

September 30, 2016



St. Mary Catholic Schools
Grades P3-12

Happy Friday!

Congratulations to our **SMCHS girls tennis team** who clenched the conference title in their match last Saturday!



Last week, SMCS educators gathered for a **professional development in-service day** that focused on SMCS's literacy initiative and school safety. They discussed research-based best practices to determine where we need to go in order to provide the most effective literacy education. Then, they listened to Community Liaison Officer Jason Weber of the Village of Fox Crossing & Town of Menasha, who reviewed safety protocols.

For updated information on **construction-related closures**, check out the [information on the SMCS website](#).

Sunday is the first day of **SMCS Homecoming Week**! Join us for events throughout the week, beginning with the prayer service and pep rally on Sunday evening at Zephyr Fields at 6:30 p.m. Start off the week right by gathering in prayer and then watching the class competitions, introduction of all Zephyr fall athletic teams, announcement of the homecoming court and the burning of the letter (with a new twist!). See below for information about all of the activities on Friday, October 7.

Finally, the attribute we are focusing on for the month of October as part of our SERVANT LEADERSHIP theme is **attitude**. Here is a prayer that your child may be praying this month at school:

Lord Jesus, you told your friends not to worry about the future.

You showed them how to have the attitude of simple trust that young children have, so that they could place themselves into the caring hands of your Father.

And so we ask for the power of your Spirit that we may maintain a positive attitude throughout all that is ordinary in our daily lives.

We know that your touch can change people and situations, so we ask you to join us in offering to our Father not only the good things of this day but also all suffering and sacrifices. Help us to offer even our burdens in a cheerful and loving way.

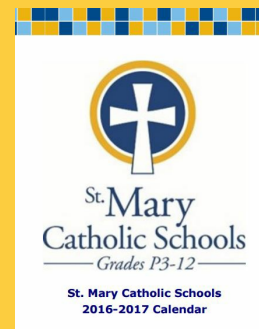
We know that you are always with us, strengthening us, and sustaining us. With that knowledge, help us to follow your example to accept everything with profound joy.

Amen!

2016-17 SMCS Calendar

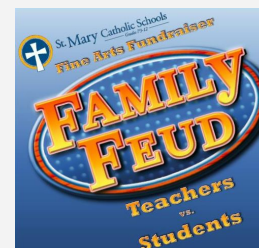
The following additions or changes were made this week to the [SMCS 2016-17 calendar](#).

October 7 SMM Parish Anointing Mass (moved from Oct 14)
October 26 SMCHS Marian Mass (moved from Oct 19)
November 8 SMCHS Fall Sports Awards (moved from Nov 9)



SMCS Fine Arts Family Feud

The teams have been chosen! Join us on **Saturday, October 15** for a night of Family Feud fun when teams of students and teachers from grades 4-12 are pitted against each other to see who knows the most about SMCS!



Fun, supervised activities are planned at the middle school for students in preschool-third grade, so you don't even have to get a babysitter!

[Click here to read all about it](#), support your favorite teams and [purchase tickets online!](#)

VIRTUS Training

If you have not yet completed your "Protecting God's Children" certification through the diocese, you may attend your training session on **Tuesday, October 4** in Geenen Hall at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Please note that this is a different location than originally stated.

Contact our [SMCS Business Director](#) for details.

8th Grade Visit Day

Tell your friends and neighbors!

On **Thursday, October 6** SMCHS will welcome students from across the Fox Cities for [8th Grade Visit Day](#). Guests will 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 to experience SMCHS on **Tuesday, October 18** at 7:00 p.m. during SMCHS Information Night, where parents and students can meet faculty, school counseling personnel and administrators. Guided tours will be provided, along with an overview of student life at St. Mary Catholic High School.

Contact our [SMCS Director of Admissions](#) for details.

Brewfest!

St. Gabriel's Brewfest, the school's biggest fundraiser, will take place on **Friday, October 21**. [Read all about the enjoyable evening](#) that includes delicious appetizers and several hand-brewed favorites from eighteen different breweries. Encourage your friends and neighbors to attend!



ON TRACK-- Saving for College

Susie Bauer, a 529/UIT Manager from R.W. Baird & Co. will present "Preparing for Your Child's Future." Bauer will discuss ways in which parents can begin today to save for their children's college tuition. This no-cost session is recommended for parents with children in kindergarten through high school. It is never too early or too late to start!

The ON TRACK series of evening seminars is hosted at the Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center, and is offered in partnership with community resources and field experts. This first ON TRACK presentation will be held on **Tuesday, October 25** at 6:30 p.m. in The Miron Forensic Theater at the fine arts center.

Contact our [director of community relations](#) for details or to register.

Connect 5

It's not too late!

The Connect 5 Run/Walk is back for another year of family fun! Register onsite to participate in this 5K walk/run to raise funds for the SMCS Booster Club.

In order to ensure a safe and enjoyable event, we need a number of volunteers. 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, and parent volunteer hours WILL count toward the middle school or the Booster Club credit for parents of athletes. [Sign up online to volunteer!](#)

Food Service Position Open

St. Mary Catholic Schools is in need of a part-time food service aide from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on school days. This position includes a prorated tuition discount after one year of service. Visit the [human resources page](#) on the SMCS website to complete an application.

Zephyr Basketball Club Registration

Today is the last day to register for [Zephyr Basketball Club](#). Contact [Jay Zelinski](#) for details.



Enrichment Update

Zumba Kids (ages 7-11) and Zumba Kids Jr. (ages 4-6) **starts October 3**.

In order to offer KidStage - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory at all three campuses we need more students registered. Please spread the word!

There's still time to [register](#) for both of these opportunities!

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration takes place on (generally) the first Friday of each month at the St. Mary Catholic High School chapel during the school year. The next date will be next **Friday, October 14** from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Although it takes place at the high school, everyone in the SMCS community is encouraged to participate!

If you are interested in spending an hour with the Lord, please [visit the sign-up page](#) or contact [Barb Unruh](#).

Shop with Scrip!

Check out the list of [local vendors and the percentages](#) you can earn when you shop with Scrip around the Fox Cities!



Friday of Homecoming Week

On Friday, the high school students will span out across the community to do service work at our parishes and various not-for-profit agencies.



All SMCS students participating in the **parade** on Friday will receive specific instructions from the group or school they are walking with.

Spectators are invited to watch along the route that will leave from Tri County Arena at 5:00 p.m. and then travel along Cold Spring Road to the high school. Please be respectful of the property of area businesses along the route. And have fun!

Follow up the parade with the [SALT cookout](#), a visit to the **STEM Center** (robotics, aeronautics, electronics and more!) and then watch the **Zephyr football** team in action at 7:00 p.m.! **Alumni**, there is a special welcome for you, too--visit the tent near the stadium! And don't forget the **boys soccer** team on Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

In the Community

Youth Hockey

The Fox Valley Youth Hockey Association is offering the opportunity for youth to try hockey for free, and registration for the hockey team is now open. [Click here for details](#).

Keyboard Lessons for Kids

Neenah Music Parents is sponsoring [after-school keyboard lessons](#) for area students in grades 1 through 5. The ten-week program consists of ½ hour group lessons once a week at school locations in both Neenah and Menasha, beginning the week of October 3.

YMCA Basketball

The YMCA is offering [fall/winter youth basketball](#) for students in grades 4K, 5K, 1 and 2 (co-ed), as well as girls-only leagues for grades 3/4 and 5/6.

SMCS In the News

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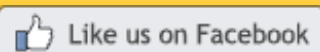
Did You Know?

Did you know that several SMCS high school teachers and coaches/helpers ran in the recent Fox Cities Marathon?

Chad McCartney (33rd overall), Kelly Beisenstein-Weiss (64th overall), and Ron DuVernay (pacing leader) ran the full marathon, while Spencer Jones, Clare Stefanich, and Lizzy Auth completed the half-marathon. Several members of the cross country team served as station volunteers for the event.

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