

October 21, 2016



St. Mary Catholic Schools
— Grades P3-12 —

On Tuesday, a panel of consultants contracted by the Green Bay Diocese spent the day learning more about SMCS. They toured each school and had meetings with the principals, pastors and board of trustees, and members of the advancement, personnel and business offices. After visiting all of the Catholic schools and systems in the diocese, they will work with the diocesan education office to develop recommendations for **growing and promoting Catholic education**.

Congratulations to our **high school math team** who earned second place in the small school division at a recent Fox Valley Math League Math meet, which includes 19 schools from across the Fox Valley. Junior Erik Meier also won first place in the junior division, tying for the top score among all schools and age groups for the evening!

A unique opportunity is being offered tomorrow, Saturday October 22, in the FAEC with a [concert by newVoices followed by an optional vocals workshop](#). This talented group composed of vocal instructors and directors from across northeastern Wisconsin is presenting an election-year concert focused on our strengths and shared values as a nation.

Congratulations to our **Zephyr soccer team** who defeated Peshtigo yesterday, 6-3. They will play St. Lawrence Seminary tomorrow afternoon at 2:00. Good luck, boys!

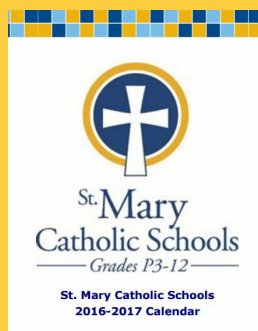
And finally, hot off the press - enjoy our [new promotional videos](#) highlighting our early childhood and elementary school programs!

Have a great weekend!

2016-17 SMCS Calendar

The following addition was made to the [SMCS 2016-17 calendar](#):

December 1 Musical Theater Spotlight Night



Early Registration New!

Early Registration is now open! [Register online](#) and pay the registration fee by January 31

to take advantage of the 1/2 price fee for all and the guarantee of the school of your choice for elementary school enrollment. Contact our [director of admissions](#) with any questions.

Transition Grade Incentives New!

Do you have a child going into kindergarten, 6th or 9th grade? Register **by November 30** to secure these reductions in your 2017-18 tuition:

\$150 - Kindergarten

\$200 - 6th Grade

\$300 - 9th Grade

You will also be able to take advantage of the currently reduced registration fee-- \$50/student to a maximum of \$150!

[Register online](#) or contact our [director of admissions](#) or 722-7796 ext 157 for details.

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.

STEM Open House New!

Mark your calendar for **Wednesday, November 16** at 6:30 p.m. when the SMCS STEM Club will be open to visitors for an open house! Come and check out the work space for our fabulous robotics program, as well as the new aeronautics, engineering and electronics clubs.

ON TRACK-- Saving for College This Week

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

Monday, October 24 is the deadline to complete the SMCS family survey that was sent out by the task force for excellence in education. If you did not receive a survey, please

contact our [director of communications](#) to have a link sent directly.

Your feedback is important and appreciated!

Baseball Clinic

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!](#)

Enrichment Program Update **New!**

The fall enrichment recital is will be held on **Thursday, November 17** at 6:30 p.m. in the Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center.

Registrations for some fall classes will be opening soon, including karate session 1B, cheer and basketball.

Mark your calendar--registration for Session 2 classes opens on **December 12**.

Jumbo Gumbo!

Come celebrate St. Mary Catholic Schools on **Friday, November 11** at Waverly Beach! All of the fun Gumbo games you enjoyed last year will be back, with a few new twists! Delicious soups and a late-night pizza snack as well as the sounds of Road Trip and our talented SMCS musicians will also be featured.

In early November we will unveil this year's JUMBO GUMBO videos, starring faculty and staff from each of our schools. Certainly, SMCS Has Talent, and you get to decide whose school will win! This year you can vote with your dollars online and at the event, and the school with the highest total gets to keep 50% of the proceeds for their school, and the other schools will get to keep 25%. Stay tuned! It'll be worth the wait.

Jumbo Gumbo raises funds for all five SMCS campuses. Admission tickets are available at all SMCS campus and parish offices for \$50. They are \$60 at the door, so get yours today! [Get additional information here!](#)



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.

Zephyr Spirit Wear New!

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. **Orders are due by November 4.**

[*Basketball](#)

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

Please note that this clothing is *not* dress-code compliant. All proceeds go to the [SMCS Booster Club](#), which supports athletics and activities for the middle and high school.

Halloween Carnival to Benefit Haiti New!

The St. Margaret Mary Halloween Carnival is open to all, and proceeds will benefit the parish's sister parish in Haiti. Come in costume between 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on **Saturday, October 29** and enjoy treats, games and fun! Lunch will be available for purchase from 11-1:00.

SMCS Directory

Although the printed directory is not yet ready for distribution, you may obtain a PDF version of the spreadsheet by contacting the SMCS [director of communications](#).

A Note from the Director of Food Service

"In my travels between schools, I have noticed that parents have been bringing in "fast food" for their children, which is against our [health & wellness policy](#). Please save these foods for occasions outside of school hours.

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!

Golf Coach Needed New!

St. Mary Catholic High School is currently searching for a qualified golf coach for the co-ed varsity team. Please visit the [human resources page](#) on the website to apply online.

In the Community

G.E.M.S. Tomorrow

Girls in Engineering, Math and Science (G.E.M.S) is offering a program for middle school-age girls tomorrow, **October 22** from 8:30 to noon at UW-Fox Valley. [Learn more!](#) The date in last week's newsletter was not correct.

St. Gabriel Craft Sale Tomorrow!

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.

Mt Tabor Job Opportunities New!

The mission of Mount Tabor Center/SPIRITUS is to inspire Catholic youth and form leaders for the Church. They are looking for positive, hard-working, faith-filled people who want to make a difference by joining the mission. The following openings have flexible work hours: development account manager (25 hours/week) and grant writer (10 hours/week). For a full job description contact [Annette Hovie](#) at 920-722-8918.

St. Patrick's Halloween Party for Children New!

Come in costume and meet in the gathering area before the 10:30 Mass on **Sunday October 30**. Party will follow Mass and will feature the Juggler With the Yellow Shoes. Bring a bag of candy and a free-will offering for admission.

Fish Fry New!

St. Patrick's Parish will be hosting a fish fry on **Friday, November 4** from 4:00 - 7:00 with grilled salmon with granny smith apple butter sauce as the featured item. Cheesy potatoes, autumn squash soup, other seafood and Wisconsin craft brews will also be available. For take-out and delivery call 725-5544.

YMCA Activities New!

YMCA's Fall 2 session begins on October 24. Click here to read about [Little Sports Classes](#) and [Growth & Development](#) Fall 2 programs, both intended for boys and girls in grades Pre3-grade 1.

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

St. Gabriel Rummage Sale

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

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.

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.](#)

SMCS Media

[SMCS Early Childhood Promotional Video](#)


[SMCS Elementary Schools Promotional Video](#)

Did You Know?

Recently, as part of their CAPP German class, SMCHS students and instructor Frau Kristy Albrecht attended the German 204 course on campus at UW-Oshkosh. They participated in oral and written activities with the college students, then worked on online activities in the language lab. They were treated to cookies and a presentation by the UWO CAPP office, then had photos taken for their official Titan cards.



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