



# ST. MARY ELEMENTARY WEEKLY UPDATE

DATE September 14, 2016



## St. Mary Catholic Schools

*Grades P3-5*

St. Gabriel Elementary  
St. Margaret Mary Elementary  
St. Mary Elementary

### IMPORTANT DATES



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Thur 9/15 SMCS Volleyball night

Fri 9/16 8:10 Liturgy (4<sup>th</sup> gr)  
4<sup>th</sup> gr mass

Thur 9/22 Picture retake day

Fri 9/23 No School  
(Staff development)

Sat 9/24 St. Baldrick's event

Fri 9/30 8:10 Liturgy (5<sup>th</sup> gr)  
5<sup>th</sup> gr mass

Fri 9/30 MAP testing ends

Sat 10/1 Connect Five event

Tue 10/4 SMCS Virtus training

Thur 10/6 Teacher Conferences

Fri 10/7 8:10 Liturgy (2<sup>nd</sup> gr)  
2<sup>nd</sup> gr mass

Fri 10/7 Start of Magazine sale

Fri 10/7 Homecoming parade  
and game

Mon 10/10 Pops meeting @ 6:30

Tue 10/11 Teacher Conferences

Fri 10/14 8:10 Liturgy (1<sup>st</sup> gr)

Tue 10/18 Open House

Fri 10/21 8:10 Liturgy (5<sup>th</sup> gr)  
End of magazine sale

### **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 Calmes & Chevalier families.

### **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.
- Parent volunteer hours WILL count toward the middle school or the Booster Club credit for parents of athletes.

Volunteers can sign up

online: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e44ada828a3f94-connect>

### **Win Packer Tickets!**

Be the participant who raises the most sponsorship dollars for CONNECT 5 and win **four tickets to the Packers/ Cowboys game on October 16!** See the [Connect 5 flyer](#) for details and [register online](#) today.

Because this school newsletter is specific to our campus, please be sure to check out the SMCS weekly newsletter or website for information about these important events:

\*SMCS in the Media \*Calendar Updates \*SMCS Yard Signs

### **SMCS Volleyball Grade/Middle School Night**

Fans in eighth grade or younger will receive free admission, popcorn and a Zephyr Gatorade! Hang out and have your picture taken with the Zephyrator.

### **Meet Me in the Middle!**

Help raise funds for the middle school by attending Meet Me In The Middle this Friday and/or WIN a BIG Green Egg grill! Buy your \$10 raffle ticket for the grill today through any middle school parent or the St. Mary Catholic Middle School office. Tickets for the event can be purchased at the school and are also [available online](#).



### **The Directory Project**

**Deadline Extended** SMCS will offer the option of a printed family directory for the 2016-17 school year. Additionally, an electronic PDF version will be available to all at no cost. The more sponsors we are able to secure, the lower the cost of the printed version for families will be, so please consider promoting your business to other SMCS families while helping to defray the cost of this project. Contact our [director of communications](#) by **September 16, 2016** for information.

### **SMCS/St. Baldrick's Event**

Our third annual St. Baldrick's Head-Shaving Event, which will be held on **Saturday, September 24** at the Festival Foods parking lot in Neenah from 8:00-4:00. Visit the [SMCS site on the St. Baldrick's website](#).

### **SMCS Enrichment Sign Up**

[Complete your registration](#) for preschool, elementary and middle school enrichment is now open! New classes added this week include: Middle School Karate (Wednesdays for 9 weeks), Preschool Math club (Wednesdays for 6 weeks) and Art Classes at St. Gabriel Elementary (Tuesdays for 9 weeks).

Please consult the [SMCS Enrichment Program](#) on the website for additional enrichment information and for fall schedules that list starting weeks for other classes.

### **Playground update**

Schiller's will be delivering mulch on Friday. Thank you to the Rock the Block program for spreading the mulch for us.



September 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome to a new school year!

A great education goes beyond reading, writing and math. It also includes learning how to get along with others, make good decisions, solve problems, and take responsibility for one's emotions.

Our SMCS Comprehensive Counseling Program empowers students to develop skills that encourage self-awareness, promote a virtuous way of life, promote life-long learning, foster interpersonal communication skills, develop decision making skills based on a moral foundation, provide vocation and career awareness, develop employment readiness, and impart life skills for all students. The program standards and benchmarks promote the mission of the Diocese of Green Bay Catholic School Counseling Program to provide a faith and moral based program for each child's personal, social, emotional, and academic success.

All students, kindergarten through grade 5, participate in classroom guidance once every six school days. Lessons are developmentally based to address issues commonly faced by children at various ages. Classroom guidance lessons are based on the following themes: **Academic Success, Virtue Education, Safety & Wellness, Transitions, Emotional Learning, Diversity and Careers**. Ask your child about guidance lessons and look for projects made during classroom guidance.

In addition to classroom guidance, I am available to assist children with specific concerns in either an individual or small group counseling setting. The strong emotions associated with family changes, friendship issues or learning concerns affect a child's ability to fully benefit from his/her education. The school counseling setting provides children with a safe and supportive environment to share feelings and concerns and to try new behaviors. Counseling may focus on any developmental or situational concern in the life of a child.

All children deserve to feel great about themselves and their education. Please feel free to contact me with any concerns you may have regarding your child.

Sincerely,

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## **POPS Meeting Notes from September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

### ***Back to School Swimming Party Wrap-Up***

- The event at the Neenah-Menasha YMCA was fun, and we had about 40 swimmers. POPS spent \$132 for this event. Suggestions were to try to get the word out earlier (the late information was partially due to when the Y got back to us with possible dates) and to look at the Heart of the Valley YMCA next year as another possible location.

### ***Orientation Day Wrap-Up***

- It was suggested the packets had materials that parents may have already printed at home, and it might be better to have stacks of each paper or perhaps having packets only for new families. It was also suggested to have sign-up sheets for POPS as well as the volunteer form.

### ***October Teacher Treats***

- POPS will provide a dinner for the parent/teacher conference night of 10/11. Look for a Sign-Up Genius at the beginning of October asking for food donations.

### ***Halloween Party (10/27)***

- We will be looking for volunteers to help coordinate the games, decorations, and food for this event.

### ***Movie Night***

- The date for movie night is tentatively set for February 10<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Next Meeting Date***

- Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30p