

# ST. MARY CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL WEEKLY UPDATE

DATE September 13, 2017



St. Mary Catholic Middle School  
Grades 6-8

## IMPORTANT DATES



SMCS EMAIL NEWSLETTER



SMCS CALENDAR PAGE

### September

- 14 Liturgy at 9:40 AM in FAEC
  - 14 Power Hour 3:15-4:15 pm in Commons
  - 15 Out of Dress Code day
  - 15 Football Grade/Middle School Night @ 7:00 pm
  - 18-Oct 6 MAP Testing
  - 21 Prayer Service at 9:40 AM in SMCMS Commons
  - 21 Power Hour 3:15-4:15 pm in Commons
  - 22 No School – Staff Development
  - 22 Meet Me In The Middle 6:00-9:00 PM in Commons
  - 26 Zephyr Spirit wear day
  - 28 Liturgy at 9:40 AM in FAEC
  - 28 Power Hour 3:15-4:15 pm in Commons
  - 28 Soccer Grade/Middle School Night @ 6:00 pm
  - 29 SMCMS Picture Retakes
  - 29 SPIRITUS Drop In 3:15-5:00
  - 30 Connect 5
- ### October
- 5 Prayer Service at 9:40 AM in SMCMS Commons
  - 5 Power Hour 3:15-4:15 pm in Commons
  - 6 MAP testing ends
  - 10 MS Conferences from 3:30-6:30 pm

### MAP testing schedule

MAP Testing began on Monday this week. Please make sure you children get plenty of rest and eat a good breakfast they day they are testing.

**September 18** – 7<sup>th</sup> Language Usage in Religion class

**September 19** – 8<sup>th</sup> Language Usage in Religion class

**September 20** – 6<sup>th</sup> Language usage in Religion class

**September 21** – finish/makeups

**September 25** – 7<sup>th</sup> Reading in LA/PE classes

**September 26** – 8<sup>th</sup> Reading in LA/PE classes

**September 27** – 6<sup>th</sup> Reading in LA/PE classes

**September 28** – finish/make ups

**September 29** – 8<sup>th</sup> Math in math class

**October 2** – 7<sup>th</sup> Math in math class

**October 3** – finish/makeups

**October 4** – 6<sup>th</sup> Math in mass class

**October 5** – finish/makeups

**October 6** – finish/makeups

### Power Hour

On most Thursdays, we offer the opportunity for students to stay after school to work quietly on homework in the commons form 3:15-4:15 pm. A teacher will supervise and occasionally other teachers are available to help. This is a great opportunity to create good study habits and get a little help on homework, if needed. Our first Power Hour will be this Thursday, September 14.

### Out of dress code day – Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>

Every month, the student council picks a day for the students to be out of dress code. The day they chose for this month is this Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. About every other month, the student council will also use this out of dress code day as a fund raiser to help pay for events throughout the year and charge students \$1 if they wish to be out of dress code. However, our first out of dress code this Friday, students may come out of dress code for no charge.

### Meet Me In The Middle (MMITM)

St. Mary Catholic Middle School annual fundraiser is right around the corner. You don't want to miss this year's themed Blue Grass and BBQ event. [MMITM](#), is Friday, September 22<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-9:00 pm. Click on the [link](#) to order your tickets. Keep scrolling for a Big Green Egg raffle flyer.

### MMITM RAFFLE TICKETS - A BIG GREEN EGG GRILL

This week an envelope went home with your middle school student (or oldest middle school student, if you have more than one). In that envelope are **5 Raffle Tickets**, we are asking each family to sell those 5 tickets to friends, family, co-workers, neighbors, and any grilling fanatic you may know! If you would like to sell more than 5, please stop in the office to pick up more raffle tickets. **All SOLD AND UNSOLD** tickets along with all money must be returned to the office by **Monday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>**. We appreciate your support of MMITM and hope to see you there!

## RELIEF RALLY

Help Hurricane Harvey Victims



**Student to Student**

A Catholic School Response to  
Hurricane Harvey



**Football Grade/Middle School Night – Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**

Students are invited to form a tunnel for the Zephyrs football team before kickoff! Please arrive by 6:40 if you wish to be part of the tunnel and meet by the Zephynator’s Welcome Table!

**Art Fab Lab**

We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Koskinen will be offering an after school Art opportunity on Tuesday and Thursday thought the year. This will be for students who are passionate about visual art, interested in exploring new techniques and building upon their visual art knowledge. Contact [Mrs. Koskinen](#) for more information and to register.

**Field trip payment and laptop insurance**

Many forms came in at the start of school without a payment. If you have not made a payment for the field trips/retreats throughout the year, please do so ASAP. Also, for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade only, a laptop insurance fee is charged for any accidental damage that may occur transporting the laptops back and forth from home. This can be paid \$50/semester or \$100/year. Thanks for your promote response to this request.

**Builders Club: formerly Junior Optimist**

We have a new service club at the middle school called Builders Club which is chartered through the Neenah/Menasha Kiwanis Club. This change from Junior Optimist allows us to work more closely with SMCHS which sponsors a Key Club – also connected with Kiwanis. It also helps us sustain local support as the Optimist Club we worked with the last few years is chartered in Appleton. Finally, we have some SMC alumni who are very active in the Neenah/Menasha Kiwanis and are eager to lend support to our school’s Builders Club! If your child is interested in joining this student-led community service organization, please print and fill out the attached Participation Form. Please be aware that there is a \$10 annual fee for each member. Your child is invited to join us next **Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>** for an informational meeting from 3:20-4:50 (pizza will be served). RSVP for pizza is by sending an email or note to [Mrs. Kalaus](#) (or an officer) by Tuesday, September 19 stating that your child will attend the meeting. Questions can be directed to [Mrs. Kalaus](#).

**Hurricane Harvey relief**

In solidarity with our brothers and sisters who are struggling with the impact of Hurricane Harvey, St. Mary Catholic Schools is joining together with two drives to provide support. These are powerful opportunities to embrace our “servant leadership” theme and engage our families in living the gospel message of compassionate service and generosity to others.

The [Hurricane Harvey Relief Rally](#) will take place next Friday, September 15 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and the National Catholic Educational Association’s (NCEA’s) "[Student to Student: A Catholic School Response to Hurricane Harvey](#)" campaign that is asking every Catholic school family around the country to contribute at least \$1 per child in their family to help Catholic schools impacted by the storm. **We will be doing this collection at our Thursday Liturgy and Prayer Services this month.**

**Parent Involvement**

A sign up to help with [lunch supervision and lunch help](#) was sent out. Keep scrolling for more information.

**Zephyr Basketball Club**

Zephyr Basketball Club is a tournament basketball program for students (boys and girls on separate teams) in grades 3-8. Registration for the SMCS [Zephyr Basketball Club](#) will be held on **Monday, September 18 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.** in the Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center located on the campus of the high school. A discount of \$25 will be given to all families who attend registration night, and online registration will open on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Many flyers of the type that used to be attached to our school newsletter are now available via the links below, or [read the full system newsletter](#).

[SMCS calendar](#) changes

[CONNECT 5](#) (9/30)

[Booster Backers info](#)

[Scrip Local Vendors](#)

Family Directory

[TASTE! A Brewfest Event](#) (10/13)

[Zephyrs Gold](#)

[Z-NIGHT](#) (11/11)

[Hurricane Relief Rally & Grade/Middle School Night](#) (9/15)

[Traffic Update](#) (updated 9/12)

[SMCS Football Badger Bash](#) (9/14)

[MMITM: Bluegrass & Barbeque](#) (9/22—~~corrected link~~)

[SMCS Enrichment Program](#)

[Enrichment Registration](#)

[Zephyrs Basketball Club Registration](#) (9/18)

Community: YMCA Classes for Youth--[Studio Y Dance](#) (various, ages 3-9), [Arts, Music & Humanities](#) (all ages), [Friendship Begins Here Youth Nights](#) (Sept-Dec, grades 3-5), [Teens Nights Out](#) (Sept-Dec); [SPIRIT ALIVE/SPIRITUS](#), [FVY Hockey](#), NPL Used Book Sale



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# Kiwanis Builders Club



## Permission to Participate Form

Builders Club is a student-led community service organization for middle school students. The local Kiwanis Club of Neenah/Menasha will serve as the club’s sponsor. Mrs. Kalaus will act as Builders Club faculty and will be in attendance at all club meetings. Meetings will be conducted monthly on the following days and at the following time.

Day: Third Wednesday of every month

Time: 3:20-4:50 pm

Location: SMCMS Commons

Members in this service organization are students who are interested in service to school and community. The objectives of Builders Club are:

- To provide opportunities for working together in service to school and community.
- To develop leadership potential.
- To foster development of a strong moral character.
- To encourage loyalty to school, community and nation.

**Interested students need to complete the form below and return it with a parent signature to the school office by Wednesday, September 29.**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

STAR teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Why I want to participate in Builders Club:

### Permission to Participate:

I hereby give permission for my child to participate in the Kiwanis Builders Club program and agree to pay the \$10 annual dues.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Prize Package Includes:

- Large Big Green Egg
- Delivery and Setup
- Nest
- Side Tables
- Indirect Cooking Plate
- Stainless Steel Kick Ash Basket
- Grate Hook
- Super Lifter
- Basket Divider
- BBQ Dragon
- Looftlighter
- Joetisserie (rotisserie unit)
- Bag of Charcoal

**\$1,750  
Value**



*Shake that Ash.  
Light that Fire!*



**Purchase Tickets Here  
\$20 each**

Drawing will be held on Friday, Sept. 22 at 8:30 p.m. at SMCMS.  
Need not be present to win.



## SMCS Enrichment Karate Shorei Kempo / Kobudo Workshop

- *Open to all current SMCS students to attend!*
- *Prospective Students:*
  - *Learn more about our progressive Enrichment Karate program.*
  - *Classes are offered onsite 5 days/week at our 3 elementary campuses and SMCMS and in the summer at Jefferson and Riverside Parks.*
- *Current students – learn more and work toward advancement*

The attendees will spend one hour working with Sensei Gary and Sempai Will practicing Shorei-Kempo Karate as a class, performing exercises that are not rank specific to allow students to work together to further their training. This will provide an excellent opportunity for our beginners to work with a higher ranked student on material they will need to move to Yellow Belt and beyond. Our visitors can try our program.

The other hour, the students will have the unique opportunity to train in Kobudo karate with Sensei Todd Anderson (See bio on p.2). This will require a bow staff. If your child would like to purchase a staff for training purposes, please email Sensei Gary to order ([gberg@new.rr.com](mailto:gberg@new.rr.com)). The cost for the bow staff is \$20. There will be a few staffs available to borrow at the workshop. The group will be divided by rank to cover age and rank appropriate material.

**Friday, September 22nd, 2017 from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

**St. Mary Elementary School Gym, 540 Second Street, Menasha**

**Cost: \$10 per participant**

**To register for workshop and/or parent dinner:**

**<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4aa4ac28a6f58-smcs1>**

### **Private Lessons**

Sensei Gary will also be available for half-hour private lessons (\$10 per half hour) following the workshop (3:15, 3:45, 4:15). Please email Sensei Gary to secure your child's lesson ([gberg@new.rr.com](mailto:gberg@new.rr.com)).

### **Instructor / Parent's Dinner**

Following the workshop, the instructors and parents will be meeting for dinner at Far East, an Asian restaurant next to St. Elizabeth's Hospital, at 6:30 pm. If you would like to attend, please sign up by September 20<sup>th</sup>.

**\*Sensei Todd Anderson Credentials:**

(Rokudan) 6th dan Black Belt - Okinawan Shorin-ryu Karate

(Sandan) 3rd dan Black Belt - Matayoshi Kobudo

Instructor License - Matayoshi Kobudo (MKKI), 2006

Instructor License - Matsumura Shorin-ryu Karate (ISKKF), 2007

Renshi Title - Skilled Karate Expert - 2008

Instructor - Northeast Y Karate Program Instructor - Lussier

Family East Y Karate Program Inducted - USA Martial Arts Hall of Fame, 2004,

Shorin-ryu Instructor of the year

Inducted - USA Martial Arts Hall of Fame, 2006,

Okinawan/Japanese Martial Artist of the year

38 years Martial Arts experience

Member:

International Shorin Ryu Karate Kobudo Federation (ISKKF) Matayoshi

Kobudo Kodokan International (MKKI)

Okinawa Hakutsuru Kenpo Association (OHKA)

North Central Instructor Black Belt Federation (NCIBBF)



## 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 their time to SMCMS. Parents are billed \$200 as 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 specific in the details.** Service needs to benefit SMCMS, but only 10 hours can come from Scrip or Z-Night. Some possibilities include:

- Meet Me In The Middle
- Serving lunch
- Lunch supervision
- Concession/gate/scorebook/clock at home games
- Coaching/assistant coaching
- Retreats/field trip chaperoning
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade teambuilding
- Socials
- Building cleaning/organizing
- Forensic coaching
- Math Team Help
- VEX/VEX IQ/FIRST team mentors
- Teacher appreciation lunch/supper
- Classroom help (contact your child's teachers)
- SMCS Committee or Board members
- Helping in the Library
- Student Council or Builder's Club (formerly Jr. Optimist) parent helper
- Attending parent meetings
- Student/Teacher Conferences
- Working the forensic/ Solo & Ensemble Performances
- Z-Night

Not parent Involvement:

- Attending band/choir concerts
- Attending sporting events
- Attending forensic/ Solo & Ensemble performances

\*Can you work **SMCHS games** and count them as your 40 parent involvement hours for the middle school?

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 middle school 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.

Parents can work as many middle school events as they want to count towards both their middle school parent involvement hours and Booster Club volunteer hours, even if your child is not in that sport.