

October 7, 2016



St. Mary Catholic Schools  
— Grades P3-12 —

Happy Homecoming!

St. Mary Catholic High School's homecoming weekend has lots of special events for the whole family! You are invited to watch the **homecoming parade** along the route that will leave from Tri County Arena at 5:00 p.m. and then travel along Cold Spring Road to the high school. Please be mindful of the property of area businesses along the route. And have fun!

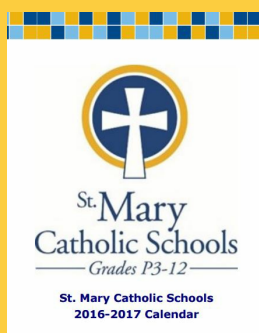
Follow up the parade with the [SALT cookout](#), a visit to the **STEM Center** (robotics, aeronautics, electronics and more!) and then watch the **Zephyr football** team in action at 7:00 p.m.! **Alumni**, there is a special welcome for you, too--visit the tent near the stadium! And don't forget the **boys soccer** game on Saturday at 1:00 p.m.  
*Go Zephyrs!*

Next week, on **Wednesday, October 12**, SMCS is hosting a meeting of the Green Bay diocesan presidents and diocesan educational staff. Part of our agenda includes a Mass at **10:15 a.m.** at Our Lady of Hope Chapel in the middle school. Fr. Paul Paider of St. Mary/St. John will celebrate the Mass, and we warmly welcome you, members of the St. Mary Catholic Schools community, to join us for this liturgy!

Congratulations to our [high school yearbook staff](#) and our [Key Club](#) for recent community recognition for their accomplishments!

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

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

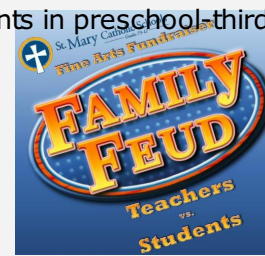


### **SMCS Fine Arts Family Feud**

You don't want to miss this fun! **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 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!](#)

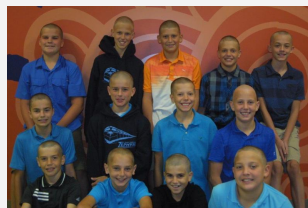


## Amazon Smile

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.

## Thank you!

Thank you to all our school family that came out to support St. Baldrick's in the fight against pediatric cancer. With your support we shaved over 70 heads and raised close to \$10,000!



## Brewfest!

St. Gabriel's Brewfest, the school's biggest fundraiser, will take place on **Friday, October 21**. [Read all about the enjoyable evening](#) that includes delicious appetizers and several hand-brewed favorites from eighteen different breweries. 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 addressing academic excellence has gathered extensive data from our schools' faculty and staff, and recognizes the importance of securing input from school families as well. To that end, all SMCS parents will soon receive a Survey Monkey questionnaire via email. Your feedback is critical to the analysis, and the task force heartily encourages you to complete the survey.

## Save the Date!

Jumbo Gumbo--an evening of food, fun and friends! Don't miss this fun-filled event that will be held on **Friday November 11** at Waverly Beach in Menasha, featuring the talents of the band Road Trip, great prizes and delicious food.



## 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

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.
- 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.*
- 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!

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

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

1000 Zephyr Drive, Neenah (enter through front doors)

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

1050 Zephyr Drive, Neenah (enter through FAEC doors)

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.

## Shop with Scrip!

We have a new local vendor! You can now purchase Scrip for the Third Street Diner in Menasha at 10%

Attention Costco shoppers: Costco accepts the Visa Scrip gift cards!

Be sure to use the Search icon at [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com) to access the local retailers:

- Kwik Trip: earn 5% instead of the 4% national bonus
- Dairy Queen: earn 10% instead of 3% national bonus
- Fleet Farm: earn 5% instead of 4% national bonus



## Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration takes place on (generally) the first Friday of each month at the St. Mary Catholic High School chapel during the school year. The next date will be next **Friday, October 14** from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Although it takes place at the high school, everyone in the SMCS community is encouraged to participate!

If you are interested in spending an hour with the Lord, please [visit the sign-up page](#) or contact [Barb Unruh](#).

## In the Community

### Youth Hockey-New

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-New

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

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

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.](#)

### Cor Jesu-New

Young adults are invited to join the SPIRITUS team for Cor Jesu, a monthly evening of adoration, formation, penance and faith sharing. Cor Jesu is held at St. Bernadette Parish, Appleton on the **second Thursday of each month** from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Come to the heart of Jesus. Registration is not required.

### **Janssen Forum-New**

The Janssen Forum Luncheon Speaker Series will be held on **Thursday, October 13** at Mount Tabor Center, Menasha. The speaker series begins with Mass at 11:15, followed by a light lunch and guest speaker at noon. **Michael Sajbel, SMCS parent and independent film director and producer**, will share how he 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.

### **SMCS In the News**

[SMCS to Host Jumbo Gumbo](#)

[SMCHS Recognized for Blood Drive Efforts](#)

[SMCS Invites All to Attend Information Nights](#)

[Zephyr Girls Tennis Earns Conference Title](#)

[SMCS Presents On Track Series](#)

[SMCHS Yearbook Wins Third Consecutive Award](#)

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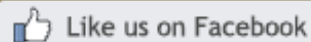
### **A Quick Family Feud Quiz:**

**Who will be the host of the SMCS Family Feud game on Saturday, October 15?**

- \* Spencer Tracy
- \* Richard Dawson
- \* Steve Harvey
- \* Spencer Jones

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### **Important Links**

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