

September 7, 2017



Our **high school campus** has experienced quite a [transformation](#) with renovation of the outside and inside entryways and the resource center, as well as the new training and fitness center. Sincere thanks to our generous friends at Bergstrom Automotive and Miron Construction Co., Inc. for their vision and implementation in making St. Mary Catholic High School an amazing facility for our students! Please **join us in praying** for our seventh graders who are on retreat today, and our sixth graders who will enjoy a team-building day tomorrow.

Did you move or change your email address or phone number? Do you want to change your child's emergency contact? If so, you must [update your contact information](#). This **database** is used for the directory, and by the business, food service, school and advancement offices for all email contacts. Updates with coaches and club mentors should be handled individually.

Please check your email inbox for a note regarding **opting out** (by completing and submitting [a form](#)) if you'd prefer that your child's photo not be used in press releases nor on the SMCS website or social media.

Highlights coming up next week include parent night at the high school on Tuesday, the high school blood drive and SMCS Booster Club meeting on Wednesday, and the Hurricane Harvey Relief Rally and SMCS Football Grade School & Middle School Night on Friday!

SMCS 2017-18 Calendar Updates

The following **additions or changes** were made to the calendar this week:

September 18	Zephyr Basketball Club Registration Night
September 23	SMCS Make at the Market (Neenah)
October 4	SMM Walk to School Day
January 22	HS Post-High School Night (moved from Jan 24)

May 9
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SMM Bike to School Day
ZFAB Meeting (moved from May 2)

Note: The PDF calendar is available for you to download by clicking on the link below. You may also click on specific items in the online calendar of upcoming events (on the right side of the screen on [our homepage](#)) to get more information such as the event selocation, times that have been provided and contact information.

[View our calendars](#)

Updated SMCS Hurricane Relief

In solidarity with our brothers and sisters who are struggling with the impact of Hurricane Harvey, St. Mary Catholic Schools is joining together with two drives to provide support. These are powerful opportunities to embrace our "servant leadership" theme and engage our families in living the gospel message of compassionate service and generosity to others.



Student to Student
A Catholic School Response to
Hurricane Harvey

The [Hurricane Harvey Relief Rally](#) will take place next Friday, September 15 from 5:30-6:30 p.m., just before the home game and SMCS Football Grade & Middle School Night. Entertainment and raffles will be featured, and non-perishable items and cash or checks made payable to Catholic Relief Services or The Red Cross will be collected.

SMCS is also participating in the National Catholic Educational Association's (NCEA's) "[Student to Student: A Catholic School Response to Hurricane Harvey](#)" campaign that is asking every Catholic school family around the country to contribute at least \$1 per child in their family to help Catholic schools impacted by the storm. Each SMCS campus will collect cash or checks made payable to NCEA, *Student to Student Campaign* now through September 21.

Football Grade School & Middle School Night

We have [an exciting night of Zephyrs fun](#) planned for the upcoming SMCS Grade School & Middle School Night at the home football game on **Friday, September 15!**

Fans in eighth grade or younger will receive free admission, popcorn and a Zephyrs Gatorade! Hang out and have your picture taken with the Zephynator. Stay tuned for info about cool prizes or contact Kelly Beisenstein-Weiss for details at 722-7796 ext 157.

New Zephyr Basketball Club Registration

ZBC is a tournament basketball program for students (boys and girls on separate teams) in grades 3-8. Registration for the SMCS [Zephyr Basketball Club](#) will



be held on **Monday, September 18 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.** in the Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center located on the campus of the high school.

The cost to participate in the program, which includes tournament fees, is \$150.00. A discount of \$25 will be given to all families who register at the registration night event. After that date, families may register their students online until October 13.

New SMCS Family Directory

The SMCS family directory will for the 2017-18 school year will be available in early October. Please consider promoting your business to other SMCS families while helping to defray the cost of this project!

Advertise your business or show your support by submitting your 2 x 3.5" business card or advertisement to the [director of communications](#) by **September 20, 2017**. Then, please send your check made payable to St. Mary Catholic Schools in the amount of \$25.00 to: SMCS Directory, 1050 Zephyr Drive, Neenah, WI 54956, or submit it to your school office.

Updated SMCS Enrichment Program

The 2017-18 Enrichment year kicked off with Girls on the Run and Hip Hop Dance class this week! There is still time to sign up for many classes. Classes that start next week that have openings include fencing and karate.

New this year, you may choose unlimited karate or sign up for the once a week option; both for a new three-month period. The first monthly karate workshops will be held on September 22. Sign up at [September Karate Workshop](#).

[Registration for Semester 1 Enrichment 2017-18](#) is open, and the SMCS Enrichment schedule for 2017-18 Semester 1 is available at the [SMCS Enrichment Webpage](#).

Email enrichment@smcatholicschools.org with ideas or questions.

New Scrip Local Vendors



Did you know that, in addition to national stores, many local vendors also participate in the Scrip program? Check out the [revised list of local shops where you can use Scrip!](#)

Scrip users can order Scrip gift cards, download ScripNow! and reload existing gift cards [online](#).

Zephyrs Gold

What do these things have in common?



*An upright freezer and \$300 gift card from The Meat Block

*A Toro single-stage snowblower

*A \$500 gift card from Scheels

*A 13-piece set of Circulon professional nonstick cookware & a \$300 Festival Foods

gift card

*A Yeti Hopper 20 Cooler w/ drinkware and \$250 Pick 'n Save gift card

*A Weber Genesis gas grill and accessories

They are all prizes that you will be qualified to win in the monthly drawing (one prize per month, November-April) with the new ZEPHYRS GOLD fundraiser when you buy \$25 raffle tickets. With each ticket you purchase, you will be entered in ALL SIX DRAWINGS!

From **September 15** - November 11, tickets will be available at all SMCS schools and at Neenah & Menasha Festival Foods (tickets must be purchased at school to count toward the SMCS fundraising fee). **The first drawing will take place at Z-NIGHT on November 11**, and then on the 11th of each month through April, but your tickets must be purchased by November 11. Sorry, raffle tickets cannot be sold online. [Check out the details!](#)

Deadline reminder SMCS Booster Backers and ZFAB Friends

The **SMCS Booster Club** and **ZFAB** are both parent organizations that support all SMCS students in their co-curricular and in-school athletics, activities and fine arts interests. Both groups offer special incentives at the beginning of the school year for parents and friends who wish to support student endeavors. The deadline for the ZFAB Corporate and Friends Sponsorship Program is tomorrow, and the deadline to become a Booster Backer is Monday.



[Booster Backers, Sports/Activities Book, Banners](#)

[Booster Order forms](#)

[ZFAB Corporate and Friends Sponsorship Program](#)

SMCS Football Badger Sports Park Event

Join the SMCS football teams for an evening of fellowship and fun at Badger Sport Park on **Thursday, September 14 from 6:00-9:00 p.m.** Click below for details!



[SMCS Football Badger Bash](#)

Updated Highway Construction Update

Some updates have been made to the DOT's plans for lane closures on Highway 41 this week. Click below for details and check back for next week's update.



[DOT Current Construction Update](#)

Meet Me in the Middle: Bluegrass and Barbeque



Friday, September 22, 6-9pm
St. Mary Catholic Middle School Commons
1000 Zephyr Drive, Neenah

Please join us for a fantastic barbecue dinner, drinks, grilling demonstrations, and live bluegrass music! Tickets (\$30 each) are available online at

<https://tcces.ejoinme.org/MMITM2017>

or through the middle school (920)727-0279.

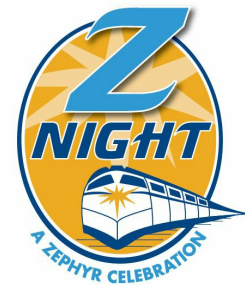
All proceeds support middle school programs!

Big Green Egg: Click here for details about [the exciting raffle for a Big Green Egg](#) and a multitude of accessories!

Z-NIGHT!

Please join us for Z-NIGHT (formerly Jumbo Gumbo) on **Saturday, November 11 from 6:30 -11:00 p.m. at Waverly Beach in Menasha.**

Z-NIGHT, a new event concept, promotes unity and fellowship among our entire SMCS community - alumni, school families, parishes and community supporters. With plenty of fun, raffle games, great food and the SMC Athletic Hall of Fame induction, Z-NIGHT will be a festive evening for all—whether current Zephyrs parents or Zephyrs friends. It will also be the first drawing of the [Zephyrs Gold raffle!](#)



All proceeds will go toward keeping SMCS among the best schools in the valley by contributing to the purchase of curriculum materials, maintaining our facilities and supporting our SMCS students.

[Click here](#) to register or to become a sponsor for Z-NIGHT.

CONNECT 5

Support SMCS students while getting fit and having fun! CONNECT 5, a noncompetitive run/walk will be held on **September 30, 2017** to raise funds for the St. Mary Catholic Schools Booster Club and fine arts programs.



It will begin and finish at the St. Mary Catholic Middle/High School campus. Entertainment will be provided after the event along with cash concessions for all to enjoy!

[Flyer and registration form](#)

Become a [Connect 5 sponsor](#)

[Register today!](#)

TASTE! A Brewfest Event



Gather up your Brewfest friends and plan a night out for some beer and bites! Join us at The Ballroom at the Reserve on **Friday, October 13 from 6:00-10:00 p.m.** for an evening of beer tasting paired with food from over 25 local food vendors, raffles and fun! Sample more than 40 handcrafted brews, plus wine, sodas and coffees.

Purchase tickets or sponsor the event by clicking on the link below. Tickets are also available at St. Gabriel Elementary School and Cellars Wine & Spirits.

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In the Community

Urgent Help Needed at Seafood Fest

Area Rotary Clubs are looking for volunteers for **Seafood Fest** at Jefferson Park this weekend (September 8 and 9). Volunteers are especially needed on Saturday during the Vic Ferrari/Symphony on the Rocks concert. *Students will receive service hours credit for volunteering.* Areas most appropriate for students include floaters, lobster and salmon prep and lobster and salmon servers. [Click here](#) to sign up.

New YMCA Classes for Youth

[Studio Y Dance](#) (various, ages 3-9), [Arts, Music & Humanities](#) (all ages), [Friendship Begins Here Youth Nights](#) (Sept-Dec, grades 3-5), [Teens Nights Out](#) (Sept-Dec)

SPIRIT ALIVE to benefit SPIRITUS

"What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to the children who are now growing up?" This quote from Pope Francis challenges us to play a role in the formation of our youth. Per Matthew Kelly, 85% of confirmed youth will leave the church by age 30. We have the responsibility to support SPIRITUS missionaries as they impact the future generation of Catholics and encourage leaders for our Church.

Join Bishop Robert Morneau and SPIRITUS on **Tuesday September 26** for [Spirit Alive](#), with wine, cheese and chocolate at the Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center. This FREE event begins with a social at 6:15 p.m. followed by a program from 6:30-7:45 p.m. Find out how you can help empower and inspire our Catholic youth by supporting SPIRITUS through financial donations, volunteering and prayer.

Fox Valley Youth Hockey Association Offerings

Fox Valley Youth Hockey Association offers a free introduction to hockey program for kids from the Neenah, Hortonville, and Menasha school districts. There are also opportunities for area youth to try hockey for free at events throughout the fall and winter. *Both of these opportunities are for kids ages 4 to 8.*

Hockey is a WIAA high school sport, and a club sport through 8th grade. SMCS kids who play hockey in high school play for the Fox Cities Stars, and SMCHS will have a couple new Stars players this year! [Click here for details about FVYHA opportunities.](#)

Used Books Sale

The Friends of Neenah Public Library will be conducting its annual used book sale **September 20-25**. There is a good selection of both adult and youth titles. Entry for the first night is \$5.00 for guests over 10 years old, and will be free thereafter. Times: Sept 20, 21: 5:30-8:30 p.m.; Sept 22: 9:30-5:00; Sept 23: 9:30-4:00; Sept 24: 1:30-4:00 and Sept 25: 9:00-9:00 (all items free).

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