ST. MARY CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL WEEKLY UPDATE

DATE October 12, 2016

St. Mary Catholic Middle School
Grades 6-8

IMPORTANT DATES

SMCS EMAIL NEWSLETTER SMCS CALENDAR PAGE

October

13	Liturgy at 9:40 p.m. 8th grade only in Our Lady of Hope Chapel
13	SMCMS Conferences 3:30-6:30 p.m.
14	Adoration in SMCHS chapel
14	SMCHS Middle School band night at 7:00 p.m. at football game (an email was sent out from Mrs. Barnhill with more details)
15	SMCS Fine Arts Family Feud
18	SMCMS Information Night 6:00 p.m.
18	SMCHS Information Night 7:00 p.m.
20	Liturgy at 9:40 p.m. in FAEC
21	SPIRITUS Drop In 3:15-5:00 p.m.
27	Prayer Service at 9:40 in SMCMS Commons
28	No School

November

1	All Saints' Day Liturgy
3	5th Grade Visit Day at SMCMS
3	7th Grade Visit Day at SMCHS
3	SMCMS Dance 3:30-5:30 p.m.
4	No School – End of 1st Qr.
6	Daylight Savings Ends
7	HS/MS Shadow Day
8	HS/MS Shadow Day
10	Prayer Service at 9:40 a.m. in SMCMS Commons
14	HS/MS Shadow Day
16	HS/MS Shadow Day
17	Liturgy at 9:40 a.m. in FAEC

This month's service project

Last week's prayer service was the kick off for our next service project which will focus on the need for fresh water in poverty stricken countries like Sudan. We prayed in thanksgiving for the water we have and the ease with which we can get water whenever we may need it. In STAR groups all grades are learning about South Sudan's need for fresh water and the difficulty their people face each day in trying to get the water that they need. It may be several miles away and may also be so polluted that it causes illness or death. This week, each student was given an envelope with some directions for how they should collect donations. They are encouraged to pray about their own pledge and work to see it through to fulfillment. If you have questions about this important project, please ask your child or send an email to their religion teacher.

Social on Thursday, November 3rd

We will be having a fall social for the students on Thursday, November 3rd after school. Keep scrolling for more information and sign up. Students should be in liturgy dress code that day, but will be able to change after school.

SMCMS Information Night on Tuesday, October 18th

SMCMS at 6:00 p.m. and SMCHS at 7:00 p.m.

Faculty, administrators and students will share information about SMCS middle school and high school faith, academics and co-curriculars including STEM Club (robotics, engineering, aeronautics), athletics and fine arts. View some of the cross-curricular projects students have completed, and take a guided tour, including a visit to our spectacular Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center and state-of-the-art middle school. Learn more about our dual campus offerings and several busing options.

Conferences

We had conferences on October 11th and will have conferences again on October 13th from 3:30-6:30 p.m. in the SMCMS Commons. Parents will not need to sign up for a time. All the teachers will be in the Commons and parents will be able to conference with teachers when they are available. Some teacher may have a bit of a line – for example, a teacher who has all students in two grade levels – So, please be patient. ☺

*The follow teachers were at conferences only on 10/11:

Mrs. Barnhill, Ms. Coenen, Mr. Srnka, Mrs. Hill

*The follow teachers will be at conferences only on 10/13:

Mr. Sawall, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Schumacher

Battle of the Books

Students interested in competing in the Battle of the Books will be meeting with Mrs. Schneider at Tuesday, October 18th during STAR time.

Meet Me In The Middle (MMITM)

If you were not able to make it, keep scrolling to sign up for an event or purchase an out of dress code punch card.

Laptop Insurance for 7th and 8th grade students

Remember to make at least one payment of the total $100/year laptop insurance for 7th and 8th grade students as agreed upon in the Terms and Conditions. Fee is $100/year, $50/semester, or $25/quarter.

SPIRITUS Drop In

Members from the SPIRITUS team will be here periodically on Fridays throughout the year. Keep scrolling to find out all the dates and fill out a registration/permission slip. The first Drop In will be October 21st.

SPIRITUS visit this month

We will also be having members from SPIRITUS come in this month to talk to the students about their role as missionaries. Those presentations will happen before October 30, which is Priesthood Sunday.

Friday Adoration at SMCHS

All parents, grandparents, and relatives are invited to participate in the once-a-month Friday Adoration in the SMCHS chapel. Although it is at the high school chapel, prayers are made for the whole St. Mary Catholic School System: teachers, staff, families and benefactors. All that is asked is for 1 hour once a month or even for just one month. The power of the prayers at monthly adoration has been incredible. It is a benefit to our school system, our children and ourselves when we sit quietly with our Lord. Answer "yes" to Jesus' invitation to "sit with me an hour." The next adoration date is October 14th. Click here to sign up.

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:

SMCS Fine Arts Family Feud * Amazon Smile * St. Baldrick' thank you! * Brewfest! * ON TRACK--Saving for College * Family Survey * Save the Date--Jumbo Gumbo * Shadow Days Sign Up (middle school or high school) * Elementary School Information Events * Middle School and High School Information Night * Shop with Scrip! * Eucharistic Adoration * In the Community (all new) Youth Hockey, YMCA Boys Basketball, St. Mary/ St. John Craft Fair, Cor Jesu, Janssen Forum * SMCS In the News (SMCHS Blood Drive Award, SMCHS Yearbook Award)

SMCMS's Fall Dance Social

Thursday, November 3, 2016

3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

November 3 will be an out-of-dress code day; Tuesday, November 1 will be a liturgy day celebrating All Saints Day.
Students are expected to be picked up by 5:30.

SMCMS Gym

Admission ...$5.00

- **Music by A Jay the DJ**
- **Order Little Caesars pizza, crazy bread, glazer donuts and bottled beverage below.**

Fill out and return the registration slip no later than Tuesday, November 1.
($10 late fee and No food can be ordered for registrations turned in after Nov. 1)

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SMCMS's Fall Dance Social – November 3

Due November 1, 2016

Name_____ **Grade**_____

Admission - $5.00 /($10 after November 1)

FOOD ORDER (No food can be ordered after November 1)

Little Caesars pizza, crazy bread, glazer donuts, & Beverage

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

___ Cheese ___Sausage ___Pepperoni

___ Crazy Bread & Sauce - $3.00

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

___ Glazer donuts from Kwik Trip- 50¢ each

Total due: $5.00 Admission + $___ pizza + $___Crazy bread

+ $___Glazer donuts each 50¢ + $___ 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 and donuts

___ 3:30- 4:30 pm ___ 4:30- 5:30 pm ___3:30- 5:30

Parent Name(s) _____ **Phone**_____

Drop-In Friday Fun!

FREE for ALL 6-8th Graders

Join the SPIRITUS Team for snacks, games, music and fun after school until 5 PM
in the SMCMS Commons

2016-17 Dates

Oct 21	Nov 11, 18	Dec 16	Jan 6, 27
Feb 10	Mar 10, 24	April 7	May 5*

* Special event - (No school this day)

SPIRITUS

Keep top portion with Drop-In dates

SNACKS NEEDED! Please visit our **Drop In *Sign Up Genius*** page to make a snack donation. All donations may count towards parent involvement hours. www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090945A8AD2DA7F85-snack

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Drop-In Registration

Complete this form one time only. It is valid for all Drop In days through May

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Grade _____ Church _____ E-mail _____
(for Drop-In schedule changes and reminders)

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____ Phone* _____
*Best number to reach parent between 3-5pm on Fridays

Please provide another name/phone number in case we cannot reach you during an emergency:

Alternate Emergency Contact: _____ Phone _____

Please list any special needs, medical issues & food or other allergies: (Snacks will be provided during Friday Drop-In)

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Safety is important to us. Upon signing in on a Friday, your child will be expected to stay in Drop-In **until you pick them up at 5 pm**.

Please list other ways your child may be permitted to leave (bike/walk home, carpool, etc):_____

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I, _____ , grant permission for my child, _____ , to participate in Friday Drop-In days hosted by SPIRITUS and SMCMS. These events take place under the guidance and direction of employees and/or volunteers from SPIRITUS and SMCMS. As a parent and/or guardian, I remain legally responsible for any personal actions taken by the above named minor ("participant"). I agree on behalf of myself, my child named herein, or our heirs, successors, and assigns, to hold harmless and defend SPIRITUS, Mount Tabor Center and SMCS, their officers, directors, employees and agents, and the Diocese of Green Bay, its employees and agents, chaperones, or representatives associated with the event, from any claim arising from or in connection with my child attending the event or in connections with any illness or injury.

Signature:_____ **Date:** _____

Videotaping and still photographs: Video and still photographs may be taken during this event. This authorization form constitutes permission for my child's participation in videotaping and/or still photographs, which may only be used for future promotional efforts, including the Mount Tabor Center, SPIRITUS and/or SMCS websites.

Signature:_____ **Date:** _____

MMITM Event Boards

Event	Date	Cost	Description	Hosts	Please check
6th Grade Party	June 5th	$15/student	End of school year Pool party at North Shore 11am-2pm Pizza will be served	Hansen Famliy	
7th Grade Party	June 5th	$15/student	End of school year Pool party at North Shore 3-6pm Pizza will be served	R Campbell & Hansen Families	
8th Grade Party	Oct 27th	$15/student	A Wicked Whiting Halloween! Pizza, DJ, Costume Party …Lots of Scary Fun! 6-8pm	Anderson, Chakar, Ladish, Staehler, Purcell & Volkman Families	
Winter Scavenger Hunt	Feb. 4th	$30/adult	Come over to the Kerwin's house (811 Heather Ct. 6-10pm) for some food, drink and company to warm you up on a cold Winter night. After a little while, teams will be formed with a list of activities and items to go take pictures of in and around the Neenah area. Finally, its back to the Kerwins for more warm food and drink and a chance to show off what you have found. (Max 24 People)	Alyssa Dudkowski & Phil Kerwin	
Corn Hole Tournament	Oct 1st- Rescheduled	$75/Team	Looking to team up and show off your throwing abilities?? Join the Collins, Vosters and Kuehn's in their 1st Cornhole Tournament! There will be food, beverages and entertainment (Band or DJ) . Event begins at 3pm @ the Kuehn's Resident located in The Strawberry Estates. Max 40 Teams (2/team)	Vosters, Kuehn, & Collins Families	
I wanna be a LumberJack	Jan 7th	$30/adult	What better to do on a cold January Day than to bundle up in your favorite flannel and come enjoy some old-fashioned outdoor winter games. We'll thaw you out with some hot toddies and warm appetizers when you have had enough of the cold! This is an adult-only event.	Bergstrom, Scanlan, & Uhlenbrauck Families	
~~Beer & Cheese Tasting~~ –Full	~~Mar 2nd~~	~~$25/adult~~	~~Have an opportunity to tour Lion's Tail Brewery then enjoy tasting their Craft Beers paired up with Specialty Cheeses from Schoolhouse Artisan Cheese out of Egg Harbor. (Max 40 People)~~	~~Bahn, Rogers & Wierzbicki Families~~	
Rock N' Roll Pour House Style	Feb 25th	$30/adult	Enjoy a Live Band with Pizza and Beverages at Greene's Pour House	C. Bergstrom, Dimmer, Dewitt, Cole, & Hogerty Families	
Splash Splash Pool Party	June 24th	$20/student	Enjoy Live Music, Outdoor Games (Tennis and/or Kickball Anyone?) and Fun Food Catered by Chef Chuck while lazing in and around the pool at the home of Kim Massey & Chad Drewiske - Student Only event - Max 25	R Campbell & Kim Massey	
~~Fright Night Outdoor Movies~~	~~Oct 22nd~~	~~$15/student~~ ~~$25/adult~~	~~Bring a lawn chair a comfy blanket a few of your favorite beverages and someone to hang on to while watching a couple of Fall Classics…..It's not the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown, but could it be the Goonies, or Friday the 13th?? Join us to find out! There will be Popcorn, Movie Trivia, Halloween Themed Door Prizes between films! 6-11pm (1st movie geared towards students, second movie will be an adult only horror classic)~~	~~Brett & Michelle Campbell, Michael Sajbel & Susan Allen~~	
Out of Uniform pass		$25	Punch card for students to be out of dress code- 5 punches on card. **Will be sold until November 1, 2016**. Please specify if this is a gift otherwise punch card will be sent home with students in a few weeks.	SMCMS Office	

Student Name_____

Parent Name_____

Parent Email_____

Phone number_____

Please include a check made out to SMCS

Saint Gabriel's

22nd Annual

Craft Sale

The Saint Gabriel's Craft Sale is the perfect place to stock up on all your Fall and Winter decor, plus discover a wide range of other unique finds, such as wood crafts, jewelry, soaps, and one of a kind art works, plus so much more. So come on in and visit with friends, and shop from over 50 vendors. And don't forget to stop and purchase a baked goodie or sweet treat before you head out to enjoy the rest of your fall day!

Where: Saint Gabriel's Parish

900 Geiger St. Neenah

When: Saturday October 22nd

Time: 9am-3pm

Reading Club Order Due Date: **October 21**

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