



# ST. MARY ELEMENTARY WEEKLY UPDATE

DATE September 27, 2017



## St. Mary Catholic Schools

Grades P3-5

St. Gabriel Elementary  
St. Margaret Mary Elementary  
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### IMPORTANT DATES



SMCS EMAIL NEWSLETTER



SMCS CALENDAR PAGE

Fri 9/29 8:10 Liturgy (3<sup>rd</sup> gr)

St. Mary Catholic High School's [homecoming week activities](#) begin on Sunday and we have lots of special events for the whole family!

Sat 9/30 Connect 5 event  
Students that participate can wear their shirt to school on Monday

Are you curious about all of the changes at the SMCS main campus? [Come check it out!](#)

Wed 10/4 Pet Blessing  
7:15 - 7:45

Don't miss Soccer Grade School and Middle School Night tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. at Zephyr Fields!

Thur 10/5 Magazine sale begins

Many flyers of the type that used to be attached to our school newsletter are now available via the links below, or [read the full system newsletter](#).

Fri 10/6 8:10 Liturgy (2<sup>nd</sup> gr)  
MAP testing ends

[SMCS calendar](#) no changes  
[CONNECT 5](#) (Saturday!)  
[Scrip Special Promotions](#)  
[Zephyrs Gold](#) (raffle)  
[TASTE! A Brewfest Event](#) (10/13)

Mon 10/9 POPS meeting @ 6:30

Wed 10/11 Picture retake

Thur 10/12 Conferences  
Parent/Teacher/Student

Important Reminder for Volunteers. SMCS Family Directory Sponsors Needed

Fri 10/13 8:10 Liturgy (1<sup>st</sup> gr)

In the Community: YMCA Classes for Youth--2018 [Boys Y-Ball](#), [Junior Y-Ball](#), [Youth Basketball](#), [Perpetual Adoration 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary](#), [ATV/Snowmobile Safety Class](#), [Fox Crossing Activities](#), ["Why Loved Ones Leave the Church"](#), ["Family Planning & Women's Health-What are the Choices?"](#)

Tue 10/17 Conferences  
Parent/Teacher/Student  
Early registration begins

### **School Prayer Families**

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 DeBraul, Kersten & Noskowiak families.


Thur 10/19 New Family  
Elementary Information Night  
Magazine sale ends

### **Pet Blessing**

Fri 10/20 8:10 Liturgy (5<sup>th</sup> gr)

The blessing of pets for the memorial of St Francis of Assisi will take place at St Mary Elementary School on October 4. Deacon Don will be outside the front entrance from 7:15am - 7:45am to offer blessings. Bring your pets: furry, scaley, feathered or hairy for a blessing! If your pet is unable to make it, please bring along a photo, if you don't own a pet - bring your favorite stuffed animal!! There will also be a service later in the afternoon, 5:30 at St. Mary's.





On Saturday, October 7, 10:00 a.m. St. Gabriel's Parish, will also have a pet blessing with Deacon Tom presiding. There will also be a PET TALENT SHOW before the blessing. If you are interested in registering your pet, please fill out a registration form available in your school's office or contacting a Little Flower in your school. Any questions please contact Jannell Mineau, 268-6364

### **Cub Scout Pack 3050 Badger Bash Recruiting Night**

Do you have a 1st thru 5th Grade boy that is interested in Cub Scouts? Come to Badger Sports Park on Thursday, September 21st between 4:00 pm and 9:00 pm to find out about St. Mary's Cub Scout Pack and the fun activities that take place throughout the year. There will be someone to answer your scouting questions, and you can get a discounted Utopia Pass for mentioning Pack 3050.

### **POPS Link**

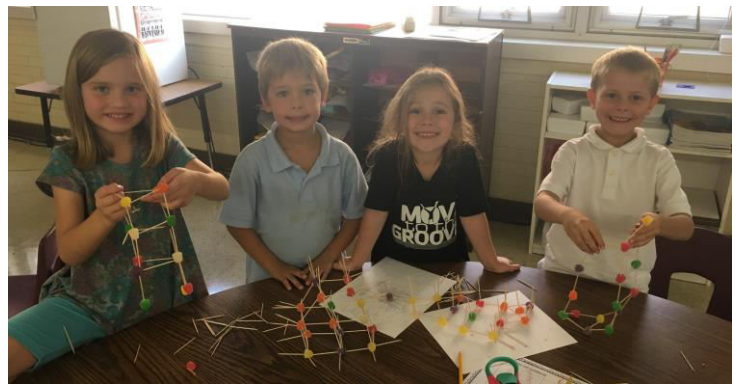
[Please click here](#) for all information you need from our POPS group. Find out what activities are happening this year from the Dates to Note, Box Top Contest, Terracyle Flyer and the list goes on.

### **My HuTerra App**

HuTerra Rewards is a free program that allows supporters to earn money for their favorite causes by shopping with participating local businesses and then uploading their receipts through the My HuTerra App on their phone. There is currently a contest to allow local schools to earn \$10 for each new supporter that downloads the app and successfully uploads a receipt through the app. Some local businesses currently participating are Pick'n'Save, Express Convenience Centers, Manderfield's Bakery, Panda Express, Papa Murphy's, MotoMart, WG&R, Van Vreede's, and Target, plus many more. The contest goes through the end of September, so let's see if we can add to St. Mary Elementary School's total!

### **Classroom Highlights**

The kindergarten students have been working hard. They have been working on building their stamina in reading and have learned some dance moves and songs to help remember their sight words. They have also designed and created towers with toothpicks and gumdrops after learning about different structures. We incorporated the well-known story of The Three Little Pigs to discuss the importance of making a structure that would stand up to the "Big Bad Wolf."





Starting in October, the K-5 grade students will be

participating in **Engaged Learning** every E day afternoon. This exciting new program will give the students the opportunity to engage in their own learning. Students will be working learning through **Project Base Learning**. This is a teaching method in which students gain knowledge and skills by working for an extended period of time to investigate and respond to authentic, engaging and complex question, problem, or challenge.

In the months of October, November and December the students will be participating in mini-courses to expose them to a variety of ways to learn and explore. In the months of January-May, the students will then choose their own area of interest and define their own goals. The teachers will be facilitators and guides while the students will become explorers.

We are excited to announce our new partnership with Heckrodt Wetland Reserve.

Students and staff will be visiting the wetland, monthly, as a part of engaged learning program activities. The goal of engaged learning is for students to be able to transfer the skill learned into other experiences. The Engaged Learning program will take place within St. Mary Elementary School and at Heckrodt Wetland Reserve.



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### SMCS Homecoming

SMCS Elementary students and families are encouraged to be a part of our SMCS Homecoming events:

**Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>** (6:00 pm) the homecoming events kick off with a prayer service and pep rally. Elementary students will be invited to play in one of the pep rally games on this evening.

**Friday October 6<sup>th</sup>** (5:00 pm) will be the homecoming parade. We ask that elementary students and families meet at Schildt Park no later than 4:45 pm. We will organize in the park behind our car that will be playing Move to the Groove music.

The parade for the elementary students and families will end in the front of the middle school. This will ease in the congestion of the high school floats and band. Elementary students can be picked up in front of the middle school after the parade is over.

Parents please make sure that you **do not** park along Cold Spring Road, we need to give the parade as much room as possible.

Please join us to cheer on our **Zephyr football** team as they take on Reedsville at **7:00 pm**.

### Water Testing in Menasha

For those of you who live in the city of Menasha, you are aware of the possible lead in Menasha water. As soon as we saw this notice we reached out to Menasha Utilities to have our own building water tested. Please know that on 9/26/2017 Menasha Utilities conducted a lead analysis for St. Mary School and Parish. They took a random grab sample from the drinking fountain located in the hallway outside of the gymnasium. **The result of the test was below the instruments detectable limit, meaning the result was low if anything was detected at all.**

### Please slow down

We have had two close calls with cars hitting adult pedestrians that are in the crosswalks, in the morning. The Menasha police have been informed and will help us watch this for the safety of all that come and go from our school and parish. We just ask that ALL drivers to slow down!

# BOX TOPS CONTEST

Updated 9/26/17



Teacher	Grade	Sheets turned in
Mrs. Griffith	Pre 3	10
Mrs. Roloff	Pre K	10
Mrs. Hoernke	Kindergarten	7
Miss Dolan	1 <sup>st</sup> grade	25
Miss Corsmeier	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	12
Miss Sweetalla	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	28
Mrs. Southard	4 <sup>th</sup> grade	75
Mrs. Blaney	5 <sup>th</sup> grade	15
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