



ST. MARY CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL

WEEKLY UPDATE

DATE April 12, 2017



St. Mary Catholic Middle School
Grades 6-8

IMPORTANT DATES

April

- 13 Prayer Service @ 8:00 a.m. in FAEC
13 Holy Thursday retreat in the afternoon
13 Power Hour cancelled
14-17 Easter Break
16 Easter Sunday
18 Classes resume
19 MAP testing begins
20 Liturgy in FAEC @ 9:40 a.m.
20 Power Hour 3:15-4:15 p.m.
22 SMCMS performs "Godspell" @ 1:00 & 6:00
23 SMCMS performs "Godspell" @ 1:00
25-28 8th grade trip to Washington D.C.
27 Prayer Service in commons @ 9:40 a.m.
27 Power Hour 3:15-4:15 p.m.
28 MidQuarter (grade checks)
28 6th Grade Retreat

May

- 1-5 Teacher Appreciation Week
5 No School – Staff Development
9 Band and Choir Spring Concert in FAEC @ 6:30 p.m.
12 7th Grade Retreat
12 SMCMS Social/Dance
15-19 SMCMS Book Fair
17 Battle of the Books in MS gym @ 1:36
18 Final SMCMS mass in FAEC
25 8th Grade Retreat
26 Final SMCMS Prayer Service
31 End of Year Awards 8:15-9:45 in FAEC

June

- 1 8th Grade Recognition in FAEC @ 6:30 p.m.
2 Early Dismissal @ 11:36 (Last Day of School)

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Holy Thursday Retreat & Prayer Service

Our Prayer Service tomorrow will be at 8:00 a.m. in the FAEC. Students will then have core classes for the rest of the morning and then a Holy Thursday retreat tomorrow afternoon. Part of the retreat will be outside using the Stations of the Cross in Jane's Woods behind. **Students will NOT be expected to be in Liturgy dress code tomorrow.** Regular dress code is acceptable, and out of dress code passes may be used.

Sum Dog Contest

29 sixth grade St. Mary Catholic Middle School students participated in the online Sumdog regional math contest from March 31-April 6. Students competed in a game format against 49 other classes throughout the region. 74,808 math questions were answered by 343 students during the week of the contest. Student scores were based on the percentage of questions each student answered correctly. The students in Math 1/2 were daily first place winners on Thursday. At the end of the competition SMCMS 6th graders from the Math 1/2 class finished in 6th place. Six students placed in the top 50 competitors: **Jackson Kuehn** – 2nd place, **Peyton Weiss** – 6th place, **Eva Schneider** – 11th place, **Jason Kroll** – 15th place, **Maggie Krautkramer** – 16th place, **Julie Zimmerman** – 23rd place. Congratulations to all the sixth graders who participated.

MAP Testing Schedule

Here is the MAP testing schedule for SMCMS. Please try to limit appointments during your child's MAP testing times. Also, please make sure they get plenty of sleep the night before and eat breakfast in order to perform their best. These spring scores will be used to help determine placement in intensive or regular classes for next year.

Wednesday 19th – 8th Grade Language Usage (during religion class)

Thursday 20th – 7th Grade Language Usage (during religion class)

Friday 21st – 6th Grade Math (during math class)

Monday 24th – 8th Grade Reading (during LA/PE class)

Tuesday 25th – 7th Grade Reading (during LA/PE class)

Wednesday 26th – 6th grade Reading (during LA/PE class)

Thursday 27th – Make up/finish

Friday 28th (6th grade retreat) – Make up/finish

Monday 1st – 7th Grade Math (during math class)

Tuesday 2nd – 8th Grade Math (during math class)

Wednesday 3rd – Make up/finish

Thursday 4th – 6th Grade Language Usage (during religion class)

Friday 5th – No School – Professional Development

Monday 8th-Wednesday 10th – Make up/finish

Yearbook Order Forms

Yearbook order forms were sent home last week. **All orders are due back to the SMCMS office TODAY April 12th.** Cost of Yearbooks are \$22. Please make checks payable to Pinnacle.



Course Selection Sheets

The 2017-18 school year course selection sheets were sent home with your child(ren) last week. Attached to the email, are electronic copies of these sheets and a curriculum information packet. **Please return these sheets to the school office or scan them to [Mrs. Kaufert](#) by Thursday, April 13th.**

Carry the Cross Campaign

All money for our Lenten project is now due. Please remind your child(ren) to bring that in as soon as possible. They can bring it in the box they were given at the beginning of Lent or in any envelope. Thank you for your generosity.

8th Grade Individual Planning Conference

If you have an eighth grader you should be aware of the work your child has done with career lessons and individual learning and planning for their transition to high school. Your student is working on a planning agenda and checklist that they will be ready to share with you at their Planning Conference. This planning sheet includes information about various learning and career interests unique to your child. There will also be some sharing about dreams for the future, co-curricular interests for high school as well as volunteer and community interests. Finally, MAP test results will be shared with you.

This is the sixth year of doing these conferences which were very well received in the past. You should have received a Signup Genius to reserve a spot for this conference. After you choose a convenient time, please plan to come to school for your conference and “walk through” the **Individual Planning Conference** agenda and checklist with your student. Your child will lead the conference. This is unlike previous academic conferences where grades and behavior are the primary focus. Rather, we will look at all the wonderful things your student has done and their dreams for high school, as well as hopefully map out a path of success for the future. Please make this conference a priority when your assigned day comes around. **If you have not signed up by May 4, a time slot will be assigned to you.**

6th & 7th Grade Retreat

On Friday, April 28th, our sixth graders will go on their spring retreat, and two weeks later, Friday, May 12th our seventh graders will do so. Teachers and students will travel to St. Paul’s in Combined Locks for a day of reflection and spiritual growth. The sixth grade focus will be on being peacemakers. As students grow in maturity and learn to advocate for themselves, empowering them to handle their own conflicts can be a very important life skill. To do so as a peacemaker and with the influence of God’s great commandment (to love one another) is an important piece for growing in faith.

The theme for 7th grade is “Self-Esteem”. Middle School years (and 7th grade in particular) can be a time of change and full of questions, which can have an impact on a student’s self- image. By bringing self-esteem into focus, we can help students recognize and appreciate their own giftedness and to celebrate one another’s differences. Please keep staff and students in prayer those days for a good and holy retreat.

Zephyr Depot

Visit the new [Zephyr Depot](#) online store here. Please allow 3-10 days for your order to be processed and delivered. All payments must be dropped off at the SMHCS office during regular office hours. When ready orders can also be picked up at the High office. Make checks payable to Strategies. All of these T-shirts are dress code approved for the **8th grade students** during the 4th quarter and are dress code approved at SMCHS.



SMCS news

Zephyr Fine Arts Boosters ZFAB

SMCS is looking for fine arts representatives to join our Zephyr Fine Arts Boosters ZFAB, please help us fill the spots for our school.

We are looking for balanced, adult representation from all school levels:

- 4 high school representatives
- 3 middle school representatives
- 6 elementary representatives (2 from each school)

We are seeking individuals to join our Zephyr Fine Arts Boosters (ZFAB). This organization meets the first Wednesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 p.m. throughout the school year. The May meeting is an exception to this with the meeting on Tuesday, May 16. We are looking for a variety of people with an interest in the arts to join our team. We welcome insight from parents and other interested community member alike. During meetings, we will ask you to participate in voting for budget goals, funding curricular and co-curricular fine arts programs, and discussions surrounding our student's fine art activities. Beyond attending meetings, we would like you to volunteer for at least one project.

If you or any of your friends or family are interested in becoming a member of our group, please contact Christina Turner via email at cturner@smcatholicschools.org We look forward to seeing anyone interested at the May 16th meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the high school IMC.

Congratulations to all of the elementary students who shared their talents at last week's SMCS Elementary Enrichment Showcase! There was so much to see, and everyone had a wonderful time.

Corrections to 2016-17 Directory

Please note the following corrections to the 2016-17 SMCS directory.

- *The correct email address for Tom Marshall is 920-850-3314, and his email address is Tmshaker@aol.com.
- *The correct email address for Paul and Jen Molchany is jmolchany@new.rr.com.
- *The correct phone number for Michael and Vanessa Nackers is 920-428-6824.
- *The phone number for Candy and Wayne Rusin (re: Nutini) is 920-729-0922.
- *The correct address for Maxwell and Tracy Ogden is 8021 Cavendish Road, Neenah.

“Godspell”

St. Mary Catholic Middle School is pleased to present the musical “Godspell” at the Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center. A musical retelling of the Gospel of Matthew set in modern-day New York City, “Godspell” uses song and dance as the apostles traverse the city spreading Christ’s message of love and tolerance as the time moves ever closer to his betrayal at the hands of Judas and, ultimately, his crucifixion.

Show times are **Saturday, April 22 at 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., and Sunday, April 23 at 1:00 p.m.**

Visit www.showtix4u.com to order your tickets today!

Did You Know?

There are more graduates from St. Mary Catholic Schools who are in formation for the priesthood than from any other high school in the diocese. Please keep them, and all who answer the call to religious vocation in your prayers!

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

[SMCS calendar](#) * SMCS Summer Youth Opportunities ([Sports Camps, Daycare](#)) * [WPCP](#) (deadline April 20) & Tuition Assistance * [Traffic Update](#) (April 10) * [Camp Invention](#) * [Invention Project \(6th-9th Grade\)](#) * Scrip Reminder * Enrichment Program Updates * Facebook Highlights ([March 24-April 6](#)) * [“Godspell”](#) * In the Community: YMCA Classes ([Youth Sports](#), [Little Sports](#), [Growth & Development](#), [Music & Fine Arts](#)) [Camp Tekawitha](#)

**ST. MARY CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL ZEPHYR PLAYERS
PRESENTS**

GODSPELL

APRIL 22 @ 1:00 & 6:00

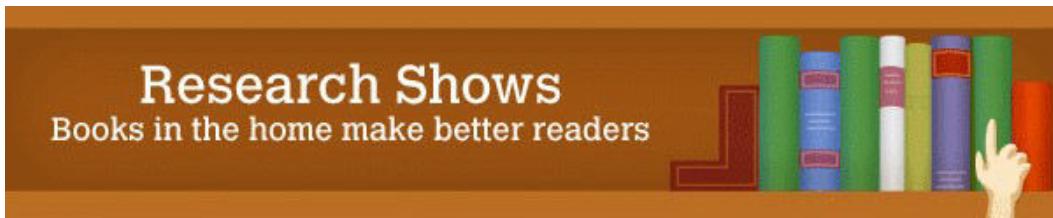
APRIL 23 @ 1:00

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JANE BERGSTROM FINE ARTS EDUCATION CENTER



Reading Club Order Due Date: **April 6**

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