

ST. MARY CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL WEEKLY UPDATE

DATE January 17, 2018



St. Mary Catholic Middle School
Grades 6-8

IMPORTANT DATES



SMCS EMAIL NEWSLETTER



SMCS CALENDAR PAGE

January

- 18 Liturgy @ 9:40 am in FAEC
- 18 Power Hour 3:15-4:15 pm
- 19 SPIRITUS Drop In
3:15-5:00 pm @ SMCMS
- 23 "SHREK The Musical"
Auditions – after school
- 24 Builder's club meeting
3:20-4:50 pm
- 25 Prayer Service @ 9:40 AM
in SMCMS Commons
- 25 Power Hour 3:15-4:15 pm
- 25 Grade/Middle School night
at girls' basketball game
- 26 SPIRITUS Drop In
3:15-5:00 pm @ SMCMS
- 30 Zephyrs Spirit Day
- Jan 28-Feb 3
Catholic Schools Week

February

- 1 All-Schools CSW Mass @ St.
Gabe's
- 1 Power Hour 3:15-4:15 pm
- 2 Middle/High School Band
Night starting @ 3:45 pm
- 7 Student-led Conferences
3:30-6:30 pm
- 8 Student-led Conferences
3:30-6:30 pm
- 8 Power Hour 3:15-4:15 pm
- 12 Hoops for Heart event –
may wear their red shirt
- 13 Hoops for Heart event –
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- 13 Mid-quarter grade check
- 14 Ash Wednesday
- 15 No School – Staff
Development
- 15-19 No School – Winter Break

Pennies for Patients

St. Mary Catholic Middle School students and staff are participating in a Pennies for Patients fund-raiser for the next three weeks. There will be a friendly competition among STAR groups. The two groups who collect the most money will earn a pasta party from Olive Garden. Pennies for Patients is a program sponsored by the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and is part of their student series.

Geography Bee

We are happy to announce that **Eva Schneider** was the winner of our school Geography Bee. **Liam O'Toole** placed second & **Norah Lee** placed third. St. Mary Catholic Middle School takes part in the National Geographic Geography Bee every year. It is a national contest that hundreds of schools take part in around the United States. The winner will then go on to the state competition, which consists of taking a test online.

Congratulations Eva, Liam & Norah.



Catholic Schools Week – January 28-February 3

Catholic School's Week is January 28-February 3. Keep scrolling for a list of special dress days and activities SMCMS will be doing to celebrate Catholic Schools Week.

Builder's Club

Builder's Club will have a meeting on Wednesday, January 24 from 3:20-4:50 pm in the commons.

Report Cards

2nd Quarter report cards will be sent home next week.

Student led conference signup – February 7 & February 8th

Student led conferences are a requirement for all students to participate in. It's important for students to show you all the great work they are doing and talk about their goals with their parents/guardians. Keep scrolling for a signup sheet. Time slots will be given on a first come first served basis. Please return the conference signup sheet ASAP.

Middle/High School Band Night – February 2

On Friday, February 2nd, SMC High School will host our 2nd Annual Middle School/High School Band Night. 7th and 8th Grade Band Members will join forces with the High School Pep Band to perform the pre-game music for the Boys' Basketball game! This is a great opportunity for our younger Zephyrs Band Members to see just how important they are to the entire Zephyrs community and to experience the excitement and energy of our amazing Pep Band! It is the expectation that all Middle and High School Band Members will participate in this fun event. If there is an unavoidable conflict, please let [Mrs. Barnhill](#) know as soon as possible so that we can plan accordingly for part assignments and dinner.

Lap top insurance for 2nd semester – 7th and 8th grade only

\$50 payment due ASAP if you were making payments of your total \$100 for laptop insurance.

MMITM Chair or Co-Chair Person(s) Needed

We are in the process of identifying parents to possibly chair or co-chair our MMITM next school year. Our event is normally in September or October and this would be a great way to get all your parent involvement hours in for the 2018-19 school year. Please contact the school office if you are interested or know of anyone who may be interested. Thanks for your heartfelt consideration.

MS Musical chosen

We have chosen the middle school musical for 2018. The students will perform “SHREK The Musical.” **Auditions** will be held on **January 23** with performances on April 20, 21, & 22. Audition signup sheet is posted right outside of office. Keep scrolling for students to sign up and complete the Conduct and Commitment Agreement to be a part of the cast and/or crew.

Audition information

Students are to prepare a short song selection and a short comedic monologue. Both should be under a minute in length. It is highly recommended that students sing something in the style of musical theater. Students are welcome to sing a song from Shrek or any other musical (No accompaniment needed). Comfort and confidence are the most important things to showcase. Therefore, if a student does not want to prepare a song from a musical, they are encouraged to sing Happy Birthday or Silent Night. Monologues can be taken from past forensic pieces, movies, books, plays or even created. The purpose is to show how comfortable and confident the student is on stage, so content is much less important than presentation. Many students have found Shel Silverstein poems to be fun place to start.

This is a friendly reminder to all students that they need to be bringing a change of clothes and shoes for Physical Education class. As it was listed on the school supply list at the beginning of the year, students need a pair of athletic shoes, separate from what they wear to school, that are only worn in the gym. This is especially important during the winter season, so we don't track snow and salt onto the gym floor. Thank you!

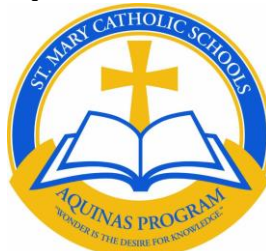
SMCS News

SMCS Aquinas Program Information Sessions

Preliminary information about the SMCS Aquinas Program--a multi-age, project-based initiative for students in grades 3-5 -- was 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.

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



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](#). The following news items appeared in the newsletter dated December 21.

[Communications Coordinator Needed](#)

[Clash of the Choirs](#)

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

[National Softball Academy](#) (Jan/Feb)

In the Community: [Schuppe Family Benefit](#)

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