

November 30, 2017



The servant leadership theme for the month of December is KINDNESS! What a perfect virtue to focus on during this month of giving. Keep reading to find a list of the upcoming Advent/Christmas concerts taking place in the fine arts education center!

System highlights for the upcoming week include Eucharistic Adoration at the high school and Zephyrs vs. Menasha in boys basketball on Friday, no school on Monday, and the HS blood drive and MS/HS choir concert on Wednesday.



SMCS 2017-18 Calendar Updates

Please note that as of December 1, 2017, the online PDF calendar will no longer be updated. Although an updated PDF will not be available, we will leave the current version online for families to refer to for elementary school letter days and to make updates to on their own paper copies. Please refer to the calendar on

the [main page of the SMCS website](#) for up-to-date information.

The following changes or additions have been made to the online calendar on the main page of the SMCS website.

Dec 5 Remove SMM First Reconciliation
Dec 7 ZFAB Meeting (moved from December 6)
Dec 17 Sweets with Santa @ St. Mary Parish
Jan 14 St. Mary Elementary Alumni Mass

New 'Twas the Night Before Christmas Kids' Activity

This adorable reindeer would like to invite kids to a [story hour and sing-along](#) on **Sunday, December 17 from 3:00-4:30 p.m.** at the FAEC. The festivities will include storytelling, songs, singing, dancing, cookie decorating and letter-writing to Santa!



Parents may drop off their children to the care of our SMCS elves, but must pick their kids up no later than 4:30 p.m. A parent or chaperone must accompany guests under the age of 6 years old.

Christmas Jubilation in the FAEC

It's time for a whole lot of holiday cheer! Our SMCS students will be filling the FAEC with songs and musical pieces to celebrate the season of Christmas and the birth of Jesus!

Please mark your calendar for the following performances:

- 6 MS/HS Choir Christmas Concert
 - 11 St. Mary Elementary Christmas Concert
 - 12 St. Gabriel Elementary Christmas Concert
 - 14 St. Margaret Mary Elementary Christmas Concert
 - 18 MS/HS Band Christmas Concert
 - 19 SMCS Elementary Band Concert
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Updated The Holidays are PERFECT for Scrip

Although there is no school on Monday, December 4, the SMCS Scrip program will continue as usual with orders due by 9:00 a.m. that day for delivery on Thursday, December 7.



Don't forget to use Scrip to make your holidays festive! Check out the [SMCS Christmas Scrip schedule](#) (scroll down for December).

Tomorrow Eucharistic Adoration

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration tomorrow in the high school

chapel between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.



Updated Enrichment Program Update

This [registration link for second semester enrichment classes](#) will be active at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, December 4. The [second semester schedule](#) (revised 11/29/17) is also available online.

A [karate workshop](#) will take place on **Monday, December 4** at St. Mary Elementary School during the afternoon of the day off of school. Register today for this day-off activity!

New Blood Drive

Several times each year, St. Mary Catholic High School sponsors a blood drive. If you've been meaning to give, please stop by next **Wednesday, December 6** between 11:15 a.m. and 2:45 p.m.



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 usbaseballacademy.com.

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](#).

Tonight 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.



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!

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 make a donation to SMCS.

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](#).



Basketball Grade School & Middle School Night!

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

All students in eighth grade or younger will receive free admission, popcorn and a beverage, a chance to win some cool prizes and, of course, a photo-opportunity with The Zephyrator! The excitement begins with the JV game at 5:50 p.m.



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!

St. Mary/St. John Youth Ministry Update

The **middle school lock-in** 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.

[Hollywood Christmas](#)

Join the SMCS choirs and other local choral ensembles on Saturday, December 9 at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m.as they share Christmas songs from Christmas movies.

YMCA Classes

[2017 Holiday Basketball Camp](#) - Shooting Towards Success, [Fun with Friends](#) (Growth and Development ages 18 mos.- 6 years), [Make a Stop at a Fun Shop](#) (Growth and Development ages 3-6)

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