

December 21, 2017



St. Mary
Catholic Schools
— Grades P3-12 —

When we return to school in January, the Servant Leadership theme will be COMMITMENT.

The next SMCS email newsletter will be issued on Thursday, January 4, 2017. Future editions will (temporarily) be sent every other week.

As we prepare for the Christmas holiday, we at St. Mary Catholic Schools wish you a blessed, joyful and merry Christmas!



May the peace and hope of Christ's birth be with you now, and throughout the new year!

SMCS 2017-18 Calendar Updates

Please note that as of December 1, 2017, the online PDF calendar will no longer be updated. 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. Calendar changes for the rest of the year will also be listed on the [calendar page](#). Please refer to the calendar on the [main page of the SMCS website](#) for up-to-date information.

No additions or changes were made this week to the SMCS calendar on the main page of the SMCS website.

New SMCS Office Hours Over Break

School offices will be closed between December 22 and January 2.

The advancement, business and high school offices will be closed December 22-December 25 and January 1. These offices will be open December 26th - December 29th from 8:00 a.m. to noon, and by appointment by calling 215-7442 or 722-7796.

Regular hours for all will resume on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

New No Scrip

Due to the holidays, no Scrip orders will be processed during the weeks of December 25 or January 1. You may still reload existing cards or use PrestoPay at many retailers. Visit the [Scrip website](#) to make these purchases directly.

We will resume our regular Scrip schedule with orders due by 9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 8.

New Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration will take place **Friday, January 5** at the high school chapel. If you are interested in spending an hour with the Lord, please [visit the sign-up page](#) or contact [Barb Unruh](#).

Clash of the Choirs

Mark your calendar for the Clash of the Choirs on **Saturday, January 27 at 6:00 p.m.** It's a competition between local high school choirs in three categories—sacred, secular and something else— with a chance to win \$500! Come on out and cheer on combined SMCS Soul Tones, Mens Choir, Womens Choir and St. Mary Singers!

Important Tax Information

Tuition payments on your qualifying dependents' SMCS K-12 tuition that is received

in the business office by December 27, 2017 can be included on the WI Schedule PS and claimed when filing your 2017 taxes. For more information, contact [Shelley Wautlet](#) in the business office.

SMCS Elementary School Showcase

Visit our elementary schools on **Tuesday, January 16** and participate in our hands-on activities at the [SMCS Elementary Showcase](#)! Each campus will highlight a program offered at all three schools. Teachers and staff will be available for questions and school tours.

St. Margaret Mary Campus - 4:30-6:00 p.m. *Science, Technology, Engineering, Math*

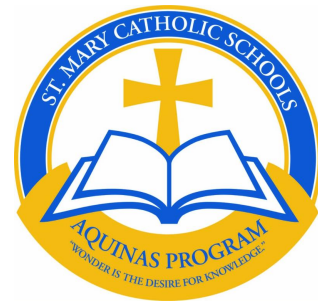
St. Gabriel Campus - 5:00-6:30 p.m. *Literacy*

St. Mary Campus - 5:30-7:00 p.m. *Enrichment & Engaged Learning*

Current school families are our best ambassadors! Please invite your friends and neighbors, and share with them why you have chosen SMCS for your family!

New details [SMCS Aquinas Program Information Sessions](#)

Preliminary information about the SMCS Aquinas Program—a multi-age, project-based initiative for students in grades 3-5 – will be available at the showcase on January 16. A full information session will take place at St. Mary Elementary School on **Monday, February 12 at 6:30 p.m.** For more information, contact [Stacy Sweetalla](#) or [Jill Ahles](#) at 725-5351.



Alumni Basketball Game

Are you an SMC alumnus who played basketball? You are invited to alumni basketball games on **Saturday, December 30** at St. Mary Catholic High School's McClone Gymnasium. Registration will be at 9:00, and if we have enough players there will be a girls game at 9:30 and a guys game at 10:30. If only a few are able to make it, a co-ed game will take place at 9:30. *All alumni* are invited for a light lunch following the games. Please make sure you RSVP to speters@smcatholicschools.org so we can plan for lunch!

SMCS VEX Tournament

Our SMCS VEX Teams will host a regional tournament for more than 30 teams from around the area on **Saturday, January 6**. The excitement begins at 7:30 a.m. in the STEM Center, fine arts education center and gymnasium. Admission is free and concessions will be available. Come and watch the SMCS school and middle school teams in action!

New [Help Needed for VEX Tournament](#)

The SMCS Vex Robotics Club is hosting a tournament on Saturday, January 6 and is looking for some help with setup on Friday, January 5 and on Saturday, January 6

when running the tournament. If you are able to volunteer, [please sign up online](#).

Limited time A Cooler Full of Goodies for You

Now through the end of 2017, you can be entered into a drawing to win a Zephyrs cooler filled with Zephyrs goodies! How? Simply by making a donation of at least \$100 to the SMCS Annual Fund by December 31, 2017.



This new Zephyrs cooler package opportunity is only available to current SMCS families. Don't worry, if you already made a gift of at least \$100 to the 2017-18 SMCS Annual Fund, your name will be entered into the drawing! Your donation will help to offset the true cost of educating SMCS students (including your son or daughter), which is far greater than the tuition paid.

Click here [for more information](#) or [to make a donation online](#), or send your gift to:
SMCS Annual Fund
1050 Zephyr Drive
Neenah, WI 54956

St. Mary Winter Escape: Dueling Pianos

This exciting and entertaining event will take place on **Friday, January 26** at The Outer Edge in Appleton! Doors open at 7:00 p.m. and the show begins at 7:30. Visit smcatholicschools.org/support-us/winter-escape to find out more and for a link to sign on as a sponsor or purchase tickets.



Communications Coordinator Position

St. Mary Catholic Schools (SMCS) is looking for a passionate and energetic individual to coordinate communications for St. Mary Catholic Schools. The qualified individual will have exceptional writing, editing and organizational skills and knowledge of a variety of media platforms.

SMCS offers an outstanding compensation package including health, dental, life, disability, retirement, PTO and tuition discount.

To learn more or to apply, visit our [human resources page](#) or contact our [human resources director](#), Jennifer Miller, at 722-7796 ext 206.

Enrichment Program Registration

This [registration link for second semester enrichment classes](#) is currently open. The [second semester schedule](#) is also [available online](#).

In the Community

Tonight St. Mary/St. John Youth Mission Trip

Attend an information session on **Thursday, December 21** at 6:00 p.m. or **Monday, January 8** at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Mary Parish cafeteria to learn more about the trip to Beaumont, Texas, where students will help with Hurricane Harvey clean up. The trip is planned for June 23-July 1, 2018, and anyone in grade 8 through college is encouraged to attend. Chaperones are also needed. Parents must attend with interested students, and this trip is open to students from other parishes. SM/SJ parish members will be given priority.

Schuppe Family Benefit

[The benefit](#) will be held on **Saturday, February 10, 2018.**

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