

ST. MARY CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL WEEKLY UPDATE

DATE November 30, 2016



St. Mary Catholic Middle School
Grades 6-8

IMPORTANT DATES



SMCS EMAIL NEWSLETTER



SMCS CALENDAR PAGE

November

30 **Transition Grade incentive Registration ends**

30 Chinese field trip to Chinatown and The Field Museum in Chicago
7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

December

- 1 Prayer Service at 9:40 a.m. in SMCMS Commons
- 1 Power Hour 3:15-4:15 p.m.
- 2 Class pictures at lunch
- 5 MS/HS Choir Concert at 6:30 p.m. in FAEC
- 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception Liturgy with SMCHS at 10:39 AM in FAEC
- 8 Power Hour 3:15-4:15 p.m.
- 9 No School - Staff Development
- 14 6/7 Show Choir caroling throughout the community 10:00-3:00 p.m.
- 15 No Prayer Service/Liturgy
- 15 Power Hour 3:15-4:15 p.m.
- 16 SMCMS Reconciliation
- 16 SPIRITUS Drop-In
- 19 MS/HS Band Concert at 6:30 p.m. in FAEC
- 21 Out of dress code day
- 22 Liturgy at 9:40 a.m. in FAEC
- 22 Power Hour - Cancelled
- 23- Christmas Break

January

3 Classes Resume

Lunch help and supervision

Help is still needed for [lunch serving](#) and [lunch supervision](#). If you are able to help please log on to Sign up genius.

Christmas Choir Concert

The SMCMS/SMCHS Christmas Choir concert on Monday, December 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Education Center. We hope to see you all there!

Bob Lenz Presentation

On November 29, SMCS had a unique opportunity to bring in Bob Lenz for a presentation on Living Life to the Fullest. Mr. Lenz discussed with SMCMS students about the value of each person, having the courage to stand up to destructive choices and do what's right, and to respect diversity because our differences make us unique. Mr. Lenz has been endorsed to Bishop Ricken to speak to schools throughout the Green Bay Diocese.

Class pictures

Scanlan Studios will be here on Friday, December 2 to take class pictures in the gym. These pictures will be in the yearbook, as well as the pictures that parents may have orders with their school pictures. Class pictures will be taken during the lunch period.

Power Hour

Just a reminder that SMCMS offers time for students to stay after school on Thursdays from 3:15-4:15 p.m. to work on homework. If students are productive during this time, they can earn 2 points back on their honor card.

Basketball warmup shirts

Basketball players just received their basketball warmup shirts. These shirts are dress code approved only on game days, except Thursdays. Students will have to be in liturgy dress code if they have a Thursday game.

Class of 2022 and 2021 T-shirts

When the 7th grade went to SMCHS for 7th grade visit day, they received SMCHS "Class of 2022" or 2021 (now 8th graders) T-shirts. This T-shirt is dress code approved. So, 7th grade students could wear their gold "Class of 2022" or 8th grade students could wear their white "Class of 2021" T-shirt as dress code.

SMCMS Band Polo shirt

Band students are expected to purchase a white polo with our school crest on it to wear for their band concerts. You can find this on our [online Zephyr depot](#) at Sports Graphics. This will be the band shirt for all three years at SMCMS. This can also be worn as dress code.



Parent Involvement hours

Did you attend the Back to School parent meeting on August 29, Conferences in October, the SMCMS Information Night on October 28 or help with MMITM in September? If so, you could count these hours towards your parent involvement hours!

Parents are asked to keep track of their volunteer hours on the parent involvement log found on the [FORMS](#) page or clicking this [link](#), which is to be completed and turned in to the school office quarterly.

Keep scrolling for more information about this and how you can use the Booster Club volunteer hours to count towards both requirements.

Book Orders

Thank you to all the orders we have been receiving. We have been blessed with getting 25 more new books! I am going to send out one more book order before Christmas, in case you would like to order presents. The students have flyers in their classrooms and there is online ordering. Please see the attached sheet for more information. Again, if you want the books to be a gift please let me know so we can get them to you without your student(s) knowing.

PowerSchool

*Parents, are you signed up to view your child(ren)'s progress in PowerSchool? Log in information was sent home at the beginning of the year and handed out at back to school night. If you need help please email [Mrs. Kaufert](#).

*Did you know that PowerSchool has an app for your smart phone? Currently only 31% of the parents/students use this app. If you download the app, the district code is MNJQ.

*Did you know that you can sign up to have student progress reports emailed to you? Currently, 43% of parents have selected to have a progress report update emailed to them.

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:

[Transition Grade Incentives](#) (deadline 11/30) * Musical Theater Spotlight Night (Dec 1) * Early Registration * Musical Theater Spotlight Night (Dec 1) * SMCS Athletic Apparel—Powerlifting (order by Dec 2) * Zephyr Booster Club Apparel Sale * Scrip * [Traffic Update](#) * Softball Open Gym for Grades 3-12 * Eucharistic Adoration (Dec 2)



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St. Mary Catholic Middle School Parent Involvement Program

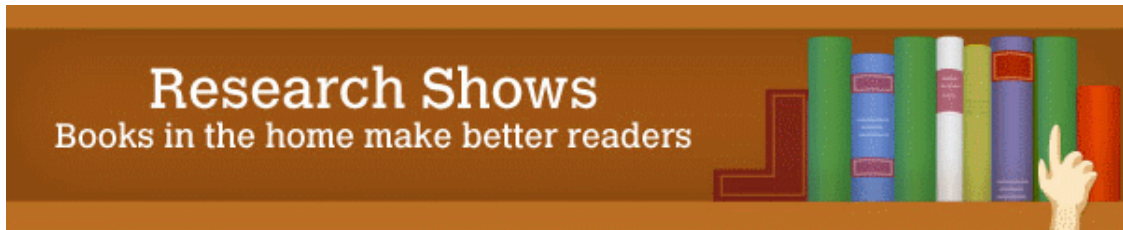
SMCMS requires 40 hours of parent involvement as part of having a child enrolled at SMCMS. Research has proven that parent involvement and student achievement go hand in hand. Parents may choose to pay the fee or give 40 hours of time to SMCMS. Parents are billed \$200 as a parent involvement fee. This fee may be worked off through volunteer activities (\$5.00 per hour). Parents are responsible for keeping track of the hours they work and hours are credited on a quarterly basis. **Please provide all dates and be specific in the details.** Service needs to benefit SMCMS but only 10 hours can come from Scrip or Jumbo Gumbo. Some possibilities include:

- Meet Me in the Middle
- Serving lunch
- Lunch Supervision
- Concessions/gate/score book/ clock at home games
- Coaching/assistant coaches
- Retreats/field trips
- 6th grade teambuilding
- Socials
- Building cleaning/organizing
- Forensic coaches
- Math team help
- Teacher appreciation lunch/Supper
- Classroom help (contact your child's teachers)
- Attending parent meetings
- Student Teacher Conferences
- Working the forensic/solo & ensemble performances
- Jumbo Gumbo

Not Parent Involvement:

- Attending band/choir concerts
- Attending sports games
- Attending forensic/solo & ensemble performances

The SMCS Booster Club is asking parents to work 5 shifts/athlete/sport, with a max of 20 shifts/family. We have determined that you can count up to 10 hours of involvement volunteering at the high school events towards your middle school involvement hours. The purpose of the MS involvement hours is to help increase parent involvement at the middle school level. However, you will still be expected to complete the necessary hours asked by the Booster Club. If parents work a MS event, they can use those hours to count toward both booster club obligations (up to 20 shifts/family) and MS parent involvement hours.



Reading Club Order Due Date: **December 9**

Scholastic Book Clubs Ordering Information

www.scholastic.com/bookclubs

Class Activation Code: GQZHP

Dear Parents,

Sometimes the right book is all it takes to nurture a child's love of reading. That's why we are pleased that our school will be participating in Scholastic Reading Clubs(formerly book clubs) this school year.

The Reading Club flyers, which will be sent home through the Language Arts classes each month, are full of affordable books for every age and reading level. Ordering books may be done in two ways. Students can return the completed order with money to their Language Arts teachers. If checks are written they should be written to Scholastic.

Ordering can also be done online. Ordering online is easy, plus there are more books to choose from. When you place your order online, you'll help earn FREE Books for our school.

Ordering online is fast and easy:

- **REGISTER** at <https://clubs2.scholastic.com/>
- **ENTER** the Class Activation Code : **GQZHP**
- **CHOOSE** from all catalogs even if they were not handed to your student in class

Thank you for helping grow your child's love of reading and for supporting our school.

If you have a problem with an order, please contact Mrs. Schneider: tschneider@smcatholicschools.org



Recycle



Now Until January 15th

***Christmas Lights**

***Extension Cords**

***Other Electronic Cables**

Participating locations

Neenah

Krueger True Value

Village of Fox Crossing

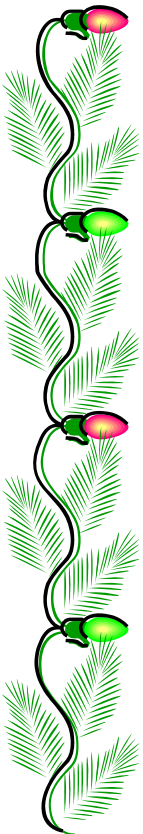
Evergreen Credit Union
Municipal Building

Menasha

Menasha Utilities

Appleton

Menards (both)
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