

November 16, 2017



On Tuesday evening, the **SMCS Marching Band (now 70 members strong!) and high school dance team** will participate in the Downtown Appleton Christmas Parade! Come on out at 7:00 and enjoy the festivities. The Zephyrs will be #65 in the parade, which will be broadcast live on WFRV Channel 5 and rebroadcast several times before Christmas.

**System highlights for the upcoming week** include the Enrichment Program Recital tonight, Wisconsin Singers in the FAEC on Sunday, the middle/high school marching band in the Appleton Christmas Parade on Tuesday, and no school November 22-26.

*Please note that there will not be a system newsletter next Thursday, November 23, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.*



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## SMCS 2017-18 Calendar Updates

Please note that as of December 1, 2017, the online PDF calendar will no longer be available. Please refer to the calendar on the [main page of the SMCS website](#).

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### New Be in the Know When There is Snow!

SMCS uses an emergency alert system called Remind to let families know about school closings and critically important events.

- To receive **text alerts** only, text the message @9fg97 to the number 81010. If that does not work, text it to 920-933-1015. Normal text message rates charged by your carrier will apply.
- To receive **email or other types of notifications**, you may create an account at <http://remind.com>. If you have a smartphone, get push notifications by opening your web browser to download the mobile app (*Remind: Fast, Efficient School Messaging*). The account is listed under St. Mary Catholic High School.

If you have already signed up for this service in the past, you do not need to rejoin.

Be assured that this system will be used *only* for very important notifications.

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### Leadership Transition

Helen Englebort, SMCS president, shared the following message with the high school community today:

Mrs. Pamela Stark is no longer with St. Mary Catholic Schools. We will be actively searching for a qualified administrator to fill the role of high school principal. In the interim, Mr. Patrick Batey, previous SMCHS principal, will assume responsibility as acting principal of the high school.

With the help of the high school faculty and staff, Mr. Batey and I will ensure the smoothest transition possible during this time. Mr. Batey will retain his responsibilities as the system's director of educational services, a position to which he looks forward to returning as soon as possible. Each of us is prepared to assist students and families in any way needed. As always, we appreciate your trust and confidence in our SMCS leadership.

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### Updated The Holidays are PERFECT for Scrip

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be no Scrip orders processed next week. However, you can still use PrestoPay and ScripNOW! at any time.



Don't forget to use Scrip to make your holidays festive! Check out the [SMCS Thanksgiving and Christmas Scrip schedule!](#)

## **This weekend**    **Wisconsin Singers Coming to FAEC!**

SMCS host the [Wisconsin Singers](#) on **Sunday, November 19 at 4:00 p.m.!** The high school choir will be doing a clinic with the WI Singers earlier in the day, and will be performing before the show begins, and the middle school will also do one pre-show piece. Complete an [order form](#) and return it to the middle or high school office, or visit the [SMCS page on the showtix4u site](#) to get your tickets today!



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## **Updated**    **Enrichment Program Update**

The **Enrichment Recital** will take place **tonight at 6:30 p.m.** at the FAEC. Cheer, all hip hop classes and karate will be performing!

A [karate workshop](#) will take place on Monday, December 4 at St. Mary Elementary School during the afternoon of the day off of school.

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## **New**    **SMCS Publications**

Learn more about SMCS with our **prospectus!** Look under the ADMISSION link to see the [new, informative folder](#), as well as the sheets with details about each level of education as SMCS—[early childhood & elementary](#), [middle school](#) and [high school](#).

The [SMCS Donor Report for the 2016-17 fiscal year](#) is now available online under the NEWS tab, and is being mailed to donors. Read about ways that SMCS is giving back, highlights of our academic and co-curricular STEM-based opportunities, a touching donor profile and, of course, a listing of our generous friends, families and community members.

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## **U.S. Baseball Academy**

St. Mary Catholic High School will again host the **U.S. Baseball Academy Spring Training program**. This series of six sessions for athletes in grades 1-12 will be held on the following Sundays: January 21 and 28, February 4, 18 and 25 and March 4. [Read the flyer](#) for more information or visit [usbasketballacademy.com](#).

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## **New**    **National Softball Academy**

St. Mary Catholic High School will host the **National Softball Academy clinic**. This series of sessions for girls in grades 1-12 will be held on the following Sundays: January 28, February 4, 18 and 25. [Read the flyer](#) for more information or [visit their website](#).

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## **New**    **Fall Spotlight Night**

Join us for a fun evening in the Miron Forensic Black Box Theater on

Thursday, **November 30 at 6:30 p.m.** This is an open mic night for high school students to perform a piece or two in a casual environment. Admission is free.

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## **Ending soon!** Transition Year Discounts

### **Transition Grade Incentives**

Do you have a child going into kindergarten, 6th or 9th grade? Register **by November 30** to secure these reductions in your 2018-19 tuition:

\$150 - Kindergarten

\$200 - 6th Grade

\$300 - 9th Grade

Contact [Kelly Beisenstein-Weiss](#) at 722-7796 ext 157 for details!

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## **New** SMM Barnes & Noble Night

Get a head start on your Christmas shopping this Sunday evening at Barnes & Noble! A portion of the sales for those who indicate SMM will go to the school; online orders also apply. [Click here to see the details.](#)

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## **New** Christmas Shopping

As you are doing your online Christmas shopping, don't forget that St. Mary Catholic Schools participates in the Amazon Smiles program! When you choose St. Mary Catholic Schools (actually still called Twin City Catholic Educational System), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the total of your purchase price to our schools! [Click on this link](#) to choose TCCES to make a donation to SMCS.

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## **New** Salvation Army Red Kettle Challenge

The high school's chapter of the National Honor Society is supporting the Salvation Army's holiday collection by ringing bells at local retail outlets! [Please sign up online](#) to help and indicate that SMCHS is the school you are supporting in the [battle of the bells among area schools.](#)



## **New** Basketball Grade School & Middle School Night!

SMCHS will host an [SMCS Grade/Middle School Night](#) at the boys basketball game on **Friday, December 15!**

Kids in 8th grade and younger are invited to come for free admission and a free beverage and popcorn, as well as fun games and a chance to cheer on the Zephyrs!

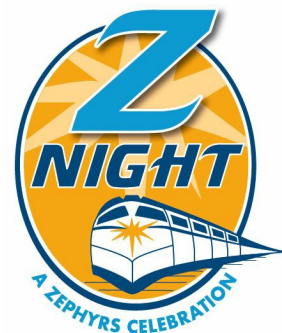


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## Z-NIGHT Recap

**Thank you** to everyone who helped to make Z-NIGHT such a fun and successful event!

Winners of the two big prizes are: Z-scape (all-expenses-paid family trip to Chicago)--L & S Ernsting, and the first Zephyrs Gold raffle drawing (an upright freezer and a \$300 gift card for The Meat Block!)-- J. and A. Lee!



St. Mary Elementary School had the highest percentage of parents and guests in attendance, so that school community will enjoy Dilly Bars from Dairy Queen!

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## In the Community

**Santa is Coming!**

**Santa will be visiting the St. Vincent de Paul Store on Saturday, December 9!** He, his elves and Mrs. Claus will be handing out stuffed animals to all children!

**This weekend Free Thanksgiving Community Dinner**

St. Mary/St. John Parishes will hold a free Thanksgiving dinner for the community on **Saturday, November 18 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.** in St. Mary's parish hall. All are welcome! Home deliveries and takeout are available if ordered by November 13. Please [see the flyer for details](#).

**New St. Mary/St. John Youth Ministry Update**

The **middle school lock-in** planned for November 25 has been canceled. The next one is scheduled for December 9.

All youth in eighth grade through college are invited to participate in a **mission trip** to Beaumont, Texas from June 23-July 1, 2018 to do hurricane clean up. Students from other parishes are welcome if their parish is not doing a mission trip. Meeting dates are December 21 at 6:00 p.m. or January 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Contact Brianna at 725-7714 ext 426 for details.

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