



ST. MARY ELEMENTARY WEEKLY UPDATE

DATE May 10, 2017

IMPORTANT DATES



SMCS EMAIL NEWSLETTER



SMCS CALENDAR PAGE

Fri 5/12	8:10 Liturgy (2 nd) May Crowning
Wed 5/17	4 th gr to Madison
Fri 5/19	8:10 Liturgy (5 th) 5 th grade recognition
Tue 5/23	Track & Field day for 3 rd , 4 th & 5 th gr
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 Hayes, McClone & Paine families.

SMCS Links

Click on the newsletter link above to read the system news.

The following topics were included in last week's system newsletter:

[SMCS calendar](#) * SMCS Summer Youth Opportunities ([Sports Camps](#), [Daycare](#)) * [SMCS Job Openings](#) * SMCS Summer [Classes](#) and [Tutoring](#) * [Notre Dame Club Hosting Mass at HS](#) * [Camp Invention / Invention Project](#) * [Brandon's B+ 5K Run/Walk](#) * [Greater Zephyr Open](#) * [Green Bay Packers Youth Football Camps](#) * Enrichment Program [Football Mini-camp](#) * Facebook Highlights ([April 28-May 4](#)) * Save the Date: Z-Night on Saturday, November 11, 2017 * [SMCS Spring Concert Series](#) * In the Community: [Fox Valley Sailing School](#), [Neenah Soccer Club fall soccer](#), * [Cub Scout/Boy Scout Picnic](#) * YMCA Classes ([Summer Sports Camps](#)—entering grades 2-5), Heid Music [summer classes](#)

Teacher Appreciation Week

The staff would like to thank our parents and students for treating us to so much this past week. Recess duty, morning walkers, snacks, lunch, notes and fruit from the students and the gift. It was all so greatly appreciated!!! We are very grateful to have parents like you all.

May Crowning

We will celebrate our annual May Crowning prayer service this Friday, May 12 after the 8:10 mass. This day will be a dress up day. Sleeves may be long or short, sleeveless tops are not allowed. We would like everyone to dress up in your Sunday best to help celebrate the Crowning of Mary.

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@smcatholicsschools.org

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.





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.

Dress Code

Now that it is May, the students have been wearing shorts. The sock policy is navy blue, light blue or white in solid colors with no logos. Red is a mistake in the policy.

Shoes must be of tennis shoes or dress shoe style. Socks or tights must be worn when wearing shoes.

Here is the link to the [dress code policy](#).

April's Reading Program

If your child completed April's reading program, they will receive a free Timber Rattler's ticket for Sunday, June 4th game at 1:05. If you would like to purchase tickets for your family, please return the form that was given to your child by this Friday, May 12th. This is NOT a school event.

Aquinas Program Update

St. Mary Catholic Schools administrators had hoped to have a new multi-age, accelerated learning elementary school program in place for the 2017-18 school year. Significant efforts were made, including research, site visits and teacher interviews, to establish this opportunity for our students. However, we were unable to secure an instructor with the required qualifications in time to begin this important initiative by the fall of 2017. Instead, administrators, independent consultants and SMCS teachers will spend the next year developing the SMCS Aquinas Program.

We share the enthusiasm and interest of the parents who have contacted us about the Aquinas Program, and we appreciate their understanding as we work to establish a well-developed program led by a passionate and qualified teacher. Although we share the disappointment, this path is preferable to hastily setting up a program that is not yet ready to help students reach their highest potential. SMCS is committed to and fully expects to have an exceptional program in place in the near future.

If you have any questions regarding the plan, please contact SMCS President Helen Englebert at henglebert@smcatholicsschools.org or 722-7796.

Did you know?

St. Mary Catholic High School's Class of 2017 collectively recorded more than 8300 hours of service over the past four years.

St. Margaret Mary fifth graders will be embarking on a special ride during Bike Safety Week. [Read about it here.](#)

Community Auditions - all ages welcome!

Community Auditions: May 13 from 12:00 - 3:00 in the Jane Bergstrom FAEC

Open to all ages and no experience required! Please prepare a song approximately one minute in length.

Student Edition Cast

Students aged 7-15 have a bonus opportunity to take on the full roles in an abridged version of JOSEPH. The Student Edition experience also comes with free drama workshops, taught by professional guest artists. Audition the same day and time as the community production.

Questions? Contact [Hayden Kraus](#).

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.**

POPS Meeting Notes from May 8th, 2017

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week Wrap-Up

- The teachers and staff enjoyed the week that included a snack cart, Mexican lunch, gifts, and especially parents taking over recess duty! Thank you to everyone who helped make this a great week for the teachers!

Learning Shop Earn & Learn Wrap-Up

- Thank you to everyone who shopped at Learning Shop for our school between 4/24 and 4/30! We had total sales of \$329.21! The gift card of \$65.84 will be used to buy prizes for the reading & math calendar raffle at the end of the school year.

Badger Bash Wrap-Up

- 33 people attended our event earning our school a check for \$108.60. It was a fun time, and we are already making plans for another Badger Bash next year.

Kona Ice Pops

- Kona Ice is a food truck that will come to you and sell their snow cones. They have four different sizes and 10 different flavors along with sugar free and dye free flavors. They give 30% of sales back to the organization. We discussed having an event with a Kona Ice Truck present, and this might be a possibility at one of our events next school year.

Campbell's Labels for Education Program Ending

- This will be the last school year that we will collect Campbell's Labels for Education. Campbell's is ending this program and all LFE must be turned in and used by the end of the Summer. We are asking everyone to please turn in any LFE that they have been saving by the end of the school year. We plan to get a VISA card to use for school needs as they come up.

Planning for Next Year

- We have a few dates narrowed down for next school year, but more planning is needed for some of our events. We will again be putting together a Dates to Note sheet for the next school year.

Next Meeting Date

- Our next meeting will be Monday, August 13th @ 6:30p.

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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