

February 8, 2018



---

Thanks to everyone who helped to make Catholic Schools Week a wonderful experience for all!

Please remember that tomorrow, February 9, is the deadline to apply through the school system for tuition assistance for the 2018-19 school year. Coming up next week, elementary school families will have the opportunity to learn about our new Aquinas Program at the information session on Monday, February 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Mary Elementary Campus.

Next week is our winter break! We will have a three-day school week, and then will have February 15-19 off of school. Teachers will gather for an in-service on Thursday. Because of the break, there will not be a system newsletter next 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 23    Enrichment Karate Showcase

---

**Wines Around the World**

Join us for [Wines Around the World](#), St. Margaret Mary Elementary School's annual fundraiser! This year, WAW will take place in the Ballroom at the Reserve on **Saturday, February 24**, and will feature tasty wine pairings, fabulous silent- and oral-auction prizes, and fun! Click here to [become a sponsor or order tickets](#).

---

## Grandparents' Adoration Hour

On one Friday of each month, SMCS host Eucharistic Adoration at the high school chapel. Beginning in March, we would like to invite grandparents to sign up for the 10:00 hour to pray. This is an invitation to any grandparents, you need not have grandchildren in our schools to participate! Remaining dates for this school year are March 2, April 13 and May 11 Please contact [Barb](#) for more information or [sign up](#).

---

## New Enrichment Program Update

A Karate Showcase will be held on **Friday, February 23 at 6:30 p.m.** at St. Mary Elementary School.

Camp Invention Alumni discount deadline is Friday, February 9. Please use the discount code that was emailed to your families. [Click here](#) for information about this great hands-on week long STEM camp hosted at SMCMS from June 11-15. [Click here](#) for promo codes and early registration deadlines.

New upcoming classes include: Karate (starts 3/1/2018), Art (starts 2/26/2018), VEXIQ (starts 4/9/2018). Watch for a new class at St. Gabriel and a drone workshop!

---

## 2018-19 SMCS Tuition Assistance Application Deadline

We are grateful to our subsidizing parishes and generous donors that have provided financial aid dollars and grants so we can assist deserving families in providing a Catholic education for their children. *If you are in need of assistance for the 2018-19 school year, please complete [the application](#) by **February 9**.*

Completion of this application also helps us determine if your student qualifies for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program, which is the [state-funded school choice program](#). Please contact Shelley Wautlet in the Business Office with questions [swautlet@smcatholicschools.org](mailto:swautlet@smcatholicschools.org) or 920-967-0021.

---

### SMCS ON TRACK: Tactics for Suicide Prevention: Ask a Question, Save a Life

SMCS is pleased to host the next session in the ON TRACK education series: [QPR for Suicide Prevention - Ask A Question, Save A Life](#).

The presentation will take place on **Tuesday, February 20, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center. Counseling professionals from the SMCS staff will share with attendees how they can help someone who may be considering suicide by using the three QPR life-saving skills-Question, Persuade and Refer.

Each addressing appropriate tactics for students of different ages, the presenters are: Nada Newcomb, MS (elementary school counselor); Mary Lou Kalas, MSE (middle school counselor) and Julie Castagna, MS and Ralph Norton, MSE (both high school counselors).

This event is suggested for educators, parents, coaches and other adults who are concerned about the epidemic of youth suicide in our nation and who care about the wellbeing of students.

---

## **New** **Booster Help Needed for MS Basketball Tournament**

The SMCS Booster Club is hosting its annual 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball tournaments on **Saturday, February 10 and Sunday, February 11** at St. Mary Catholic High School and Middle School. The boys and girls tournaments are two of the biggest fundraisers that the Booster Club runs as they represent roughly 15% of the money raised each year, so any help is very much appreciated. These volunteers slots will count towards your Booster Club volunteer requirement. If you are able to help out, [please sign up](#).

---

## **New** **Scrip Update**

There will be *no Scrip sales* on Monday, February 12. You may still reload existing cards or use PrestoPay at many retailers. Visit the [Scrip website](#) to make these purchases directly. Please note that Scrip *will* be processed as usual on Monday, February 19 for orders submitted by 9:00 a.m. [Click here](#) to view the February Scrip schedule.

---

## **Deadline to order is tomorrow** **Fine Arts Fruit Sale**

All SMCS students and their families benefit from the use of our beautiful fine arts education center. By participating in the [2018 Fruit Sale](#), you can help us be good stewards of this system gem! All proceeds from the sale go directly to the maintenance and upkeep of the FAEC.

Please make a commitment to sell or purchase at least one item from the selection of delicious foods to do your part in supporting SMCS fine arts!

---

## **Updated** **Chinese New Year Celebration**

Join us from 4:00-5:30 p.m. on **Saturday, February 24** at St. Mary Catholic Middle School when SMCS will be celebrating the [Chinese New Year](#), welcoming the Year of the Dog! The event will begin with a beautiful and exciting Dragon Dance, and workshops to learn the Lion Dance will be featured. Chinese treats and opportunities to try a variety of Chinese activities will also be included.

Help is really needed in the kitchen for this event. Please contact [Rina Hill](#) or [Ping Champeau](#) to volunteer.

Although an RSVP is not required to attend, we would like to have an idea of

how many guest to expect. Please [send an email](#) to let us know if you plan to come, but know that you are encouraged to attend even if you don't RSVP!

---

## **Updated** Zephyrs GIRLS Basketball Post-Season Play

The SMCHS Girls Basketball team will be hosting Howards Grove on **Saturday, February 10** in the 7<sup>th</sup> Place Game of the Big East Conference Tournament. The Varsity game will be at 6:00pm but there will not be a JV game. Please [sign up online to help](#) the SMCS Booster Club host this game.

Updated brackets can be found here: [2018 Big East Girls Basketball Conference Tournament Brackets](#)

---

## **New** Zephyrs BOYS Basketball Post-Season Play

The SMCHS Boys Basketball team received a 7-seed in the Big East Conference Tournament ([visit the bracket](#)) and will travel to Sheboygan Lutheran, the 2-seed, on **Friday, February 9**. The JV2 game will be at 4:30pm, the JV game will be at 5:50pm and the Varsity game will be at 7:15pm.

The other dates in the tournament are Tuesday, February 13 and Saturday, February 17. All games in the Conference Tournament will be played at one of the schools involved in the matchup.

---

## **This Weekend** 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.

---

## **Parental Choice Program Application Now Open**

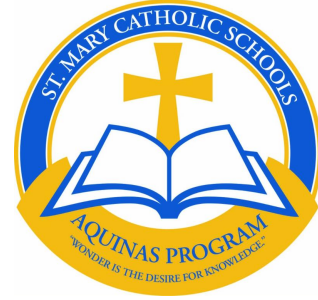
SMCS participates in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) which awards state vouchers to selected eligible private school students. The application period begins today (February 1) and will run through April 20. Please see the attached flyer for [eligibility requirements](#). Students previously awarded vouchers must reapply each year. The application can be found on the [DPI webpage](#).

There will be a WPCP open house information night on **February 28 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.** in the SMCHS resource center. Staff will be onsite to assist you in registering and to answer questions. Contact Shelley Wautlet for more information on this program [swautlet@smcatholicschools.org](mailto:swautlet@smcatholicschools.org) or (920)967-0021.

---

## **Next Monday** SMCS Aquinas Program Information Session

An information session about the [SMCS Aquinas Program](#)— a multi-age, project-based initiative for students in grades 3-5 – 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.



---

## In the Community

### Schuppe Family Benefit

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

### **New** AAUW Tech Savvy-WI for Girls

Registration is now open for a full day, hands-on STEM conference for girls in grades 6-9 will be held on **Saturday, March 3, 2018, 8:30am-4pm**, at UW-Fox Valley, Menasha. [Click here](#) for details.

### YMCA Activities

[BUMP, SET, SPIKE](#) (Co-ed winter volleyball clinic, grades 3-6)

[Achieving Your Goals Youth Indoor Soccer](#)(Grades 4K-6)

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

**St. Mary/St. John Parish Activities:** [Build Your Own Potato Dinner](#) with all the fixings (March 24); [Pasta Dinner & Cash Raffle](#) (May 5)

### Youth Ministry at St. Mary/St. John

New ["Help us out!" page](#) for info about YM's need for food, prayers and help; VIRTUS safe environment training (February 12, 6-9:00 p.m.); [Youth Alpha](#)—open to all in grades 8-12; Middle School Lock-In (February 17-18: Sign up online [here](#)); Contact Brianna at 725-7714 ext 426 for details.

### [St. Gabriel Youth Activities](#)

Neenah Soccer Club [spring recreational soccer program](#)

Suburban Athletics [baseball and softball summer programs](#)(for kids ages 5-high school, open to all; no tryouts)

---

St. Mary Catholic Schools | [smcatholicsschools.org](http://smcatholicsschools.org)

STAY CONNECTED:

