

ST. MARY CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL WEEKLY UPDATE

DATE September 28, 2016



St. Mary Catholic Middle School
Grades 6-8

IMPORTANT DATES



SMCS EMAIL NEWSLETTER



SMCS CALENDAR PAGE

September

- 29 SMCMS Picture Retakes
- 29 Liturgy at 9:40 in FAEC
- 29 Power Hour 3:15-4:15 pm
- 30 Monthly out of dress code day chosen by Student Council

October

- 1 Connect 5 walk/run
- 4 PJ Day if denotation received by 9/30
- 5 Prayer Service at 9:40 AM in SMCMS Commons
- 6 Prayer Service moved to Oct. 5 because of 8th grade visit day
- 6 Power Hour 3:15-4:15 pm
- 7 SMCHS Homecoming Parade
- 7 Zephyr spirit wear day
- 11 SMCMS Conferences 3:30-6:30 PM
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- 14 Adoration in SMCHS chapel
- 14 SMCHS Middle School band night at 7:00 pm
- 15 SMCS Fine Arts Family Feud

Pajama Day on October 4th

Our focus for September's collection is Cancer Awareness. We would like to challenge each STAR group to create Chemo Care kits for elementary and middle school students who are going through Chemotherapy treatments. Our goal is for each STAR group to make at least one "boy" kit and one "girl" kit. The purpose of the Chemo Care kit is to help with the symptoms of Chemo and to give comfort to those going through it. Each STAR group has a list of possible items to include in the kit but you are welcome to come up with your own ideas. Our Chemo Care Kits will be brought to American Family Children's Hospital in Madison. In addition, students will have the opportunity to wear pajamas on Tuesday, October 4th if they bring in a donation (monetary or a donated item) by Friday, September 30th. Keep scrolling for item ideas. Any money raised will go toward purchasing items for your STAR group's Chemo Care Kit.

PAJAMA DAY Guild lines

Dress code meeting PJ's, T-shirts, sweat pants, and PJ Pants are acceptable. Stuffed animals, slippers, robes, and blankets are allowed as long as they do not disturb class. Shorts are allowed only if they are of appropriate length and fit. Examples: basketball style shorts. NOT ALLOWED: Fitness/yoga/spandex pants, boxers, sleeveless shirts, short shorts even if wearing tights under them.

Conferences

Conferences will be on October 11th and October 13th from 3:30-6:30 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. 😊

Prayer Service next week

Next week we will have our prayer service on Wednesday, October 5 because the 8th grade is leading the prayer service and they have 8th grade visit day at SCMHS on Thursday, October 6th. We will run a Thursday Schedule on Wednesday and a Wednesday Schedule on Thursday. Students may be in regular dress code on both of these days next week.

Quick Survey from last week

Please click on this [link](#) to answer **two short questions** regarding the race and ethnicity of each of the children you have enrolled at SMCS. Please complete the survey separately for each child. If you have any questions regarding filling out this information, please visit the [National Center for Education Statics](#) or the [WI DPI Race and Ethnicity FAQs](#). We ask that you please take a moment to complete this form no later than **Thursday, September 29th**.



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.

Volunteers Needed for Connect 5

Last chance to volunteer for the Connect 5 run/walk. The event is scheduled for Saturday, October 1st at 10 a.m.

- Middle and High School students are encouraged to volunteer and get service hours.
- Parent volunteer hours WILL count toward the middle school or the Booster Club credit for parents of athletes.

Click [here](#) for the signup link.

Connect 5 performances for Choir students

10:30 am-12:30 pm: Detailed schedule was in last two weekly updates

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.

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 Email Newsletter

Click on the newsletter link above to read the system news about: a parent volunteer who was featured in The Compass * an important food service notice * 8th Grade Visit Day (October 6) * Family Feud fine arts fundraiser (Oct 15) * Brewfest (Oct 21) * Facebook/ sharing photos * SMCS Enrichment update * On Track: Saving for College (Oct 25) * VIRTUS training (Oct 4) * volunteers needed for CONNECT 5 (Oct 1) * food service opening * ZBC registration (ends Sep 30) * homecoming week activities * community opportunities (flyers for youth hockey, Neenah Music Parents keyboard lessons for Neenah & Menasha and YMCA basketball)

8th Grade Visit Day at SMCHS

On **Thursday, October 6, 2016**, St. Mary Catholic High School (SMCHS) will welcome students for **8th Grade Visit Day**. Guests will have the opportunity to meet SMCHS students and administrators, tour the school and focus on topics like student life, academics, and co-curriculars. The visit day concludes with every student receiving a SMCHS Class of 2021 hooded sweatshirt!

There is an additional opportunity for parents and students to experience SMCHS on **Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m.** during **SMCHS Information Night**. Parents and students will meet faculty, school guidance personnel and administrators. Guided tours of the facility will be provided along with an overview of student life at St. Mary Catholic High School.

For more information contact Liz Uhlenbrauck at uhlenbrauck@smcatholicschools.org or 722-7796 x157.

Enrichment Update

VEX IQ Robotics and Kidstage start on September 26, so sign up today! Registration is still open for Kidstage and in order to have a class at each campus we need 10 children at each location. Please encourage friends to sign up before October 6! [Click here](#) for links to the fall schedule and registration.

Zephyr Basketball Club Registration

Registration for [Zephyr Basketball Club](#) ends on September 30. Sign up online by clicking on the link or contact [Jay Zelinski](#) for details.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

8th Grade Visit Day Thursday, October 6

All 8th grade students are invited to spend the day at SMCHS attending high school classes, checking out our technology classrooms and our beautiful fine arts education center.

Learn more about our one-to-one laptop program and co-curricular activities. Experience our outstanding school spirit during homecoming week.

Please join us for this opportunity and receive your free Class of 2021 sweatshirt!

Contact Liz Uhlenbrauck, Director of Admissions at euhlenbrauck@smcatholicschools.org or 920-722-7796 x157 for additional information.



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Chemo Care Kit for Kids

Shopping List

Pennies of Time

TIPS

- For each kit include: five **Items to Help with Side Effects** plus one activity and/or comfort item.
- Buy travel-sized items.
- Plan to budget approximately \$1 for each item. The comfort and activity items seem to range in price from \$3-\$5. Most kits put together cost: \$8-\$12.
- Focus each kit for a specific group (age range and gender: boy, girl, or either)
- Make sure all the items in each kit are **age appropriate** for the same age range. (For example: cozy size 1 Spiderman slippers would be a mix-match with nail care kit.)

Items to Help with Side Effects (include 5 or more of the following)

- Tissues
- Mints
- Lemon drops or Lemonheads
- Gum
- Ring pops
- Fragrance-free lotion
- Two sets of plastic utensils (highly recommended—Best ones from IKEA)
- Hand sanitizer (for family members to use)
- Lip balm
- Antibacterial hand wipes

Comfort Items (include 1 of the following)

- Soft socks, slippers, or hat
- Washable, cuddly item
- Blanket or pillow case

Activity Items (include 1 of the following)

- Coloring book and crayons or colored pencils
- Simple craft
- Small toys
- Nail care kit (for teenage girls)
- Fun, twisty straws
- Activity or joke book
- Stickers and notebook
- Travel-sized games, card games, or puzzles
- Notepad and color pens

Chemo Care Kits for Kids will help with managing side effects from chemotherapy and in providing needed distractions for kids and their families during this stressful time. These items have been "Mom approved" by REAL moms that are currently helping their children conquer cancer.

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 Family | |
| 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

Glo-Stick Corn Maze

• **10.21.16**

All 6-8th graders

**Depart: 5 PM
SMM**



Cost: \$12

Register with Amy Matz or
Brittany Schoeder