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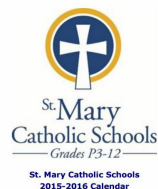


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SMCS Email Newsletter

We hope that all Zephyr students enjoyed their day off, in spite of the blustery weather!

A reminder to parents: please be sure to complete the **brief survey** regarding the ethnicity and race of each of your children enrolled at SMCS by clicking on [this link](#), as requested in the email from your school principal on Thursday. The glitch limiting each person to one response has been fixed.

Looking for something to do tomorrow? Be part of SMCS's efforts to support families dealing with childhood cancer! Stop by Festival Foods in Neenah on **Saturday between 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** and watch the SMCMS football team "lose their locks" for [St. Baldrick's Day](#) at 9:20 a.m., brave the shave personally or participate in the face painting, fun games and concessions!

Good luck to the new **SMCS equestrian team**

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Did You Know?

Did you know that several SMCS high school teachers and coaches/helpers ran in the **Fox Cities Marathon on Sunday?**

Chad McCartney (33rd overall), Kelly Beisenstein-Weiss (64th overall), and Ron DuVernay (pacing leader) ran the full marathon, while Spencer Jones, Clare Stefanich, and Lizzy Auth completed the half-marathon. Several members of the cross country team served as station volunteers for the event.

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who will participate in their first competition tomorrow at Sunnyview Expo Center in Oshkosh, and to our **cross country team** as they host their only home meet at Winnegamie Golf Course on Saturday morning.

We are so grateful to our many parent volunteers, including **Christine Cedergren**, who was recently featured in The Compass in the "[Your Catholic Neighbor](#)" column.

Finally, the high school halls are abuzz with talk about the upcoming **Homecoming Week** activities, which will take place October 2-8. Check out the [events](#) that are open to the community, and watch for more opportunities in next week's news!

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.

Oct 7	Alumni Gathering (moved from Oct 6)
Oct 7	End of MidQuarter
Dec 8	End of MidQuarter
Dec 16	MS Reconciliation (was Dec 15)
Jan 21	Fine Arts Showcase has been removed
Feb 4	HS Snowball Dance
Feb 15	End of MidQuarter
Apr 28	End of MidQuarter
Jul 23	Best Friends Gourmet Bike Tour

Important Notice from Food Service

If you received free/reduced lunch last year, that benefit will discontinue shortly. Be sure to have a new application turned into the SMCS Food Service office as soon as possible if you would like to continue receiving free/reduced lunch this school year. [Applications](#) can be found on the website at smcatholicschools.org.

8th Grade Visit Day

Tell your friends and neighbors! On **Thursday, October 6** SMCHS will welcome students from across the Fox Cities for [8th Grade Visit Day](#). Guests will meet SMCHS students and administrators, tour the school and focus on

topics like student life, academics, and co-curriculars. The visit day concludes with every student receiving a SMCHS Class of 2021 hooded sweatshirt!

There is an additional opportunity to experience SMCHS on **Tuesday, October 18** at 7:00 p.m. during **SMCHS Information Night**, where parents and students can meet faculty, school counseling personnel and administrators. Guided tours will be provided, along with an overview of student life at St. Mary Catholic High School.

Contact our [SMCS Director of Admissions](#) for details.

SMCS Fine Arts Family Feud

The teams have been chosen! Join us on **Saturday, October 15** for a night of Family Feud fun when 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!

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!

Photos and More!

Do you use Facebook? If so, have you "liked" our [St. Mary Catholic Schools Facebook page](#)? If not, over the past week you've missed out on pictures of SMCS classroom activities and volleyball senior night, links to articles, and reminders about SMCS and community events.

For Facebook and other things, we are always

looking for photos of our community members in action. If you have photos to share, please email them to our director of communications or upload them to the [SMCS photos site!](#)

Enrichment Update

We are excited to offer a complimentary seven-week "Safety Around Water" class in partnership with the Neenah-Menasha YMCA for all 3rd and 4th graders in St. Mary Catholic Schools. Classes will be on Wednesdays or Fridays, and transportation to and from the YMCA will be provided. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

VEX IQ Robotics and Kidstage start on September 26, so sign up today! Registration is still open for Kidstage and in order to have a class at each campus we need 10 children at each location. Please encourage friends to sign up before October 6! [Click here](#) for links to the fall schedule and registration.

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.

VIRTUS Training

If you have not yet completed your "Protecting God's Children" certification through the diocese, you may attend your training session on **Tuesday, October 4** in Geenen Hall at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Please note that this is a different location than originally stated.

Contact our [SMCS Business Director](#) for details.

Connect 5--just one week away!

The Connect 5 Run/Walk is back for another year of family fun! [Register online](#) to participate in this 5K walk/run to raise funds for the SMCS Booster Club.

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](#) to volunteer!

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. *This position includes a prorated tuition discount after one year of service.* Visit the [human resources page](#) on the SMCS website to complete an application.

Zephyr Basketball Club Registration

Registration for [Zephyr Basketball Club](#) is open now through September 30. Contact [Jay Zelinski](#) for details.

In the Community

St. Gabriel Fall Raffle-last chance!

St. Gabriel Parish is having a fall raffle with HUGE cash prizes. Win \$10,000, \$2500 or \$5000. Tickets are available in the back of St. Gabriel church after Masses this weekend. The drawing will be held September 25 after the 10:00 Mass.

Youth Hockey

The Fox Valley Youth Hockey Association is offering the opportunity for youth to try hockey for free, and registration for the hockey team is now open. [Click here for details.](#)

Keyboard Lessons for Kids

Neenah Music Parents is sponsoring [after-school](#)

[keyboard lessons](#) for area students in grades 1 through 5. The ten-week program consists of ½ hour group lessons once a week at school locations in both Neenah and Menasha, beginning the week of October 3.

YMCA Basketball

The YMCA is offering [fall/winter youth basketball](#) for students in grades 4K, 5K, 1 and 2 (co-ed), as well as girls-only leagues for grades 3/4 and 5/6.

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