

January 4, 2018



Welcome back! The Servant Leadership theme for the month of January is COMMITMENT.

The next SMCS email newsletter will be issued on Thursday, January 18, 2017. Future editions will (temporarily) be 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.

February 28 WPCP (school choice) Information Open House (moved from 2/26)

New 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 guidelines & info session [WPCP \(School Choice\)](#)

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.

Mass added [Eucharistic Adoration](#)

Eucharistic Adoration will take place on **Friday, January 5** at Mary Catholic High School from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The day will begin with a Mass celebrated at 7:15 a.m., so please plan to join us for that liturgy and perhaps stay for adoration. The liturgy will end in time for students to make it to class on time—guaranteed!

[Sign up online](#), or stop in. Contact [Barb Unruh](#) for details.

[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!

New [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.

[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 *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."

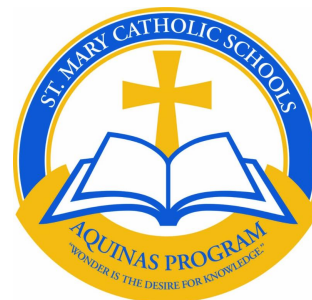
With this recognition in mind, the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) is pleased to present the online giving campaign: **Many Gifts, One Nation: A Day of Giving to Catholic Schools**. Scheduled for **January 30 - 31, 2018**, this is a time for all people who been impacted by Catholic education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

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.



Deadline January 31 *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.

New *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.

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](#).

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.



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

Mission Trip 2018

Any students interested in participating in the St. Mary/St. John summer mission trip

must attend an informational meeting. The last one will take place on **Monday, January 8** at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria at St. Mary Parish. ALL 8th grade through college-age youth are welcome! Students from other parishes are welcome if their parish is not doing a mission trip. Bring a friend!

Schuppe Family Benefit

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

YMCA Activities

[Teen Night Out](#)(Grades 5-8), [Friendships Begin Here](#) Youth Night(Grades 3-5)

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