

October 28, 2016



St. Mary Catholic Schools
— Grades P3-12 —

Good luck to SMCHS Senior Brandon Wagner, who will compete in the **state cross country meet** tomorrow in Wisconsin Rapids!

All students and faculty will attend an **All Saints' Day Liturgy** on Tuesday, so check with your school regarding the time and location if you'd like to attend. We join with you in prayer as you remember loved ones on All Souls' Day.

Take a moment to read about the [disability immersion project](#) that Miss Hawley's high school morality class experienced this week, which was featured in The Compass.

In case you missed it last week: enjoy our [new promotional videos](#) highlighting our early childhood and elementary school programs!

And, speaking of videos, next week we will release this year's **Jumbo Gumbo teacher videos!** Watch your email for the links and get ready to be an "SMCS Has Talent" judge and choose your favorite one.

With the coming of the month of November next week, our focus in **St. Mary Catholic Schools' Year of Servant Leadership** will be centered on LEADERSHIP. The following prayer is being shared with the leaders within our community:

LEADERSHIP PRAYER

Leadership is hard to define. Lord, let us be the ones to define it with justice.

Leadership is like a handful of water. Lord, let us be the people to share it with those who thirst.

Leadership is not about watching and correcting. Lord, let us remember it is about listening and connecting.

Leadership is not about telling people what to do. Lord, let us find out what people want and need.

Leadership is less about the love of power and more about the power of love.

Lord, as we continue to undertake the role of leaders let us be affirmed by the servant leadership we witness in your son Jesus. Let us walk in the path He has set and let those who will, follow.

Let our greatest passion be compassion; our greatest strength, love; our greatest victory, the reward of peace. In leading let us never fail to follow; in loving let us never fail.

Have a great weekend, and Happy Halloween!

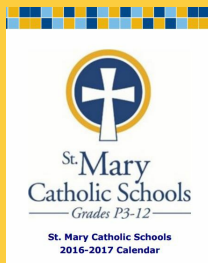
(And, don't forget--next Friday is a day off!)

2016-17 SMCS Calendar

The following addition was made to the SMCS 2016-17 calendar:

Nov 2, Dec 7, Jan 4, Feb 1, Mar 1, Apr 5, May 3, Jun 7, Jul 5
Zephyr Fine Arts Boosters (ZFAB) Meetings

December 17
SMCS Enrichment Program Recital



Early Registration

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

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

Next week--invite your friends and neighbors!

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

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.

Zephyr Fine Arts Boosters Club (ZFAB) New!

SMCS is creating a Zephyr Fine Arts Boosters Club (ZFAB) whose mission will be to promote, support and advocate for the enrichment of St. Mary Catholic Schools fine arts students and programs. Parent from all schools are welcome and encouraged to become a member.

The group will meet the first Wednesday of each month. Please join us next week **Wednesday, November 2** in the high school IMC from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. and help shape ZFAB's goals and SMCS's fine arts program.

Please contact [SMCS Fine Arts Director Christina Turner](#) with questions.

Family Survey Deadline extended

Monday, October 31 is the new 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!

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.

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 Deadline is November 4!

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 Tomorrow!

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](#).

SMCS Booster Club Winter Sports Help Needed New!

Please The SMCS Booster Club is in need of volunteers to help make our winter sports events run smoothly. Please visit the [sign-up site](#) to schedule your time to support our student athletes and club participants!

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 November 4-6.

Because two performances are already sold out, another show has been added on Saturday, November 5 at 2:00 p.m.! Tickets are limited in this venue, so [reserve your seats online](#) or call the school office at 722-7796!

Substitute Teacher Training

A class for individuals to be trained as substitute teachers will be held on **Saturday,**

November 5, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the CESA 6 Conference Center in Oshkosh. [Register online.](#)

In the Community

FVTA Youth Tennis New

FVTA will hold its fourth winter of youth tennis starting in January. [The program](#) is for youth ages 5-14.

Neenah Wrestling New

Neenah Wrestling is offering a Neenah [youth wrestling training program](#) for elementary-aged student athletes.

YMCA Activities New

The YMCA will hold a [holiday basketball camp](#) for all students in grades 2-7.

St. Patrick's Halloween Party for Children This weekend

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.

St. Gabriel Rummage Sale This weekend

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](#).

Fish Fry

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.

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.](#)

SMCS Media

[Disability Immersion Project in The Compass](#)

[SMCS Early Childhood Promotional Video](#)

[SMCS Elementary Schools Promotional Video](#)

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Did You Know?

Five teachers from our elementary schools are participating in a program through UW-Oshkosh and The Paine Art Center and Gardens called ArtsCore Colony where they are getting great ideas for

Important Links

[Apparel](#)

[Big East Conference Calendar](#)

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[Photo Website](#)

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incorporating arts into the classroom, and bringing what they learn back to our schools!

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