

# ST. MARY CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL WEEKLY UPDATE

DATE April 19, 2017



St. Mary Catholic Middle School  
Grades 6-8

## IMPORTANT DATES



SMCS EMAIL NEWSLETTER



SMCS CALENDAR PAGE

### April

- 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
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- 25-28 8<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat
- 29 Social 7:00-9:00 p.m. @ Badger Sports Park

### May

- 1-5 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 4 Liturgy in FAEC @ 9:40 a.m.
- 4 Power Hour 3:15-4:15 p.m.
- 5 No School – Staff Development
- 9 Band and Choir Spring Concert in FAEC @ 6:30 p.m.
- 11 Prayer Service in commons @ 9:40 a.m.
- 11 Power Hour 3:15-4:15 p.m.
- 12 7<sup>th</sup> 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
- 18 Power Hour 3:15-4:15 p.m.
- 25 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat
- 25 Last Power Hour of the year 3:15-4:15 p.m.
- 26 Final SMCMS Prayer Service
- 31 End of Year Awards 8:15-9:45 in FAEC

### June

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

### **"Godspell" This Weekend!**

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 a modern-day school, "Godspell" uses song and dance as the apostles spread 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](http://www.showtix4u.com) to order your tickets today!

### **Invention Project (middle school summer STEM camp)**

[Registration](#) is open for Invention Project, STEM camp offered for students entering 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade. This will be offered June 8, 9, 12, 13, 14 and taught at SMCMS. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **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 19<sup>th</sup>** – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Usage (during religion class)

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>** – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Usage (during religion class)

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup>** – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math (during math class)

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup>** – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading (during LA/PE class)

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>** – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading (during LA/PE class)

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>** – 6<sup>th</sup> grade Reading (during LA/PE class)

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>** – Make up/finish

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup>** (6<sup>th</sup> grade retreat) – Make up/finish

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup>** – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math (during math class)

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>** – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math (during math class)

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Make up/finish

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>** – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Usage (during religion class)

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup>** – No School – Professional Development

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup>-Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>** – Make up/finish

### **Holy Thursday retreat**

Students participated in a Holy Thursday retreat last week. Part of this retreat included: walking the Stations of the Cross in Jane's Woods, learning about the Seder meal, viewing a Holy Land presentation, participating in a chapel visit where we reflected on the Wounds of Christ and students were invited to hammer nails into a cross, playing a trivia game, watching & reflecting on Christ's crucifixion, and writing letters to Christ.



### **Social at Badger Sports Park on April 29**

We will be having a social at Badger Sports Park on Saturday, April 29 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. For \$16.00 students can enjoy unlimited indoor and outdoor games. Please sign up and pay ahead of time if possible. See the attached flyer for more details. Parent chaperones are needed and could be used towards your parent involvement hours.

### **6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat**

On Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, our sixth graders will go on their spring retreat, and two weeks later, Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> grade is "Self-Esteem". Middle School years (and 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **8<sup>th</sup> 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.**

### **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 SMCHS 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 **8<sup>th</sup> grade students** during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and are dress code approved at SMCHS.



### **SMCS news**

We are very grateful to the volunteers and guests who made Zephyrfest 2017 a smashing success! Visit our webpage or the [Shutterfly site](#) to see photos of the evening. And, congratulations to Agnes Zitzelsberger, who won the Key Club car raffle! Mark your calendar for March 24, 2018 for next year's big event.

Enjoy the [commemorative video](#) that was created in 2017 to honor the beginning of St. Mary Parish in Menasha in 1867 and St. Mary Catholic High School's tradition of providing excellence in Catholic education since 1928.

Last week at all SMCS campuses, students and their teachers gathered to celebrate Holy Thursday. At the high school, students and teachers prepared a beautiful living stations of the cross. Photos may be seen on the [SMCS Shutterfly page](#).

New! St Mary Elementary Badger Bash. This fundraiser for St. Mary Elementary School is open to all SMCS families and will be held on Thursday, May 4th from 4:00-9:00 p.m. [Click here for details](#).

### **New! Nominate Someone Today**

It's time to nominate your favorite SMCS teacher, administrator or employee for an SMCS Faculty & Staff Award! The awards will be presented at the SMCS faculty and staff end-of-the-year gathering. Each recipient is given an award plaque, \$250 and well-deserved recognition. [Read the description](#) of the ideal recipient for each award, and click on the link for that award's nomination form to recommend someone who makes a difference in our school community. **The deadline to submit nominations for the 2017 awards is Friday, May 12.**

### **Help Our School System Grow By Becoming A Board of Trustees Member**

St. Mary Catholic Schools is now accepting nominations for SMCS Board of Trustees members. The board of trustees helps to further enhance SMCS with leadership, guidance, decision making, financial support, and public relations. We are looking for individuals with business, marketing, legal, human resources, and financial backgrounds, and, most importantly, you must be ready to help our Catholic schools grow. Nominees must be practicing Catholics. Trustees are elected to one three-year term of office and may serve a subsequent term. If you wish to be considered for the SMCS Board of Trustees, contact Pam Seidl by e-mail ([seidlpj@gmail.com](mailto:seidlpj@gmail.com)) or phone (920-851-4889). The nomination deadline is May 5.

### **Last chance!**

WPCP SMCS participates in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP), which offers the opportunity for qualifying families to attend SMCS tuition free. [Online applications](#) are completed through the WI Department of Instruction, and the application for the 2017-18 school year is open until **April 20**. SMCS is committed to making a Catholic education to all families who desire it for their children so families who are not selected through WPCP may be eligible for tuition assistance through the school system. Contact Shelly Wautlet for details at 722-7796.

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

[SMCS calendar](#) \* SMCS Summer Youth Opportunities ([Sports Camps](#), [Daycare](#)) \* ZFAB (Zephyr Fine Arts Boosters) Members Needed \* [WPCP](#) (deadline April 20) & Tuition Assistance \* [Camp Invention](#) \* Scrip Reminder \* Cub Scout Picnic \* Greater Zephyr Open Save the Date \* Enrichment Program Updates \* Facebook Highlights ([April 7-13](#)) \* ["Godspell"](#) \* In the Community: YMCA Classes ([Summer Sports Camps](#)—entering grades 2-5), Heid Music [summer classes](#)

St. Mary Catholic Middle School Student Council invites you to a night of

**FRIENDS! FUN! GAMES!**



**Saturday, April 29, 2017**

**7:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

**\$16.00 UTOPIA Sports Park Pass**

**Here's what's included:**

- **Unlimited Laser Tag session for 30 people. (Choose session time when you arrive)**
- **Unlimited Mini-Bowling games**
- **Use of "no-ticket" video games**
- **\$5.00 WORTH OF GAME ROOM GAMES**
- **Outdoor games, batting cages, mini-golf, go carts**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Yes! I plan on coming to SMCMS Night at Badger Sports Park in Appleton on Saturday, April 29, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**Please pre-pay if possible, or pay as you enter. Make all checks payable to "SMCS" for \$16 per sports pass card.**

*It is suggested that students car pool to and from the facility. Parent supervision is welcome but not required, as Badger Sports Park provides supervision.*

Parent Volunteer (2 hours) \_\_\_\_\_

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

# **GODSPELL**

**APRIL 22 @ 1:00 & 6:00**

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