



IMPORTANT DATES



SMCS EMAIL NEWSLETTER



SMCS CALENDAR PAGE

November 17, 2017

Senior Portraits Due

November 21, 2017

HS Thanksgiving Prayer Service
Band in Appleton Christmas Parade

November 22 - 24, 2017

Thanksgiving Break

November 29, 2017

Christkindl Market Trip to Chicago

November 30, 2017

HS Spotlight Night

December 4, 2017

HS Math Meet

December 5, 2017

HS Spring Musical Auditions

December 6, 2017

HS Blood Drive

December 7-8, 2017

HS Musical Callbacks

December 13, 2017

HS Advent Reconciliation Service

December 14, 2017

HS Girls BB Parent Night

December 15, 2017

HS Boys BB Parent Night

December 18, 2017

HS/MS Band Concert

December 20, 2017

HS Christmas Program

December 22, 2017 - January 1, 2018

CHRISTMAS BREAK

January 2, 2018

SMC Classes Resume

SMCHS Bi-Monthly Newsletter

Many flyers of the type that used to be attached to our school newsletter are now available via the links below, or [read the full system newsletter](#).

[SMCS calendar](#) updates

[Holiday Scrip](#)

[Wisconsin Singers](#)

[2017-18 SMCS Annual](#)

[Fund](#)

[US Baseball Academy Clinic](#) (Jan/Feb 2018)

[Job Opening: Director of Marketing/Communications](#)

[Early Registration and Transition Year Discounts](#)

In the Community: [Santa is Coming](#), [Free Thanksgiving Community Dinner](#), "[Why Loved Ones Leave the Church](#)"

SMCHS Fall Spotlight Night

Join us on **November 30** at 6:30pm in the Miron Forensic Theater in the FAEC for this casual, open mic night where students are encouraged to come and perform any style or genre! Admission is free and students should contact [Mr. Kraus](#) to sign up to perform.

SMCHS Blood Drive

The next SMCHS Blood Drive is **December 6, 2017**. Please sign up with [Mrs. Lauterborn](#) to donate!

Yearbooks Available to Order

Yearbooks can be ordered online for \$55 until December 9, and will be \$60 thereafter. You may order using the form in the newsletter attachments (also available in the school office) or online by using this link: [Yearbook Order](#). The Yearbook Staff is also seeking sponsors for this year's book. Please see the form at the end of this newsletter.

Appleton Christmas Parade Features SMCS Talents

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 7:00pm and enjoy the festivities. The Zephyrs will be #65 in the parade, which will be broadcasted live on WFRV Channel 5 and rebroadcasted several times before Christmas.



Teachers to Attend the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics

Thanks to a very generous gift from Dr. Jill Honkamp and Women's Health Specialists, three St. Mary Catholic High School math teachers and two science teachers will be able to attend the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) convention in Chicago, Illinois, November 30 – December 1.



This NCTM regional conference offers several sessions on best teaching practices, best uses of technology and successful collaborations for teaching math and science. There will also be hundreds of vendors and exhibitors showcasing the latest in math resources and manipulatives. Presentations on several teaching concepts related to STEM and methods to benefit all learners will be featured.

Mrs. Billings, Ms. Jungbauer, Ms. Knecht, Mrs. Peterson and Mrs. Wautlet are looking forward to collaborating with other teachers and learning new ways to inspire our SMC students. Thank you, again, to Women's Health Specialists for this great opportunity!

Social Media and our Children

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recently released findings from a comprehensive study on the impact social media has on kids and families. Although there are real benefits to kids using sites like Facebook, including increased communication, access to information and help in developing a sense of self, there can be serious downsides to all this online sharing too.

Social networking is on the rise, and the study found that 22 percent of teenagers log onto their favorite social media sites more than 10 times a day, and that 75 percent own cell phones. This level of engagement online increases the risks of cyberbullying, "Facebook depression" (a new phenomenon where "de-friending" and online bullying lead to symptoms of depression), exposure to inappropriate content, and sexting.

Just as we prepare our kids for life in the real world, we should prepare them for life in the online world. The American Academy of Pediatrics suggests parents:

- Check privacy settings
- Use filtering software
- Create ground rules
- Get to know what your child's habits are
- Keep computers/ipads/tablets/phones in a central location
- Urge your kids to avoid questionnaires, free giveaways, and contests
- Monitor the pictures your child posts online
- Be a good example of how to use social media
- Limit cell phone use
- Teach kids about an online reputation
- Talk to kids about online dangers
- Get to know the technology



Emergency Alert System



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>. Be assured that this system will be used only for very important notifications. In the event SMCS closes due to an emergency, all after school activities will either be cancelled or postponed. If you received the TEST alert text on Friday, November 10th, you are all set within the system and do not need to do anything further.

SMCHS Spring Musical

This year's spring musical is ***How to Succeed in Business Without Even Trying!*** It is a very large show and needs a lot of helping hands with creative minds to make it come to life! Please consider joining our stage crew—no experience is needed. Please contact [Mr. Kraus](#) if interested. For a taste of the show, watch this video of Daniel Radcliffe in the 2011 production: [Radcliffe 2011 Production](#)



Winter Sports are Underway!

Our girls basketball team opened their season this week with the boys to follow on Tuesday. Enjoy a game this season—here's a link to the schedules: [SMC Sports Schedules](#). We also have students participating in powerlifting, hockey and the dance team. Good luck to all of our teams!



Math Team Success!

Congratulations to the **Erik Meier** and the entire Math Team! Erik received first place in the Fox Valley Math League Math Contest this week at Xavier High School. The team also did well, placing fourth out of 9 teams in our division.

St. Mary/St. John High School Nights

St. Mary and St. John Parishes will sponsor High School Night on **November 27 and December 9 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm**. High school students of all faiths are welcome for a great night of relaxation and laughter while growing in community and strengthening your faith! For more information, contact [Brianna Trifiletti](#), Youth Ministry Coordinator for St. Mary and St. John Parishes.

**Mary, Our Patron and Mother of us
ALL,
Pray for us!**



Live Jesus in our Hearts, Forever!



2017-18 Zephyr Yearbook

Business Sponsorships

Section Sponsors:

These division pages announce the next section of the yearbook publication, have special artwork and clearly stand out. Your company logo would be presented on the page (size: 3"x3" space) as the Section Sponsor. The following division page sections are available for sponsorship opportunities for \$250 support.

- Student Life
- Freshman Class
- Sophomore Class
- Junior Class
- Senior Class
- Fall/Winter Sports
- Fine Arts
- Co-Curriculars

Yearbook Supporters:

In order to support the yearbook and leave as many pages to document SMC student life for this year, traditional ads and logos will not be printed. Your company name will be listed under the level that you choose.

- Station Master: \$200
- Conductor: \$100
- Passenger: \$25

Your Commitment:

Business Name (as you want it to appear in yearbook): _____

Address: _____

Contact Name and Number: _____

Sponsorship Level: _____ \$ _____

Thank you for your support! Please send your payment to St. Mary Catholic High School at 1050 Zephyr Drive, Neenah, WI. If you are a Section Sponsor, please send your PDF logo to mdejno@smcatholicschools.org by November 30, 2017.



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Blood Drive

Before you donate: Bring a photo ID Drink lots of water Eat a hearty meal

St. Mary Catholic High School

Wednesday, December 6

11:15 AM - 2:45 PM

Please sign up with Mrs. Lauterborn.



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