in St. Mary Catholic Middle School. A shadow day is the perfect opportunity for a student to gain knowledge and insight into the school atmosphere of our middle school and high school!

These events are structured to give students a glimpse of courses at the next level, meet the faculty and allow participants to view the schools from a student's perspective. If you have a fifth or eighth grader, sign him or her up! Or, share the info with a friend or neighbor!

Sign up online to shadow at [the middle school](#) or [the high school](#). Choose between **Monday, November 7, Tuesday, November 8, Monday, November 14** or **Wednesday, November 16**, all from **7:45 to 11:10 a.m.**

If these dates do not work, contact [Liz Uhlenbrauck](#) to make other arrangements. We can accommodate up to 12 students per day.

## Elementary School Information Events

*Invite your friends!*

All current and prospective parents and students to attend our information sessions on **Tuesday, October 18, 2016** at all three SMCS Elementary School campuses from **5:00-7:00 p.m.**

Each elementary school campus will feature a special theme:

- The focus at the **St. Gabriel Campus** will be **technology**, and classrooms will have demonstrations to highlight the use of Smart boards, document cameras, laptops, smart response clickers, software and more. Check out the [Facebook event page!](#)
- The focus at the **St. Margaret Mary Campus** will be **STEM (science, technology, engineering and math)** with activities and demonstrations during part of the evening *from 5:30-6:30 p.m.* Check out the [Facebook event page!](#)
- The focus at the **St. Mary Campus** will be centered on the school's mission of being a community of **faith, learning and fun**, with a *scavenger hunt* highlighting four different themes: STEM, faith, Zephyr spirit and technology. The evening will also include a bounce house for all the kids and pizza dinner on us! Check out the [Facebook event page!](#)

At each school, meet the early childhood and elementary school teachers, tour the classrooms and learn more about our exciting enrichment offerings! Find out about preschool/pre-k extended-learning and before-and after-school care. Information will also be available about academics, technology, co-curricular activities, school atmosphere and tuition assistance.

## Middle School and High School Information Night

*Invite your friends who might be interested in SMCS!*

**St. Mary Catholic Middle School 6:00 p.m.**

1000 Zephyr Drive, Neenah (enter through front doors) Check out the [Facebook event page!](#)

**St. Mary Catholic High School 7:00 p.m.**

1050 Zephyr Drive, Neenah (enter through FAEC doors) Check out the [Facebook event page!](#)

Faculty, administrators and students will share information about SMCS middle school and high school faith, academics and co-curriculars including STEM Club (robotics, engineering, aeronautics), athletics and fine arts. View some of the cross-curricular projects students have completed, and take a guided tour, including a visit to our spectacular Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center and state-of-the-art middle school. Learn more about our dual campus offerings and several busing options.

## Murder Can Be Habit-Forming!

Tickets are now on sale for the Zephyr Players' production of Murder Can Be Habit-Forming, a lighthearted mystery comedy that reveals the very human side of a group of nuns as they attempt to stay one step ahead of a killer.

The show will be performed in the Black Box Theater on **Friday, November 4 through Sunday, November 6**. Tickets will be limited in this venue, so [reserve your seats online](#) or call the school office at 722-7796!

## Help Needed for Post-Season Volleyball Game

The SMCS Booster Club is looking for some help with gate, concessions and cleanup for Tuesday's night's post-season volleyball game (**October 18**). These slots will count towards your Booster Club volunteer hours! If you are able to help, [please sign up here](#).

## In the Community

### G.E.M.S.-New

Girls in Engineering, Math and Science (G.E.M.S) is offering a program for middle school-age girls tomorrow, **October 15** from 8:30 to noon at UW-Fox Valley. [Learn more!](#)

### St. Gabriel Craft Sale -

#### New

The [craft sale](#) on **Saturday October 22** from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., is the perfect place to stock up on all your fall and winter decor, plus discover a wide range of other unique finds, such as wood crafts, jewelry, soaps, and one of a kind art works, plus so much more from over 50 vendors. And don't forget to stop and purchase a baked goodie or sweet treat.

### St. Gabriel Rummage Sale-New

The parish will be collecting items this **Sunday, October 23-Thursday, October 27**, and then the sale will take place **October 27-29**. To see a list of the contributions they are looking for and the hours of collection and the sale, [check out the flyer](#).

### Thanksgiving Community Meal-New

St. John/St. Mary Parish is hosting [a free community Thanksgiving meal](#) with all the trimmings on **Saturday, November 19** from 4:30-7:30 p.m. in the St. Mary Parish Hall. Home deliveries are also available.

### Baseball Clinic -New

State Champion Baseball Coach Phil Janssen is again partnering with the U.S. Baseball Academy to offer a baseball clinic over the course of several weeks in **January-March, 2017**. [Learn more!](#)

### St. Mary/St. John Craft Fair

Join us on **Saturday, November 5** from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and **Sunday, November 6** from 8:00 a.m. to noon at the St. Mary location at 528 Second Street in Menasha. The event will feature handmade crafts (some modern and some classic), homemade candy, bakery, jams, jellies, canned veggies & soups, and a cookie walk![Click here to view the information.](#)

### Youth Hockey

The Fox Valley Youth Hockey Association is offering an introductory program (free eight-week instructional program beginning on October 27) and the Try Hockey for Free Days on which kids can come suit up and try to skate with guidance on October 23 or November 12. [Click here for more information.](#)

### YMCA Basketball

The YMCA is offering YNBA basketball for boys in grades 3-12. [Click here for information.](#)

## SMCS In the News

[SMCHS Robotic Program Featured in Insight Magazine](#)

[Middle School Football Team's St. Baldrick's Contribution in The Compass](#)

## Important Links

[Apparel](#)

[Big East Conference Calendar](#)

[Elementary Enrichment](#)

**Did You Know?**

**Our middle school football team won the final game and finished the season 3-1-1. Only one loss!**

**Way to go, Zephyrs!**



**Stay Connected**

