

ST. MARY CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL WEEKLY UPDATE

DATE February 15, 2017



St. Mary Catholic Middle School
Grades 6-8

IMPORTANT DATES



SMCS EMAIL NEWSLETTER



SMCS CALENDAR PAGE

February

- 16 Power Hour Canceled
- 16-20 Winter Break – No School
- 21 Classes resume
- 23 Prayer Service in commons 9:40 a.m.
- 23 Power Hour 3:15-4:15 p.m.
- 24 Monthly out of dress code day
- 24 SMCMS Social 3:30-5:30 p.m. @ SMCMS
- 25 **3QP** Display Board Dazzle Day 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. for 7th and 8th grade students
- 27 **3rd Quarter Projects** due for 7th and 8th grade
- 28 Math League competition during school

March

- 1 Ash Wednesday
- 2 Power Hour 3:15-4:15 p.m.
- 2 SMCMS practice forensics competition 3:30-5:00
- 6 3QP judging for 8th grade
- 7 8th grade attend Career Expo in the morning
- 9 Power Hour 3:15-4:15 p.m.
- 9 SMCMS/SMCHS attend the PAC performance
- 9 8th grade Stations of the Cross moved to 3/10/17
- 10 Stations of the Cross in FAEC @ 9:40 a.m.
- 10 SPIRITUS Drop In
- 15 SMCMS elementary & middle school forensics
- 16 Liturgy in FAEC @ 9:40
- 16 Power Hour 3:15-4:15 p.m.
- 17 No School – end of 3rd Qr.
- 23 SMCMS Reconciliation
- 23 Power Hour Canceled
- 23 Forensics competition @ SMCHS

Athletic Registration & Deadline

All students interested in participating in a Spring sport must be registered online to guarantee a spot on the team. **The deadline to complete the online registration is Friday, February 17.**

To register your child(ren), please use the following link to access our online registration: [2016-17 Athletic Registration](#)

If you have any questions about the registration process or if you would like [Mr. Bates](#) to check to see if you have already registered your child(ren), please let him know.

Mr. Bates emailed more information home on Monday, February 6.

Social on February 24

We will be having a Mardi Gras social on Friday, February 24 after school from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Keep scrolling for a social sign up form. Students are also encouraged to wear **green, gold, and purple.**

Dollar\$ for Donut\$

SMCMS Junior Optimist Club is doing a fundraiser for students to order donuts on February 27 and 28. Order forms are due Friday, February 24. Keep scrolling for the order form.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Awards

All students hoping to earn the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award should have the forms needed, which can be downloaded from the SMCMS [webpage](#). Even though the timeline for this award is Advent through Lent, all paper work, including the service requirement, is not due until April 30, but can certainly be turned in ahead of time. This deadline allows students plenty of time to get all their forms in order before turning them in. All forms should be turned in at the same time. After receiving the paperwork, Mrs. Kalaus, or the religion teacher will set up an interview with the students. Recipients of this honor will be recognized at the end of the year awards ceremony.

8th Grade Career Fair

Eighth grade career lessons have begun! These classes are taught by Mrs. Kalaus and are intended to help students explore the many choices they have in their future. It is not intended to have students panic or think they must make a decision today about the rest of their lives. Rather, we want to give students tools for exploring and learning about all the many wonderful choices they have in the world of work. Part of this unit of study will include participation in the Fox Cities Career Expo on March 7. Please look for a permission slip for that in next week's update. They are also looking for volunteers for this wonderful event. Please click this [link](#) to sign up. Your time here will count for parent involvement hours!



Forensics info

Keep scrolling for more information about upcoming forensics tournaments and coaching assignments.

Creating Safe and Sacred Places

Earlier this semester a note was included in our newsletter about our Family life curriculum which is done in religion classes. It is appropriate that education in human sexuality find its primary focus within the family context. Each of us begins the long process of moving toward maturity from our first moments of life. Informal education in human sexuality begins right from birth. Particularly with regard to the sexuality of young children, the family setting is the “preferred place,” for parents seem best suited to offer “clear and delicate sex education” appropriately adapted to the age, maturity and “sense of decency” of each child. *(Taken from Human Sexuality: A Catholic Perspective for Education and Lifelong Learning, p. 71)*

Respect for Life is the foundational value of Catholic moral life. It is based on the belief that man and woman were created in the image of God and that “human life, even if weak and suffering, is always a splendid gift of God’s goodness.” (Apostolic Exhortation Familiaris Consortio, no. 30). Given the task we (parents and teachers) have been charged with, the faith formation and moral development of our students, as well as their safety, we are mandated by the Diocese, to do a lesson each year on safe environment training – including sexual abuse. In elementary school these lessons cover the idea of private parts and no one having the right to touch those parts. In elementary school students are also asked to identify at least five adults whom they would go to if they were being hurt in any way.

In Middle school, we review these lessons with the addition of lessons in modesty and chastity. Lessons are always founded on Catholic teachings with an emphasis on respect for self and others. At sixth grade the review of earlier lessons is our primary focus. In seventh grade we talk more specifically about the warning signs of sexual abuse and how to keep safe from predators. At eighth grade, our focus is on modesty and chastity.

We want you to know that those lessons are now happening. Mrs. Kalas is the facilitator of these lessons, which will take place in religion classes. Sixth grade lessons will be on March 13, and seventh grade lessons were done on February 8. Eighth grade lessons will be scheduled at a later date. Please call Mrs. Kalas with any questions.

SMCS news

Two Zephyr volunteers were recently highlighted in local media. Senior Alex Rosiejka was [featured in The Compass](#) for his role as a lunch mentor with Best Friends of Neenah/Menasha, and alumna Maggie Ullrich '73, an assistant to the Zephyrs girls basketball team, was [recognized in The Post Crescent](#) for her years of dedication to the program. Congratulations to Maggie and Alex, and thank you for the good that you do and for representing our community!

SMCS families, please do your part to support the maintenance of our fine arts facilities by purchasing and selling quality fruit and Wisconsin products through our fine arts fruit sale. Please turn in all order forms to your school office by the end of the day today.

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 or webpages only:

Changes and additions to the [SMCS calendar](#) * [“Little Shop of Horrors”](#) * WPCP [online application](#) * [WPCP Info Session](#) * SMCS STEM Saturday (March 18) * Facebook Highlights ([February 3-9](#)) * On Track: [Retirement Assets](#) * SMCS Job Openings * [Dueling Pianos](#) (March 4) * Enrichment Update * [Zephyrfest Key Club](#) * [Winter Break Scrip Schedule](#) * [Zephyr Spirit Wear](#) * Parochial School Tax Deduction * In the Community (YMCA Classes: [Growth & Development](#) (Pre3-Grade 1), [Little Sports Classes](#) (Pre3-Grade 1) and [Youth Sports Classes](#) (ages 7-10/Grades 2-5), Esto Vir [“Men for All Seasons”](#), [Help with Taxes](#)

SMCMS's Mardi Gras Dance Social

Friday, February 24, 2017

3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

February 24 will be an out-of-dress code day
Students are expected to be picked up by 5:30.

SMCMS Gym

Admission ...\$5.00



- Music by Ron Newman of Gold Medal Sounds
- Order Little Caesars pizza, ice cream sundae, and bottled beverage below.

Fill out and return the registration slip no later than Wednesday, February 22. (\$10 late fee; no food can be ordered for registrations turned in after Feb. 22)

SMCMS's Mardi Gras Dance Social – February 24
Due February 22, 2017

Name _____ Grade _____

Admission - \$5.00 / (\$10 after February 22)

FOOD ORDER (No food can be ordered after February 22)

Little Caesars pizza, ice cream sundae, & beverage

\$1.00/slice of pizza: (Indicate number of each).

___ Cheese ___ Sausage ___ Pepperoni

___ \$1 - Ice cream sundae cup with sprinkles and syrups

___ Bottled beverages - \$1.00 each (Water or choice of one pop)



Little Caesars

Total due: \$5.00 Admission + \$___ pizza + \$___ ice cream sundae

+ \$___ drink for \$1 = \$_____

(Make checks payable to SMCS.)

Parent Volunteers Needed!

Indicate below which time you can help. Come at the time you check off, unless you hear from Mr. K. You will be asked to supervise in the commons, halls, and gym.

___ 2:30- 3:30 pm: Set up in gym & commons/ Pick up Little Caesars

___ 3:30- 4:30 pm ___ 4:30- 5:30 pm ___ 5:30- 6:30 pm

Parent Name(s) _____ Phone _____

“Dollar\$ for Donut\$”
Celebrate Mardi Gras
February 27th & 28th

Sponsored by the
St. Mary Zephyrs Junior Optimist Club
Proceeds will be used for club service projects.



Festival Food’s Donuts
Monday & Tuesday mornings
7:15 - 7:45 a.m.

EVERY DONUT IS \$1.00. Pre-order below!



PRE-ORDER FORM FOR FESTIVAL FOOD’S DONUTS

Name _____ Grade _____

Please reserve donuts for the following days:

____ Monday, February 27: Reserve ____ donut(s) for me at \$____.

____ Tuesday, February 28: Reserve ____ donut(s) for me at \$____.

This order is due on Friday, February 24. Extra donuts may be available for \$1 each on Monday and Tuesday. Put this slip and money in an envelope marked “Dollar Donuts”.

Thank you!

-The St. Mary Zephyrs Junior Optimist Club

February 6, 2017

Dear Forensics students, parents and coaches,

You have your piece and now it's time to start working. Students – it is your responsibility to check with your coach immediately to set up dates to work together. Students in categories that require memorization should be working to memorize their pieces even before they meet with their coaches. Coaches - if your students have not contacted you this week, please let me know and I will find out what the problem is. All coaches have a copy of the new rules and scoring sheets.

Play Acting pieces (memorized) should be 5-12 minutes including memorized introduction.

Prose pieces should be 4-8 minutes including memorized introduction.

Solo Acting pieces (memorized) should be 3-8 minutes including memorized introduction.

Storytelling pieces (memorized) should be 4-8 minutes with a memorized introduction.

Important dates:	March 2	SMCMS practice competition (3:30 – 5:00)
	March 15	SMCMS elementary and middle school competition (after school)
	March 23	SMCHS (after school)
	April 11	Xavier (after school)

Mrs. Sturgell
Lauren Sturgell

Mrs. Colford
Veronica Colford

Ms. McCann
Ava Crema

Mrs. Vanden Acker
Anna Vanden Acker

Mrs. Olsen
Tim's in Trouble

Mrs. DeWitt
Ellie DeWitt

Mrs. Ladish
The Case of the Frustrated Corpse

Mrs. Taubel
The War on Little Women

Ms. Weggel
My Dog Ate My Homework

Mrs. Bonertz
Katie Julius
Mady Green

Mrs. Sampe
Bubble Wrap Obsession
Ashley Short

Mrs. Kalaus
Frank Whiting
Noelle Anderson
Lilly Foster

Groups

Tim's in Trouble:

Conner Olsen, Myles VandenWyngaard, Ben Jochman

The War on Little Women:

Sophie Taubel, Ava Staehler, Bailey Schroeder, Tessa Long

My Dog Ate My Homework:

Aydan Hughes, Madeline Molchany, Catherine Higgins

Bubble Wrap Obsession:

Maggie Krautkramer, Sophie Lescamela, Lucy Rogers

The Case of the Frustrated

Corpse:

Mari Ladish, Olivia Bergstrom, Catherine Genke, Julie Zimmerman, Allie Strande

ST. MARY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ZEPHYR PLAYERS PRESENTS

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS



St. Mary
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JANE BERGSTROM FINE ARTS EDUCATION CENTER

Dueling Pianos

rock the keys 2017



3.4.17

Doors open at 7p
Show starts at 7:30

Trolley Square

619 S. Olde Oneida St.
Appleton, WI

Tickets
\$40

(\$50 at the door)

WINTER ESCAPE 2017

PROUDLY PRESENTED BY ST. MARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MENASHA

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED ONLINE AT

www.smcatholicsschools.org/support-us/winter-escape



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Grades P3-12

ON TRACK!

SMCS FREE EDUCATIONAL SERIES

The ON TRACK series of evening seminars is hosted at the Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center at St. Mary Catholic High School during the school year and is offered in partnership with community resources and field experts. All workshops in the series give participants practical insight and tools to help them live a more secure, healthy and happy life.

SESSION 2

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017: INCOME SAVVY TURNING YOUR ASSETS INTO RETIREMENT INCOME

WHAT:

You've worked hard to build up your retirement assets. And now, with retirement in sight, it's time to shift the focus from saving for retirement to generating income. This presentation is designed to help you make informed decisions about your retirement income and help create a personalized income strategy that's right for you.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Future retirees or retired people who want to maximize their retirement income

PRESENTED BY:

Scott VanDeHey, Registered Representative, VanDeHey, VanDeHey and Associates, CRD #:1868621

Securities and investment advice offered through: Capital Financial Services, Inc.,

Broker Dealer Investment Advisor Member FINRA and SIPC 501 Nathan Lane, #4, Elkhorn, WI 53121 262-723-3331

Don Welch, Divisional Vice President, AIG

Clifton Kreuzscher, Attorney

TIME:

All sessions begin at 6:30 p.m.

COST:

Compliments of St. Mary Catholic Schools (at-will donations accepted)

WHERE:

The Miron Forensic Theater

Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center

1050 Zephyr Drive, Neenah, WI



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Catholic Schools
— Grades P3-12 —

April 11, 2017: 21st-Century Parenting – Keeping Your Child Safe

Presenter: Village of Fox Crossing Community Liaison Officer Jason Weber

Learn tips about monitoring your child's social media presence, new drug trends in our community, and ways to keep your child safe during these challenging times.

To attend any of these seminars, interested participants should email Michelle Dejno at mdejno@smcatholicschools.org to reserve a spot. Walk-ins welcome.

Zephyrfest 2017 Key Club Raffle

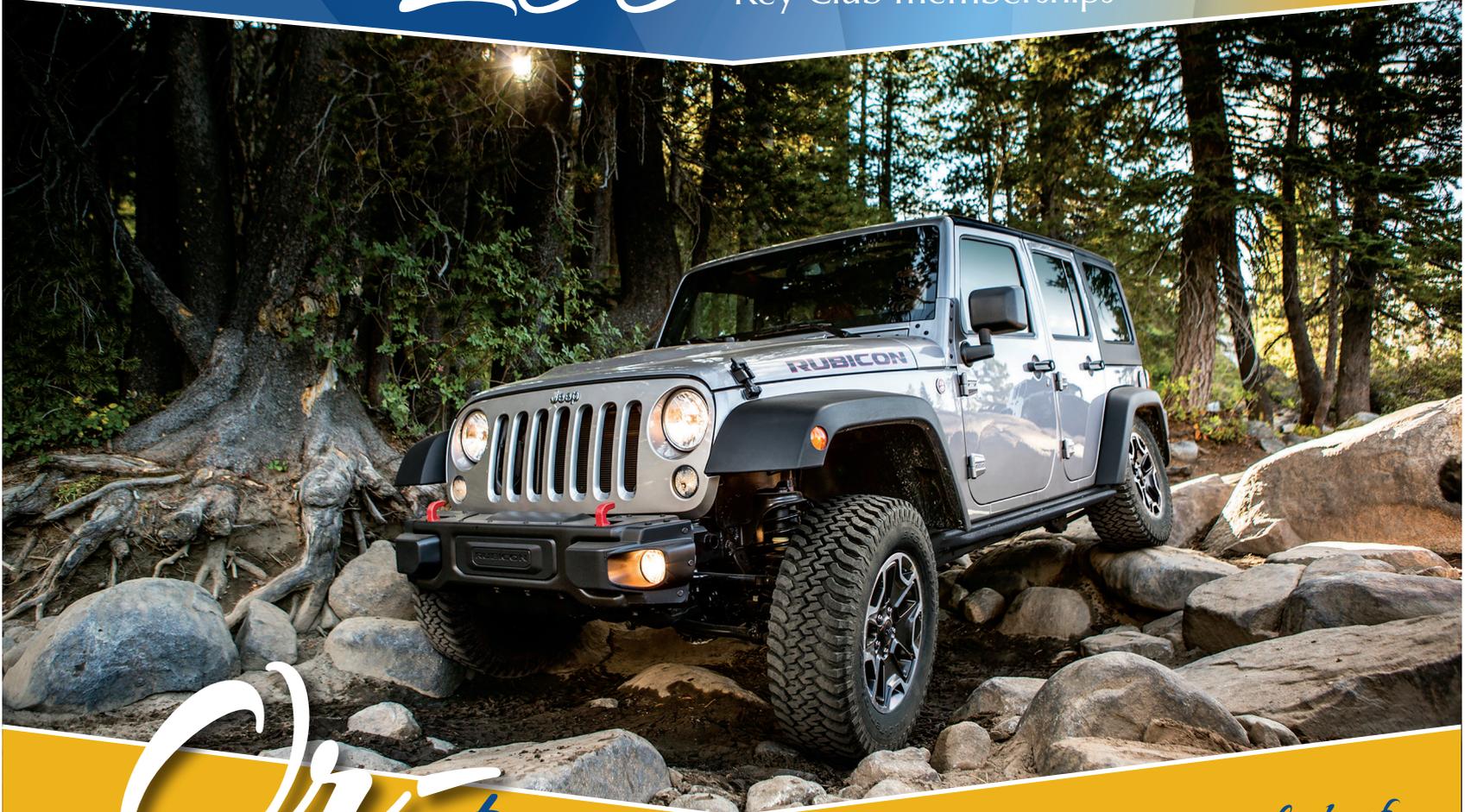
Zephyrfest will be celebrating its **32nd anniversary** this year! One of the most exciting features of Zephyrfest is the opportunity to walk away from the event with a **new car**. This year's Key Club has a new twist! The winner will get to choose between a super cool 2017 Jeep Rubicon OR a \$40,000 credit towards any new vehicle at any Bergstrom Automotive store within a week of Zephyrfest. The goal is to have all 600 key club memberships purchased before the event on **April 8, 2017**.

Keep in mind, there will only be 600 total Key Club memberships sold, so your chances are great, but the memberships will sell quickly. Once you have your Key Club membership purchased, all you will have to think about is which fabulous vehicle you will choose!

Without question, having the chance to be a winner in the Zephyrfest car raffle is exciting! However, the true excitement is in knowing that your contribution helps support the outstanding Catholic education and quest for academic excellence for so many students within the St. Mary Catholic schools.

Key Club raffle flyers are available in your school office or simply go to www.smcatholicsschools.org, click Support Us (button on top right corner), then Zephyrfest and print an opportunity from your home. For more information, please contact Robin Gallucci at SMC at [920-722-7796 ext. 852](tel:920-722-7796) or email at rgallucci@smcatholicsschools.org. Thank you so much for believing in Catholic education!

1-in-300 chance of winning!
Win a JEEP RUBICON while helping students get an excellent, faith-based education.
\$200 per pair of Key Club memberships



Or \$40,000 towards a vehicle of your choosing from



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Your contribution provides needed funding to support St. Mary Catholic High School. Key Club numbers are randomly assigned upon receipt of order. Drawing of ten finalists will take place at 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 8, 2017 during Zephyrfest. You need not be present to win. Value of \$40,000 • If a finalist is not present, a representative of SMCHS will try the key. For more information, visit smcatholicschools.org, call SMCHS at (920) 722-7796, ext. 852 or contact rgallucci@smcatholicschools.org.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2017 | RADISSON PAPER VALLEY

Zephyrfest 2017

Cash & Ultimate Packer Raffles!

RAFFLE TICKETS:
\$35 EACH OR 5/\$125

CASH RAFFLE



- 1st Prize: \$3,000 CASH
(1 Winner)
- 2nd Prize: \$1,000 CASH
(1 Winner)
- 3rd Prize: \$500 CASH
(2 Winners)
- 4th Prize: \$250 CASH
(4 Winners)
- 5th Prize: \$100 CASH
(10 Winners)

ULTIMATE PACKER RAFFLE

Cheer on the Green Bay Packers using these highly sought-after game tickets! The lucky winner of this raffle will see the Pack battle the Chicago Bears, the Detroit Lions and the Minnesota Vikings at Lambeau Field with four tickets to EACH game! Value: \$1,200



Donated by McClone Insurance Group & Bergstrom Automotive

Raffle drawing held at the

Zephyrfest
Dinner Auction
on April 8, 2017 at 10:00 p.m.

To order tickets use the form below, call (920) 722-7796 ext. 852 or go to smcatholicschools.org and use the "Zephyrfest" link for more information.

Need not be present to win.
Lic. number: RO006173A-96201



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Please fill out this portion and mail to SMCHS Zephyrfest Key Club, 1050 Zephyr Drive, Neenah, WI, 54956 or return to an SMCS school office. You may also call the SMCS Advancement Office at (920) 722-7796, ext. 852 or email rgallucci@smcatholicschools.org to place an order. If purchasing more than one raffle opportunity and/or dinner reservations, you only need to submit one payment for total purchase.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Type of ticket	Price per ticket	Quantity	Total
Key Club	2 memberships for \$200	_____	_____
Cash Raffle	\$35 each or five for \$125	_____	_____
Ultimate Packer Raffle	\$35 each or five for \$125	_____	_____
Dinner Reservations	\$125 each	_____	_____
Corporate Table of ten	\$1,500 includes event recognition	_____	_____

_____ Payment enclosed (please make check payable to SMCHS Zephyrfest) Total \$ _____

_____ Please charge my credit card _____ Visa _____ Master Card _____ Discover

Card number _____ Exp. Date _____

Name on card _____ VCode (3-digit security code on back of card) _____

TICKET ORDER FORM