



IMPORTANT DATES



SMCS EMAIL NEWSLETTER



SMCS CALENDAR PAGE

December

- 21 Holiday Games social
3:15-5:00 p.m.
- 22 Liturgy at 9:40 a.m. in FAEC
- 22 Power Hour – Cancelled
- 23-Jan 2 Christmas Break

January

- 3 Classes Resume
- 3 Battle of the Books meeting during STAR
- 6 Zephyr Spirit day (out of dress code)
- 6 SPIRITUS Drop In
- 13 Early Dismissal (end of 2nd quarter)
- 20 Out of dress code day
- 20 5th/6th grade social
3:30-5:30 at SMCMS
- 27 SMCMS Geography Bee
- 27 SPIRITUS Drop In
- 29-Feb 3 Catholic Schools Week

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

From all of us at SMCMS, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Enjoy the break with your family and friends. See you next year!

Booster Club Volunteer Sign-up

The Booster Club Volunteer Sign-up for both HS and MS Winter Sports has been posted and we are asking for your help to fill these slots. There are tabs across the top to move between HS & MS Boys Basketball & Girls Basketball. To sign up for slots, please use the following [link](#).

The **Booster Club requires each family to sign up for 5 slots per athlete, per sport with a max of 20 slots per family.**

Remember: Parents can count up to 10 hours of involvement volunteering at the high school events towards your middle school parent involvement hours. The purpose of the MS involvement hours is to help increase parent involvement at the middle school level. If parents sign up for middle school events, they can count those hours for both their Booster Club commitment and the SMCMS parent involvement hours for the year.

Students not involved in a sport... You could still sign up and use these hours to count towards your middle school parent involvement hours.

Advent Kindness project

What a great job our young people did preparing a comfortable place for Jesus through acts of kindness! They were challenged to be especially kind to everyone the first week; everyone, especially the person to whom they are most often unkind the second week; and everyone, especially themselves, sons and daughters of a loving God, the third week. Many students did many kind things to fill that manger up!





Forensics

The forensics season is upon us. Keep scrolling for more information and for registration information.

Calling all 8th grade students

You are invited to join the high school athletes each Tuesday and Thursday after school.

Tuesday 3:30-4:30 at the Middle School – Join Mrs. Gagne and Mr. Post in a plyometric workout. The workout is designed to help all athletes in their specific sports to increase strength, agility, speed and flexibility. The workouts are fun while providing a great challenge.

Thursday 3:30-4:15 at the High School – Join Mr. Post in a group run. This is a great opportunity for all athletes to increase endurance and keep in shape while preparing for your next sport or the one you are currently involved in. Any questions, contact [Mrs. Gagne](#).

News from Food Service

Starting after Christmas break, we will be offering a ham sandwich as an additional alternate at the elementary and middle school. We will offer the sandwich hot or cold and with or without cheese. If your child would like this alternate, please have them indicate how they would like it prepared.

We have started with our Hot Lunch Advisory Committee meetings. We are receiving great feedback, whether it's positive or items they would like discontinued and additional items they would like added. So look for jicama, frozen slushies and other items after break.

We truly appreciate your support of our hot lunch program. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.
Lynn Graves

Food Service Director
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SMCS Links

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:

Day-to-day at SMCS ([Facebook highlights](#)) * SMCS Office Hours Over Break * [Eucharistic Adoration](#) (1/6) * [Scrip](#) * Host Families Needed * [SMCS Annual Fund Year-End Giving](#) * Construction Update (12/20/16) * Enrichment Update (Kidstage [Lion King registration](#)) * [Early Registration](#) Deadline * SMCHS VEX Tournament (January 7) * In the Community: YMCA Winter Session Classes: [Little Sports Classes](#) (Grades 3K-1), [Growth & Development Winter 1 Funshops](#) (Grades 3K-1), [Youth Sports Classes](#) (Ages 7-10; Grades 2-5), [Dance](#) (all ages) and [Fine Arts](#) (all ages) * [Daddy-Daughter Winter Formal](#) * [FVYT Winter Classes](#)

Scrip Schedule

There will be no Scrip orders the week of December 26 or January 2; the next order date will be Monday, January 9. Shopwithscrip.com will process reloads and ScripNow orders paid with PrestoPay as usual, with the exception of the holiday dates.

Pastries with the Principal

January's Pastries with the Principals will take place at the individual campuses, where the principal from the "next" school will be on hand, along with your school's principal. This will give you the opportunity to chat about any thoughts or questions you might have about your child's current experiences or what might be coming up in the future. The schedule is as follows:

Monday, January 9	St. Mary Elementary School from 7:45-8:45 a.m.	Mrs. Leege and Mr. Zuleger
Tuesday, January 10	St. Mary Catholic Middle School from 7:45-8:45 a.m.	Mr. Zuleger and Mr. Batey
Wednesday, January 11	St. Gabriel Elementary School from 7:45-8:45 a.m.	Mrs. Leege and Mr. Zuleger
Thursday, January 12	St. Margaret Mary Elementary School from 7:45-8:45 a.m.	Mrs. Healy and Mr. Zuleger



Dear Parents and Students,

The forensics season at SMCMS is ready to begin. Forensics is public speaking and is open to all students in all grades. Students are able to participate in one of seven different categories. Poetry reading, prose reading, storytelling, and solo acting are individual categories. Play-acting and group interpretation are done in groups of 3–5 students. Infomercial (a new category) may be done as 1 or 2 people. Some, but not all, categories require memorization.

December: Students will choose pieces. Students may supply their own piece (it must be approved by Mrs. Bonertz) or may choose from pieces available in Mrs. Bonertz’s room. Students may begin selection of pieces as soon as they have filled out and returned the bottom of this form.

January & February: All pieces must be selected by January 13. Coaches will be assigned to students during January. Once a coach is assigned, it is the student’s responsibility to contact the coach for a practice time. Students need to practice independently plus meet with their coaches a minimum of three times.

March: Tournaments

- Practice tournament – March 2 (3:30 – 5:00) – This is mandatory for all forensics students.
- Combined Elementary/Middle School Tournament – March 15 (after school)
- SMCHS – March 23 (after school)
- Xavier – April 11 (after school)

We need to stay to the number of entries for each category. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Mrs. Bonertz

Please detach the following and return by **December 21** if you are interested in being a part of the forensics team. Registration for forensics will be accepted after that date for any available slots. The fee for the forensics programs is **\$30.00** per student for the entire season regardless of the number of tournaments the student attends. This fee covers entrance fees and bus fees to the meets.

Name _____

Please mark the category you wish to compete in. (*Category must be memorized.)

_____ Poetry reading (10 students)

_____ *Solo acting (10 students)

_____ Prose reading (10 students)

_____ *Play acting (5 groups)

_____ *Story telling (10students)

Students must find their own groups.
(3-7 students) sheets must come stapled together

_____ Infomercial (10 groups) (new)

_____ Group interpretation (5 groups)

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I am aware that my child will be participating in the SMCMS forensics program. I understand that some after or before school time will be necessary to meet with coaches.

Parent signature _____

_____ am interested in:

Name and phone number _____

_____ Coaching - counts towards Parent Involvement hours

(please circle) prose, poetry, solo acting, infomercial, demonstration, play acting

_____ I will only coach my student _____ I am willing to coach anyone.

If you are willing to work with someone other than your own student, you must have Virtus training.

See www.gbdioc.org/pdf/virtusWorkshopDates.pdf for dates and locations for training.

_____ Judging – counts toward Parent Involvement hours (please circle) March 2 March 15 March 23 April 11