

ST. MARY ELEMENTARY WEEKLY UPDATE

DATE May 3, 2017



St. Mary Catholic Schools
Grades P3-5

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

IMPORTANT DATES



SMCS EMAIL NEWSLETTER



SMCS CALENDAR PAGE

Thur 5/4	Badger Bash
Fri 5/5	No School Staff development
Mon 5/8	1:30 POPS meeting Band concert
Wed 5/10	MAP testing ends
Fri 5/12	8:10 Liturgy (2 nd) May Crowning
Fri 5/19	8:10 Liturgy (5 th) 5 th grade recognition
Fri 5/26	8:10 Liturgy (1 st)
Mon 5/29	No school Memorial Day
Thur 6/1	Field Days
Fri 6/2	Last day of school 8:10 Liturgy (Kinder) 11:30 early release



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 Meier, Newcomb & Sell 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:
[SMCS calendar](#) * SMCS Summer Youth Opportunities ([Sports Camps](#), [Daycare](#)) * St. Mary [Elementary Badger Bash](#) * [Notre Dame Club Hosting Mass at HS](#) * [Camp Invention](#) * Scrip Reminder * [Cub Scout Picnic](#) * [Greater Zephyr Open](#) * [Green Bay Packers Youth Football Camps](#) * Enrichment Program Updates * Facebook Highlights ([April 22-28](#)) * Save the Date: Z-Night on Saturday, November 11, 2017 * [SMCS Spring Concert Series](#) * In the Community: [Neenah Soccer Club fall soccer](#), Village of Fox Crossing [Summer Activities](#) * [Cub Scout/Boy Scout Picnic](#) * YMCA Classes ([Summer Sports Camps](#)—entering grades 2-5), Heid Music [summer classes](#)

The new [SMCS 2017-18 calendar](#) is now available.

Recently, the SMCHS concert band performed for the **WSMA Concert Festival** at Lakeland College. This year, our band took on the challenge of preparing Class A repertoire, which is the highest level of difficulty for this festival. They offered a fantastic performance and Director Pamela Barnhill was pleased to share that the group was awarded First Ratings from all three judges.

Congratulations to the members of our SMCHS forensic team who competed at the state tournament in Madison last weekend. They came home with five gold medals, three silvers and two bronzes!

Badger Bash Is Tomorrow!

Don't forget to stop by Badger Sports Park tomorrow, Thursday, May 4th between 4:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. to take advantage of the reduced rate Utopia pass! Mention St. Mary's when purchasing your pass to get the reduced rate and our school will also get a portion of the sales! All are welcome! Feel free to bring a friend!



Field Day

We will have our annual Field Day for grades K-5 on Thursday, June 1st at St. Gabriel Elementary School. The students from our 3 elementary schools will be participating in several outdoor game activities in the afternoon. We need quite a few volunteers to help. If you are able to help, please sign up by May 12 with the Sign Up Genius link <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094aaba82aa4fc1-field> If you have any questions please contact Miss Loughrin jloughrin@smcatholicschools.org Thank you!

Elementary Spring Band concert

Our Elementary Spring Band concert is **Monday, May 8** at 6:30pm in the F.A.E.C. at the High School. Students should arrive at 6:00pm to warm-up and should be dressed in Navy polo shirts and Khaki pants.

Uniform Exchange Table

The Uniform Exchange Table is set up with shorts and short sleeve shirts for anyone that would like to "shop". If your kids have outgrown any of their uniform shorts, pants, or shirts and you would like to donate them to our exchange table, just bring them in to the office or feel free to set them out on the table yourself.

Summer Bridge Books

We are again offering the **Summer Bridge Activity workbooks**. This is an excellent program to help avoid summer learning loss and prepare for the school year ahead. See the attachment in the newsletter. Checks should be payable to: The Learning Shop.

SMCS Teacher and Staff Awards

It's time to nominate your favorite SMCS teacher, administrator or employee for an SMCS Teacher & Staff Award for outstanding teacher, positive influence, SMCS Spirit or promising innovation. Each recipient is given an award plaque, \$250 and well-deserved recognition at the year-end faculty & staff gathering. Read the description of the ideal recipient for each award, and [click on the link](#) to recommend someone who makes a difference in our school community. **Deadline: Friday, May 12.**

Help Our School System Grow By Becoming A Board of Trustees Member

SMCS is now accepting applications for board of trustees members. The board helps to enhance SMCS with leadership, guidance, decision making, financial support and public relations. We are looking for individuals with business, marketing, legal, human resources, and financial backgrounds, and, most importantly, you must be ready to help our Catholic schools grow. Nominees must be practicing Catholics and are elected to one three-year term and may serve a subsequent term. If you wish to be considered, contact [Pam Seidl](#) by email or phone (920-851-4889).

Deadline: Friday, May 5.

Community Auditions - all ages welcome!

SMCS Zephyr Players Community Theater will present "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" July 20-23. Stop by the FAEC anytime on **Saturday May 13 between noon and 3:00 p.m.** to audition. Please prepare a song about one minute in length. In addition to the community performance, a special students-only edition will be cast, at no additional cost to participants. Questions? Contact [Hayden Kraus](#).

Fall Soccer

Neenah Soccer Club is holding sign-ups for [fall soccer](#).

St. Mary Elementary School **Badger Bash**



Thursday, May 4th, 2017 from 4p – 9p

2 Hour Utopia Pass - \$10 plus tax (a \$27 Value)

3 Hour Utopia Pass - \$12 plus tax (a \$32 Value)

Includes Unlimited Go Karts, Mini Golf, Batting Cages,
Laser Tag, Mini Bowling, Inflatables (ages 2-10),
All Non-Ticket Arcade Games

Pass will be good for two or three hours from time of
purchase. Last sales @ 7p.

You may call ahead for Laser Tag reservations.

Outdoor activities are weather dependent.

Mention St. Mary's Badger Bash at the door to get the reduced rate,
and our school will also get a portion of the sales.



POPS MEETING AGENDA
Monday, May 8th, 2017 @ 1:30p

Opening Prayer

1. **Events & Other Items to Discuss**
 - a. Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week Wrap-Up
 - b. Badger Bash Wrap-Up
 - c. Kona Ice Pops
 - d. Planning for next year
 - e. Other?

2. **Report from Treasurer**

NEXT MEETING DATE: 8/14 @ 6:30p



SMCS Enrichment Karate Shorei Kempo / Kobudo Workshop

- *Open to all current SMCS students to attend!*
- *Prospective Students:*
 - *Learn more about our progressive Enrichment Karate program.*
 - *Classes are offered onsite five days/week at our three elementary campuses and SMCMS, and in the summer at Jefferson and Riverside Parks*
- *Current students – learn more and work toward advancement*

The attendees will spend one hour working with Sensei Gary and Sempai Will practicing Shorei-Kempo Karate as a class, performing exercises that are not rank specific to allow students to work together to further their training. This will provide an excellent opportunity for our beginners to work with a higher-ranked student on material they will need to move to Yellow Belt and beyond. Our visitors can try out our program!

The other hour, the students will have the unique opportunity to train in Kobudo karate with Sensei Todd Anderson (see bio on page 2). This will require a bow staff. If your child would like to purchase a staff for training purposes, please email Sensei Gary (gberg@new.rr.com) to order one. The cost for the bow staff is \$20. There will be a few staffs available to borrow at the workshop. The group will be divided by rank to cover age and rank appropriate material.

Friday, May 5th, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

St. Mary Catholic Middle School Gym, 1000 Zephyr Drive, Neenah

Cost: \$10 per participant

To register: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4aa4ac28a6f58-smcs>

Private Lessons

Sensei Gary will also be available for half-hour private lessons (\$10 per half hour) following the workshop (3:15, 3:45, 4:15). Please email Sensei Gary to secure your child's lesson (gberg@new.rr.com).

Instructor / Parents' Dinner

Following the workshop, the instructors and parents will be meeting for dinner at Far East, an Asian restaurant next to St. Elizabeth's Hospital, at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to attend, please sign up at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4aa4ac28a6f58-smcs>

***Sensei Todd Anderson's Credentials**

(Rokudan) 6th dan Black Belt - Okinawan Shorin-ryu Karate

(Sandan) 3rd dan Black Belt - Matayoshi Kobudo

Instructor License - Matayoshi Kobudo (MKKI), 2006

Instructor License - Matsumura Shorin-ryu Karate (ISKKF), 2007

Renshi Title - Skilled Karate Expert - 2008

Instructor - Northeast Y Karate Program Instructor - Lussier Family East Y Karate Program Inducted - USA Martial Arts Hall of Fame, 2004, Shorin-ryu Instructor of the year

Inducted - USA Martial Arts Hall of Fame, 2006, Okinawan/Japanese Martial Artist of the Year

38 years of Martial Arts experience

Member:

International Shorin Ryu Karate Kobudo Federation (ISKKF) Matayoshi Kobudo Kodokan International (MKKI)

Okinawa Hakutsuru Kenpo Association (OHKA)

North Central Instructor Black Belt Federation (NCIBBF)

PARENT ORDER FORM

School stops for the summer, but learning never should!
Did you know kids can lose up to 2.5 months of learning over the summer?

Help your child avoid summer learning loss and prepare for the school year ahead with the new and improved, award-winning **Summer Bridge Activities®** workbooks.

* Daily practice in reading, writing, mathematics, and language arts is included in Summer Bridge Activities and used by millions of kids to strengthen skills plus build confidence and self-esteem.

* Bright covers and full-color activities make Summer Bridge Activities appealing to children who will adopt these workbooks as their own personal summer learning tool.

* Summer Bridge Activities continues to be the undisputed summer education best seller and is the #1 brand that parents have trusted for over 15 years.

* Includes 12 weeks worth of activities, flash cards, rewards stickers, Summer reading lists, and a Completion certificate.

The Summer Bridge Books are \$15.74 each (includes tax).
For every book purchased, your school will earn back a percentage of the sale.

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___ 7-8

Make checks payable to the Learning Shop. The orders are due back on May 12.

Student's Name _____

Teacher's Name _____

If you have questions, please contact Amy Lindell
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