ST. MARY ELEMENTARY WEEKLY UPDATE

DATE January 25, 2017

St. Mary Catholic Schools
Grades P3-5
St. Gabriel Elementary
St. Margaret Mary Elementary
St. Mary Elementary

IMPORTANT DATES

Fri 1/27	8:10 Liturgy (5th)
Sun 1/29	Pancake breakfast Start of CSW
Mon 1/30	CSW Fine Arts Performance for elementary students
Tue 1/31	Priority registration Ends Family lunch & Bingo Crazy socks day
Wed 2/1	Mismatch attire day Dog races
Thur 2/2	1:15 All SMCS Liturgy Mass at St. Gabriel
Fri 2/3	Pajama day Visit from author and speaker Amy Caroline Andersen
Tue 2/7	Conferences
Thur 2/9	Conferences
Fri 2/10	8:10 Liturgy Deadline for Tuition Assistance Application Karate Showcase
Mon 2/13	6:30 POPS meeting
Thur 2/16	No school Staff Development
Fri 2/17	No school Winter Break
Mon 2/17	No school Winter Break

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School Prayer Cards

We believe in the power of prayer! Because we know that prayer can impact lives and families, each week we choose different families to pray for. This week we are praying for the Arboleda, Hernke & Moder families.

SMCS Links

Click on the newsletter link above to read the system news for details about the following, or click on the links for related attachments only:

Changes and additions to the SMCS calendar * Wines Around the World * Chinese New Year Celebration (1/28) * Early Registration Discount Deadline (1/31) * Catholic Schools Week * Tuition assistance applications * Clash of the Choirs * Facebook Highlights (Jan 13-19) * SMCS STEM Saturday (3/18) * Enrichment Update * Zephyrfest Key Club * Parochial School Tax Deduction * In the Community (tax prep help, YMCA winter volleyball clinic, Neenah Soccer spring/summer * *New!* SMCS Announces Plan to Enhance Student Fitness for Grades 6-12

Registration Fee Discount

A discounted registration fee of $50 per student ($150 family max) is available to *any* family registering and paying the fee **before January 31, 2017**. Early registration will also secure the campus of your choice for elementary school.
Registration fees will increase to $100 for students registering after that date ($300 family max).
***Register online now* or contact Director of Admissions Liz Uhlenbrauck at 722-7796 ext. 157for more information.**

Tuition Assistance Application Period Open

Applications for tuition assistance for the 2017-18 school year are due to the SMCS Business Office by Friday, February 10, 2017.

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week begins on Sunday, January 29th with an appreciation breakfast. A sign-up genius went out last week looking for volunteers. An e-mail went out on Monday asking students to please bring in ingredients for the breakfast.
This year we will be collecting Pencils and Sharpeners for our Green Bay Diocesan Mission. A flyer is attached to the news update.

Randy Peterson at SMCS Early Childhood Event!

Guess, what, SMCS Families! Locally beloved children's entertainer Randy Peterson will be our performer at the SMCS Early Childhood Event on Saturday, January 28 at 10:30 a.m. in the FAEC. Invite your friends!

SMCS Enrichment Karate Showcase Demonstration—new date

The karate showcase was postponed due to the weather. The event has been rescheduled for **Friday, February 10 at 6:00 p.m.**, and will take place at St. Mary Elementary School. At the showcase demonstration, students will demo their skills and self-defense moves. Please invite friends and family and any students interested in exploring this great progressive karate program!

Movie Night Date Change

Our POPS Movie Night date is being changed to February 24th. We will show "The Secret Life of Pets" starting at 6:00 PM. Kids are encouraged to wear their pajama's and bring a stuffed "pet" to watch the show with. This is not a drop off event, so parents, you can bring a folding chair if you don't want to sit on the bleachers. POPS will provide popcorn and water and there will be door prizes. Hope you can join us for this family friendly event!

Zephyrfest 2017 Key Club Raffle

Zephyrfest will be celebrating its **32nd anniversary** this year! One of the most exciting features of Zephyrfest is the opportunity to walk away from the event with a **new car**. This year's Key Club has a new twist! The winner will get to choose between a super cool 2017 Jeep Rubicon OR a $40,000 credit towards any new vehicle at any Bergstrom Automotive store within a week of Zephyrfest. The goal is to have all 600 key club memberships purchased before the event on **April 8, 2017**.

Keep in mind, there will only be 600 total Key Club memberships sold, so your chances are great, but the memberships will sell quickly. Once you have your Key Club membership purchased, all you will have to think about is which fabulous vehicle you will choose!

Without question, having the chance to be a winner in the Zephyrfest car raffle is exciting! However, the true excitement is in knowing that your contribution helps support the outstanding Catholic education and quest for academic excellence for so many students within the St. Mary Catholic schools.

Key Club raffle flyers are available in your school office or simply go to www.smcatholicschools.org , click Support Us (button on top right corner), then Zephyrfest and print an opportunity from your home. For more information, please contact Robin Gallucci at SMC at 920-722-7796 ext. 852 or email at rgallucci@smcatholicschools.org. Thank you so much for believing in Catholic education!

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Grades P3-12

NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
January 29 – February 4, 2017

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: ST. MARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A Community of Faith, Knowledge and Service

Sunday, January 29

- Appreciation Breakfast at St. Mary Cafeteria at 8:00AM – 12:00PM
- Students participate in special ways during weekend liturgies

Monday, January 30

- Fine Arts Celebration Performance for K-5 Students at Fine Arts Education Center at 1:00PM

Tuesday, January 31

- Crazy Socks Day
- Family Lunch and Bingo
  - Families A–M • Lunch 11:15AM – 11:45AM • Bingo 11:50AM – 12:20PM
  - Families N–Z • Bingo 11:15AM – 11:45AM • Lunch 11:50AM – 12:20PM

Wednesday, February 1

- Mismatch Attire Day
- Dog Races at 2:30PM

Thursday, February 2

- All-SMCS Liturgy at St. Gabriel

Friday, February 3

- Pajama Day
- Visit from Amy Caroline Andersen, author of *The Rock and the Ripple* and *The Wishing Places*
  - Preschool – Pre-K 9:00 – 9:45AM
  - Kindergarten – Grade 2 10:00 – 10:45AM
  - Grades 3–5 12:30 – 1:15PM
- National Theater for Children presents: *Space Station Conservation* at 2:00PM

CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK OUTREACH PROJECT

Throughout the week, we are collecting pencils and pencil sharpeners for our Green Bay Diocesan Mission in the Dominican Republic as a way to give the gift of writing to the children who live there.

Loving God, Catholic schools are communities that inspire by teaching your word, living your message and loving your children. Grant that we will grow and flourish in this mission. Give us strong wills and generous hearts to build values for a lifetime in our school communities of today. Amen.

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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:

a local leader in the area of integrated learning, combining the latest technology with a strong educational tradition.

COMING UP

Please encourage family & friends to join us for the

St. Mary Elementary School Winter Escape Fundraiser: Dueling Pianos

All proceeds benefit St. Mary Elementary School

Saturday, March 4, 2017

Additional information to follow.

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Grades P3-12

CALLING ALL ZEPHYRS

Pencils

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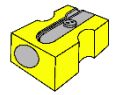

Sharpeners

for
Our Green Bay Diocesan Mission
In the Dominican Republic
Bring supplies during Catholic Schools Week.
Give the gift of writing to children in the Dominican Republic.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS PRESENTS

RANDY PETERSON

Saturday, January 28
at 10:30 a.m.
Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center
1050 Zephyr Drive, Neenah

SMCS is excited to welcome beloved children's entertainer Randy Peterson. Enjoy his charming and fun songs about the joys of reading, the importance of friendship, the wonders of science, and much more! Please RSVP online at smcatholicschools.org for this free-of-charge event.

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Registration for SMCS's 2017-18 early childhood program is now open! Early childhood students at St. Mary Catholic Schools receive the attention that they need, the creative learning experiences they enjoy, and the academic opportunities they deserve. For more information on our early childhood program, please email admissions@smcatholicschools.org.

Please join us for
a celebration of

Chinese New Year

the Year of the Rooster

including *Games *Food *Activities

Saturday, January 28, 2017, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
at
St. Mary Catholic Middle School

Please RSVP* to mgriffin@smcatholicschools.org

*RSVP is for planning purposes;
please feel free to attend whether you RSVP or not!

St. Mary Elementary School/POPS Dates to Note for 2016 - 2017

1/25/2017

January 29th – Pancake Breakfast to thank Parishes
January 29th – February 3rd – Catholic Schools Week
January 30th – CSW Fine Arts Performance @ FAEC
January 31st – CSW Family Bingo & Lunch

February 2nd – All School CSW Mass
February 7th – Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences
February 9th – Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences
February 10th – Karate Showcase
February 13th – 6:30p POPS Meeting
February 16th – No School (Staff Development)
February 17th – No School (Winter Break)
February 20th – No School (Winter Break)
February 24th – POPS Movie Night

March 1st – Ash Wednesday Mass @ 8:10
March 4th – Winter Escape "Dueling Pianos"
March 13th – 1:30p POPS Meeting
March 14th – Pi Day
March 16th – POPS Roller Skating Party (6p – 8p)
March 17th – No School (End Q3/Staff Development)
March 20th - 24th – Book Fair
March 23rd – Grades 1-5 @ PAC 12:30
March 27th – March 31st - No School (Spring Break)

April 3rd – Classes Resume
April 4th – Early Childhood Eggstravaganza event
April 5th – Elementary Enrichment Showcase Rehearsal
April 6th – Elementary Enrichment Showcase
April 8th - Zephyrfest
April 10th – 6:30p POPS Meeting
April 13th – Holy Thursday, Day of reflection
April 14th - 17th – No School (Easter Break)
April 19th – MAP testing Begins
April 23rd – SM/SJ First Holy Eucharist @10:30 mass
April 24th – Elementary Band Night
April 27th – Spring Concert

May 1st – May 5th – Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week
May 5th – No School (Staff Development)
May 8th – 1:30p POPS Meeting
May 8th – Elementary Band Concert
May 10th – MAP testing ends
May 12th – May Crowning after 8:10 mass
May 26th – 5th Grade Recognition @ 8:10 mass
May 29th – No School (Memorial Day)

June 1st – Field Day
June 2nd – Last Day of School/Early Dismissal