

January 18, 2018



The [2018-19 calendar of key dates](#) has been approved by the SMCS Board of Trustees, and is now posted on the website.

The next SMCS email newsletter will be issued on Thursday, February 1, 2017. For the time being, newsletters are being sent every other week.

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 additions or changes were made this week to the SMCS calendar on the main page of the SMCS website.

January 27 Early Childhood Treasure Hunt at all Elementary Campuses

New Z Cabaret

February 9 & 10

6:00 Drinks and hors d'oeuvres

7:00 Live entertainment



Join us on stage for a table-side view of our live variety show featuring SMCS alumni and supporters. Audience members will enjoy an intimate evening as we celebrate SMCS fine arts. Hors d'oeuvres and entertainment are included, with cash bar

available. Table seating is limited, so purchase your tickets now at [this link](#) or call 920-722-7796.

Girls Basketball Grade/Middle School Night

At [basketball grade/middle school night](#) on **Thursday, January 25**, your children in 8th grade and younger will enjoy:

- free admission
- activities and fun!
- popcorn and a beverage (water or Gatorade)
- raffle prizes of items that can't be purchased elsewhere
- a photo-op with The Zephyrator!

All are welcome! It's always a great night, so plan to join us!

New For Tax Purposes (filing year 2017)

Tuition statements showing your tuition transactions from 1/1/17 to 12/31/17 will be mailed by January 31st. You can include payments made on kindergarten through grade 12 tuition fees on the State of Wisconsin Schedule PS, using this [Private School Tuition tax form](#).

Please consult a tax professional to inquire about claiming payments on preschool/prekindergarten tuition.

Contact [Shelley Wautlet](#) in the Business Office with questions via email or by calling (920) 967-0021.

WI Parental Choice Program

SMCS participates in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP), which offers the possibility for students to receive a Catholic education free of charge. **Please note that the eligibility requirement has changed, meaning that more families are now eligible!** Applications are completed online via the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction website and will be available in February.

Attend SMCS's WPCP Information Open House on **Wednesday, February 28 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.** for information or assistance with completing an application. The open house will take place in the resource center at St. Mary Catholic High School, 1050 Zephyr Drive, Neenah.

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!

Green Bay Packers Youth Football Camps

Non-Contact Football Instruction for Kids Ages 6-14
Monday, July 23-Friday, July 27, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.
St. Mary Catholic High School

For football skills, life skills and fun, sign your son or daughter up for this safe, non-contact football instruction for kids ages 6-14. Under the instruction of Green Bay Packers youth football camps' alumni heroes and professional coaches, students will develop skills, build confidence, experience thrills, make friends and have fun while learning to run, throw, catch and play football for flag, tackle or fun! Register online at www.PackersCamps.com.

Many Gifts, One Nation

Twenty years ago, Saint Pope John Paul II said to an audience of Catholic educators in New Orleans, "Yours is a great gift to the Church, a great gift to your nation."

With this recognition in mind, the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) is pleased to present the online giving campaign: **Many Gifts, One Nation: A Day of Giving to Catholic Schools**. Scheduled for **January 30 - 31, 2018**, this is a time for all people who been impacted by Catholic education to donate at a local level.

Countless people have been blessed by the many gifts of Catholic Schools. It is our hope that those people who have been impacted by St. Mary Catholic Schools will connect with our community that gave them so much, and they give back to SMCS.

A link will be shared with our SMCS community on January 22nd. Watch for this online giving platform and prepare to share your treasures that will benefit so many students at all five of our SMCS campuses.

New Early Childhood Treasure Hunt!

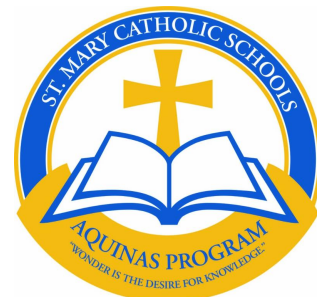
Join us on **Saturday, January 27 from 9:30-10:30 a.m.** at any of our elementary campuses for [an exciting treasure hunt!](#) These fun-filled events are open to all children entering Pre-3, pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten for the 2018-19 school year.



Come and see what we have to offer in our early childhood programs! For more details or to set up a personal tour, please email kbweiss@smcatholicschools.org.

SMCS Aquinas Program Information Session

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.



Less than a week left Don't Miss Early Registration

Register your children now to take advantage of our reduced registration fee. A \$50 per student registration fee (\$150 family max) is available through January 31, 2017. After that date registration fees will increase to \$100 per student. Visit the [registration page](#) on the SMCS website to take advantage of this early registration incentive. If you need assistance, please contact our [director of admissions](#). Once registered, please click on the link to [pay your registration fee](#) in order to take advantage of the discount.

Food Service Workers Needed

St. Mary Catholic Schools is looking for a part-time food service aide at our high school location and substitute aides for the system. Hours are 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on school days. Experience not necessary. If interested, please visit the [human resources page](#) on the SMCS website.

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 smcatholicsschools.org/support-us/winter-escape to find out more and for a link to sign on as a sponsor or purchase tickets.



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

Schuppe Family Benefit

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

New YMCA Activities

[BUMP, SET, SPIKE](#) (Co-ed winter volleyball clinic)

New [Diocesan White Mass Weekend](#) (medical-themed retreat day and Mass with Bishop Ricken for Persons with Disabilities, the Sick and Caregivers) February 10, 11

