

December 7, 2017



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All students will attend liturgy tomorrow for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, and our elementary students will travel to the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center for an Advent concert.

**System highlights for the upcoming week** include the St. Mary and St. Gabriel Elementary School Christmas concerts on Monday and Tuesday evening, and the St. Margaret Mary concert next Thursday.



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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 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.

The following addition has been made this week to the SMCS calendar on the main page of the SMCS website.

January 16 Elementary School Showcase Night

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## **New** Basketball Team Photos

Yearbook photos for all players of Zephyrs basketball in grades 3-8 (school teams and ZBC) will have their team and individual photos taken on **Friday, December 15** prior to the grade school and middle school night activities. [Click here for details](#), including times for each team.

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## **New** 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.

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## **New** Booster Club Winter Apparel Sale

HUGE, HUGE, HUGE SALE! The SMCS Booster Club is making it more affordable than ever to show off your Zephyrs Spirit!

Sport-specific clothing for softball, soccer, baseball, volleyball, cross country and track

\$20 Sweatshirts: \$15 pullovers, \$7 long-sleeved shirts and \$5 short-sleeved shirts.

All other apparel items including NEW items will be 10% off. As always, Booster Backers will receive an additional 10% off.

**Check out the savings at our basketball grade and middle school night** or contact [Tara Gagne](#).

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## **New** 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](http://smcatholicschools.org/support-us/winter-escape) to find out more and for a link to sign on as a sponsor or purchase tickets.



## New 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 also 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

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## '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.

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## 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 Zephynator! The excitement begins with the JV game at 5:50 p.m.



And don't miss the Booster Club apparel sale (see above)—items will be available that evening!

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## 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:

- 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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## The Holidays are PERFECT for Scrip

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



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## Enrichment Program Registration

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.

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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 [usbballacademy.com](http://usbballacademy.com).

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## 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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## 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, 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.

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## 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](#).



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## In the Community

**Saturday** 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!

**Saturday** [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.

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

**Middle School Mini Lock-In** this Saturday, December 9 from 5:45 - 10:00 p.m. at St. Mary for all 6<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> graders! Feel free to bring a friend! If you plan to come, please let Brianna know so she can plan food. Not sure? Just show up! [Liability form](#) required.

**High School Night** on Monday, December 11 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at St. Mary. They will be baking desserts for the homeless shelter... and eating some too !Show up, bring friends, have a good time.

Contact Brianna at 725-7714 ext 426 for details.

**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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