

ST. MARGARET MARY ELEMENTARY WEEKLY UPDATE

DATE April 19, 2017



St. Mary Catholic Schools

Grades P3-5

St. Gabriel Elementary
St. Margaret Mary Elementary
St. Mary Elementary

IMPORTANT DATES



SMCS EMAIL NEWSLETTER



SMCS CALENDAR PAGE

April~ Perseverance

- 19th MAP testing begins K-5th
- 20th First Communion Photos
6:00 pm
- 21st Liturgy 8:00
- 22nd Father Daughter Dance
- 24th Elementary Band Recital
- 28th Liturgy 8:00
Grandparents Day
- 29th First Eucharist
- 30th First Eucharist

May~ Witness

- 1st Staff Appreciation Week
- 2nd Spring Concert @ FAEC
- 5th No School Staff
Development
- 6th First Eucharist
- 7th First Eucharist
- 8th Elementary Band Concert
- 12th May Crowning
- 17th SMM FACES Meeting
- 19th Liturgy
- 26th Liturgy
5th grade recognition
- 29th No School Memorial Day

June~

- 1st Elementary Field Day
- 2nd Liturgy
Last Day of School
- 4th Timber Rattler Game

Congratulations

This past weekend at Easter Vigil six parents from St. Margaret Mary received Catholic sacraments through the RCIA program. We are proud of your hard work and welcome you to the parish community.

Karla Berzowski	Stephanie Emenecker
Hesper Swanlund	Bob Mittelstaedt
David DeWitt	Jyll Scanlan

MAP Testing

MAP testing began today. You can get your child's testing schedule from their teacher. Please make sure your children get a good night sleep and eat a good breakfast before tests. We also ask that you make every effort to have your children present on testing days as any missed tests need to be made up.

Grandparents Day

There is still time to sign up for this fun event. Please click on the link below to reserve space.

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F044AADA72DA5F49-grandparents

Sweetheart Ball and "Godspell"

Please join us for two fabulous events at the SMCS middle and high school campuses this Saturday, April 22! More information can be found below.

Do you know anyone who needs a car seat? If so, please have them contact the school office for more information.

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) or phone (920-851-4889). The nomination deadline is May 5.

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](#).

“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 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!

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.**

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](#)



A Message from your FACES Co-Presidents:

It has come time for new leadership within the FACES (parent) organization here at SMM. **We will be stepping down at the end of this year**, but are thrilled to introduce **Sherri McLaughlin and Aubrey Rager (our current secretary) as the 2017-2018 FACES Co-Presidents**. They have both contributed so much already to the success of SMM, and are excited about what the future holds for FACES.

Also a result of the leadership role that Aubrey has agreed to take on, **there is a vacancy for the FACES secretary**. In this role, you are expected to attend the monthly FACES meetings and record the minutes that are included in the weekly SMM newsletter. This is a great entry-level position, where you are exposed to all the information circulating at SMM, and can really begin to play a part in the fun activities FACES organizes throughout the year.

Jyll Scanlan will be stepping down as the FACES Vice President, so a vacancy also exists for that position. The role of the Vice President is supportive, in the form of attending the monthly FACES meetings and communicating with and helping the president or co-president. It is also the "training ground" for a possible term as president of FACES in the future. It is a great way to learn the ropes, have fun planning events, build relationships and impact change!

Although the leadership roles on the FACES committee are more defined, **EVERYONE** is welcome to come to the FACES meetings and participate in the planning of our monthly FACES events. This organization is our parents way of influencing positive change here at SMM and creating a wonderfully supportive school community. So if you think you might have some interest, but feel uncomfortable with volunteering right now for a position, please come to the next FACES meeting (Wednesday, May 19th, 8am, SMM Cafeteria), or contact lizadewitt@hotmail.com or christinecedergren@gmail.com. You would be joining a great team!

Thank you for all that you have done to contribute to FACES team during our Co-Presidency. It takes a village -- and we certainly have a great one here at SMM! Being a part of the Executive Committee has been a blessing for us both. We have had the opportunity to build friendships while doing our best to have a positive experience for SMM teachers, students and families!

Liza DeWitt and Christine Cedergren



Grandparents Day

Friday, April 28 | 7:45-11 am

Each student is welcome to bring their grandparents, or another relative, family friend, or neighbor.

We will begin with Mass at 8 am in the church. Light breakfast, Move to the Groove, and other fun activities to follow at the school.

Guests are invited to join their students for lunch in the cafeteria at 11 am, or take the children out for lunch and return them by 12:15.

Please sign guests up via the Sign Up Genius link in the newsletter.



Attention All 4th & 5th Grade St. Mary Catholic Schools Elementary Band Students:

4th & 5th Grade Elementary Band Recital

Monday April 24, 2017

6:30 p.m. -8:00 p.m.

Black Box Theater at the Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center

The spring recital will be held in the Black Box Theater right off the lobby at the Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center. Students will have the opportunity to perform a favorite song out of their books along with some of their friends that play the same instrument, or by themselves. When they are not performing they can watch other friends perform. There will also be a "Petting Zoo" of band instruments in the lobby, put on by Heid Music in Appleton, where current band students can try an instrument for a future step up from what they have currently, or for upcoming 3rd graders who want to be in band next year. There will be Heid Music personnel on hand to help with trying instruments out. Students will get assigned times for their performances, so they do not have to stay the entire time from 6:30pm – 8:00pm.

4th & 5th Grade Elementary Spring Band Concert

Monday May 8, 2017

6:00 p.m., students arrive to warm up

6:30 p.m., concert begins

Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center

Dress: navy blue polo shirt, khaki pants, and dress shoes



*The girls of St. Margaret Mary,
St. Mary & St. Gabriel
Catholic Elementary Schools*

*& the men they admire
are cordially invited
to a night of sweets & dancing.*



Sweetheart Ball 2017

Saturday, April 22nd



*The dance will be held at
St. Mary Catholic Middle School
1000 Zephyr Drive, Neenah*

*Pre 3-K
4:00-5:00 pm*

*1st-3rd grade
5:15-6:15 pm*

*4th-5th grade
6:30-7:30 pm*

\$5 includes 5X7 photo

*sign up in school office
make checks payable to FACES*



PARENT ORDER FORM

School stops for the summer, but learning never should!
Did you know kids can lose up to 2.5 months of learning over the summer?

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____ 7-8

Make checks payable to the Learning Shop. The orders are due back on April 28th.

Student's Name _____

Teacher's Name _____

If you have questions, please contact Amy Lindell
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920-739-1041 appleton@learningshop.com