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SMCS Email Newsletter

The theme for St. Mary Catholic Schools this year is servant leadership. This important concept was the topic of the retreat for all faculty and staff at the beginning of the school year, and is the source of the monthly focus for all schools. The servant leadership attribute that we are emphasizing in the month of September is SERVICE.

This prayer was recently shared at the high school....

*Father,
Allow us to serve others with a joyful heart;
Never keeping score;
Always giving;
Never expecting to receive.*

*Allow us to give of ourselves,
To give of our talents and of our goods,
To give of our time and of our energy,*

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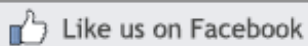
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*To give of our heart and of our soul.
Help us to understand the needs of others,
Never criticizing,
Never demeaning,
Never scolding,
Never condemning.*

*You have been so gracious to us,
Always Loving,
Always forgiving,
Always restoring;
Never gloating over our defeats,
Even when we have been so wrong.*

*Father, keep a condemning spirit
Far from our hearts and further from our lips.
Allow us to serve others as You serve,
With gentleness, compassion, and tenderness,
Never diminishing the worth of another,
Choosing to extend mercy to the
brokenhearted,
Like You have repeatedly shown to each of us.*

***Have a wonderful weekend, and don't
forget, there is no school next Friday!***

2016-17 SMCS Calendar

Click right below the calendar icon to the left for a link to the calendar page on our website.

The following additions or changes were made this week to the SMCS 2016-17 calendar.

St.Gabriel Sweetness of Christmas moved to December 13

SMCS Fine Arts Family Feud

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, October 15** for a night of Family Feud fun when teams of students from each level (elementary, middle and high school) are pitted against their teachers to see who knows the most about SMCS! Who will you be cheering for???

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

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!

Booster Backer Deadline

Booster Backer is an opportunity for you to purchase Big East conference passes to be used at all home and away games and to get great apparel! Future Zephyr Booster Club apparel purchases will even get a 10% discount!

We have had a huge response and would like to encourage all families to turn in their membership paperwork by **Monday, September 19** to St. Mary Catholic High or Middle School. Anyone turning in paperwork after the 19th will still be able to join, but will have limited Z point options. [Print out your order form](#) and sign up by Monday!

Thanks-Scrip-ing Day

Scrip is thrilled to announce the return of our bonus bonanza: [Thank-Scrip-ing Day](#) is back on Monday, September 19! Don't miss 24 hours of awesome ScripNow®, Reload, and ReloadNow® bonuses from dozens of your favorite retailers. As always, their list of retailers is TOP SECRET - you'll have to wait until the promotion begins to find out who's participating.

Exit Closures to Impact SMCS

Exit closures on I-41 will soon impact access to some SMCS campuses. Read the [info from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation](#) on our website.

Win Packer Tickets!

This year's **Connect 5** run/walk will raise money for the SMCS Booster Club and the event will be held on **Saturday, October 1, 2016**.

Be the participant who raises the most sponsorship dollars and win **four tickets to the Packers/ Cowboys game on October 16!**

See the [Connect 5 flyer](#) for details and [register online](#) today!

Volunteers Needed for Connect 5

The Connect 5 Run/Walk is back for another year of family fun! In order to ensure a safe and enjoyable event, we need a number of volunteers. The event is scheduled for Saturday, October 1st at 10 a.m.

Middle and High School students are encouraged to volunteer and get service hours, and parent volunteer hours WILL count toward the middle school or the Booster Club credit for parents of athletes. [Sign up online!](#)

SMCS Enrichment **Deadline**

Last chance to sign up for Wonder League Robotics for K-6, art and hip hop dance! Registration for these classes closes on Monday, September 19. There is still time to register for other Session 1 enrichment classes.

Watch for flyer on the [SMCS Enrichment webpage](#) and in take-home folders about complimentary water safety session offered for current 3rd and 4th graders in partnership with the Neenah-Menasha YMCA!

We still need more children signed up for KidStage (Charlie and the Chocolate Factory) to be able to offer it at all three elementary campuses. Reminder that 6th graders are able to sign up for Karate, KidStage and Wonder League Robotics!

Contact enrichment@smcatholicschools.org with any ideas for classes at your campus.

Food Service Position Open

St. Mary Catholic Schools is in need of a part-time food service aide from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on school days. Visit the [human resources page](#) on the SMCS website to complete an application.

Zephyr Basketball Club Registration

Registration for [Zephyr Basketball Club](#) will be held this **Sunday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center. Attendance is highly encouraged for current and new families in order to learn about the many developments taking place within the

club. Contact [Jay Zelinski](#) for details.

St. Gabriel Fall Raffle

St. Gabriel Parish is having a fall raffle with HUGE cash prizes. Win \$10,000, \$2500 or \$500 Tickets are available in the back of St. Gabriel church after Masses or in the church office during the week. Pick one up and return it to the parish office with your money. The drawing will be held September 25 after the 10:00 Mass.

In the Community

Moms' Group

St. Gabriel Parish is hosting a [moms' group](#), and all moms are welcome to join!

YMCA Youth and Teen Nights

There are many recreational and educational opportunities available to community participants and members of the Neenah-Menasha YMCA. Read about [Saturday Youth Nights](#) (Grades 3-5) and [Friday Teen Nights](#)(Grades 5-8).

Fox Crossings/Town of Menasha Activities

The Village of Fox Crossing and Town of Menasha have a lot of fun fall activities planned. [Sign up today!](#)

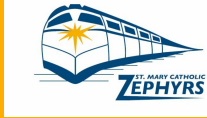
Spirit Alive!

SPIRITUS, a team of young adult missionaries based at the Mount Tabor Center in Menasha, has touched the lives of more than 5,000 youth in northeast Wisconsin. They need our support so they can continue reaching our young people through retreats and other programs -- helping to form future leaders for our Church.

Join Bishop Robert Morneau and SPIRITUS for wine, cheese and chocolate on **Monday, September 26** from 6:30-7:45 p.m. at Mount Tabor Center in Menasha to find out how you can help empower and inspire our Catholic youth by supporting SPIRITUS through financial donations, volunteering and prayer.

Please RSVP by calling Annette Hovie at 920-722-8918. Donations can also be made [online](#).

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