



ST. MARY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWS UPDATE

DATE February 14, 2018



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IMPORTANT DATES



SMCS EMAIL NEWSLETTER



SMCS CALENDAR PAGE

February 15-19, 2018

NO SCHOOL

Staff Development on 2/15

February 16-19, 2018

NO SCHOOL

February 17, 2018

Robotics Competition at Xavier

February 19, 2018

CPR training for students

February 20, 2018

On Track Presentation (see flyer)

February 22, 2018

Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences

February 24, 2018

Big East WSMA Solo & Ensemble
Chinese New Year Festivities at MS

February 26, 2018

Spring Sports Meeting

February 27, 2018

Student visit to the PAC
Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences

February 28, 2018

Parental Choice Information Open House

March 1, 2018

HS Regional AATG German Contest

March 2, 2018

Eucharistic Adoration
Fine Arts Fruit Sale Pick Up
VEX State Championship

March 3, 2018

Ski Club Trip to Brule

March 5, 2018

Math Meet
Track Begins

March 9-11, 2018

Spring Musical

Visit www.thebigeast.org/ for our scheduled athletic events and follow us @Zephyr_Sports for live updates.

SMCHS Bi-Monthly Newsletter

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](#).

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Grandparents' Adoration Hour
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In the Community:, **YMCA Activities:** [BUMP, SET, SPIKE](#), [Youth Indoor Soccer](#), [Diocesan White Mass Weekend](#), [Tax Prep Help](#), St. Mary/St. John [Build Your Own Potato Dinner](#), St. Mary/St. John [Pasta Dinner & Raffle](#), [St. Mary/St. John Youth Group Helpers](#), [St. Gabriel Youth Activities](#), [Neenah Soccer Club](#), [Suburban Athletics](#), [AAUW Tech Savvy-WI for Girls](#).



Winter Break Office Hours

All SMCS students are off **Thursday, February 15 through Monday, February 19**. The high school office and business office will be open the following hours over break.

Thursday, February 15:

7:30am-3:30pm

Friday, February 16:

8:00am-12:00pm

Monday, February 19:

8:00am-12:00pm

The middle school and elementary schools are closed over break. Classes and regular school and business hours at all schools resume on **Tuesday, February 20**.



Yearbook Deadline - February 23

The deadline to order a year book is next week (2/23)! You may order it online by using this link: [Yearbook Order](#) Forms are also available in the school office.

First Aid Training Offered

Students in need of a CPR/AED and First Aid certification have a great opportunity **Monday, February 19** at SMCHS. **Mrs. Beisenstein-Weiss**, SMCS Fitness Center Director and Director of Admissions, will teach an American Red Cross Adult & Children CPR/AED and First Aid Course from 9am to 12pm. There is no cost for the course, but there is a \$28 fee for the certification. Please have your child email [Mrs. Weiss](#) as soon as possible if interested. Space is limited.

Parents Invited--Fitness Center Hours During Winter Break

Winter Break doesn't mean you have to take a break from fitness! We are offering special hours for the Fitness Center on 2/15, 2/16, and 2/19. In addition, we are inviting students (middle & high school) to bring their parents/guardians to workout with them! Open workout hours are:

Thursday 2/15: 1:30-4:30 p.m.
Friday 2/16: 10 a.m.-noon
Monday 2/19: 10 a.m.-noon

Prom is May 5!

This year's junior class is hosting the 2018 Prom on **Saturday, May 5** in the Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Center at St. Mary Catholic High School. They are planning an elegant and fun-filled "Golden Gala" and request your help to make the night extra special for all who attend.

Below is a list of where your help is most needed. Any sponsorship would be greatly appreciated. We know that our functions could not be successful without all of the generous support from our families. Thank you in advance for any financial sponsorship you are willing to give.

- *Photo Booth*
- *DJ*
- *Tumbler or sunglasses for each attendee*
- *Money to purchase gift cards as prizes at post-prom*
- *Decorations for the event*



Please make donations to 2018 Prom by **March 15** and return to the office. Thank you so much for your help in creating this memorable event for all! If you have any further questions please contact [Kristin Billings](#).

Teacher Meals for Conferences

Parent/teacher/student conferences are coming up on **Thursday, February 22** and **Tuesday, February 27**. Each night of parent teacher conferences, parents help provide the teachers/staff with a meal to enjoy between school and teacher conferences. **Lynn Parks** and **Jeanne Seveska** are once again kindly organizing the meal. If you would like to contribute, here is the sign up: [SMC Teacher Conference Meal Sign-Up](#)

If you would like to make a donation toward the meal instead of cooking or baking, please feel free to send a donation to the SMCHS Front Office labeled "*Parent Teacher Conference Meal*" by **Wednesday, February 21**.



Tax Assistance Available

Do you or someone you know need help with tax preparation? See flyer at the end of this newsletter from VITA (a program of Goodwill Industries) or visit www.filetaxes4free.org.



On Track! SMCS Free Educational Series—Suicide Prevention

Session two in the series will be held on **Tuesday, February 20** beginning at **6:30pm**. The topic is Suicide Prevention. See the flyer at the end of this newsletter for more information.



Chinese New Year Celebration

Join us from **4:00-5:30pm** on **Saturday, February 24** at St. Mary Catholic Middle School where 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.

Although an RSVP is not required to attend, we would like to have an idea of how many guests to expect. Please send an email to [Molly Griffin](mailto:Molly.Griffin@smcatholicmiddle.org) to let us know if you plan to come, but know that you are encouraged to attend even if you don't RSVP!

School Choice Application Period Opens

SMCS participates in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP), which awards state vouchers to select, eligible, private school students. The application period will run from **February 1 to April 20**. Please see the attached flyer for eligibility requirements. Students previously awarded vouchers must reapply each year. The application can be found here: <https://apps4.dpi.wi.gov/ChoiceParent/>. There will be a WPCP open house information night on **February 28th** from **4:30-6:30pm** 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@smcatholicmiddle.org or (920)967-0021.



Staff Appreciation from Student Council

Staff was treated to surprise gifts and baked goods from their "Secret Valentine" this week. The effort was coordinated by Student Council, led by **Mrs. Billings** and **Mrs. Stefanich**. The staff was very appreciative!





Thank you from the Blood Center

Thank you to our students, staff and our SMCS community for making our most recent blood drive a success! Thank you also to **Mrs. Lauterborn** for once again leading the effort!



Choir Performs at St. Mary Parish

The members of the **SMCHS Liturgical Choir** performed at St. Mary Parish in Menasha on **Sunday, February 4**. It was a beautiful addition to the Mass. Choir Director **Pete Krautkramer** commented, "Your choir is continuing to receive high praise from the St. Mary & St. John parishioners. You should be proud of this group--they did a great job!" The **SMCHS Liturgical Choir** is led by **Mrs. Opsteen-Van Dyke**.





Forensics Success

The **SMCHS Forensics Team** is having a successful season so far, most recently at the Big East Conference meet on **February 12**. Team members **Elliott Becker**, **Megan Berg**, and **Lydia Van Rossum** earned a silver medal in Play Acting, **Emma Bublitz** and **Holley Steffen** earned a silver medal in Group Interp., and **Katelyn Flanagan** earned a gold medal in Radio Speaking. **Mrs. Wautlet** and **Ms. Stelzl** coach the team.



Mock Trial Team Earns 3rd Place Finish

SMCHS Mock Trial earned a 3rd place finish at the Wisconsin State Bar Regional Tournament in Green Bay this weekend. This is the third straight year in which the team has medaled at the Regional. Half of our team is participating for the first time, so this is a great accomplishment! Mr. Verstegen, assisted by Mrs. **Linda Meier**, coaches the team.

Math Team Results

Congratulations to **Erik Meier** and **Ruth Meier** who both medaled at the Fox Valley Math Meet on **February 12**. Erik's score was the highest overall.



Spanish Battlefield

Mrs. Fritch's Spanish II classes played Verb Battleship as a review game for their upcoming quiz. The class often uses a variety of games to review for quizzes.





The SMCS Aquinas Program

Do you know a family with young children who would thrive in an environment with a self-directed and inter-disciplinary model of instruction? Share this information about the SMCS Aquinas Program with them! The program is located within the St. Mary Elementary Campus. It takes place in a multi-age classroom and is led by a teacher who is certified in gifted-and-talented education. For more information contact [Stacy Sweetalla](#) or [Jill Ahles](#) at 725-5351.



SMCS AQUINAS PROGRAM

The SMCS Aquinas Program, located within St. Mary Elementary Campus of St. Mary Catholic Schools, is designed to meet the educational aspirations of students in grade 3-5 who will thrive in an environment with a self-directed and inter-disciplinary model of instruction. The SMCS Aquinas Program takes place in a multi-age classroom, and is led by a teacher who is certified in gifted-and-talented education.

The program is open to students who apply, complete the assessment process, and are admitted into the program. Potential participants will have demonstrated the ability to set and work toward goals and to work independently, and invitations for admission are based upon standardized assessment results and the successful completion of prior classroom projects.

THE SMCS AQUINAS PROGRAM SCHOOL DAY

The SMCS Aquinas Program's curriculum meets and exceeds diocesan expectations, and focuses on specialized instruction in core areas including:

- Language arts
- Mathematics
- Science*
- Social studies

*includes Project Lead The Way module

Students integrate with their age peers at St. Mary Elementary for specials* and activities including:

- Art
- Faith-building activities, liturgy, and sacraments
- Library
- Lunch and recess
- Physical education
- Vocal/instrumental music
- World languages

*participating students are also able to participate in SMCS's band program

Students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of learning styles including:

- Field trips
- Independent study
- Inquiry-based learning
- Learning contracts
- Project-based learning
- Service-learning projects
- Small-group work

CLASS SIZE

The size of the class is limited to 22 students, with a minimum of eight students expected to begin the program. Additional classes will be added as resources and interest dictates.





SMCHS Spring Musical

The cast and crew are set and are already preparing for our spring musical, *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying!* The show will be presented on **Friday, March 9** and **Saturday, March 10 at 7:00pm** and **Sunday, March 11 at 2:00pm**. Tickets are available for purchase by visiting ShowTix4U.com. Email [Mr. Kraus](mailto:Mr.Kraus) for more information.


ST. MARY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ZEPHYR PLAYERS PRESENT

HOW TO SUCCEED IN BUSINESS WITHOUT REALLY TRYING

MARCH 9 AT 7:00
MARCH 10 AT 7:00
MARCH 11 AT 2:00

TICKETS AT SHOWTIX4U.COM OR 920-722-7796
TICKETS ALSO AVAILABLE ONE HOUR PRIOR TO THE PERFORMANCE

JANE BERGSTROM FINE ARTS EDUCATION CENTER 1050 ZEPHYR DR NEENAH, WI


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Lenten Challenge for Students

Your child will be invited to participate in a Lenten Challenge at SMCHS. We would love their participation! Please contact [Ms. Hawley](#) with any questions.

Looking for a new way to take on this lent?

Join our:

Lenten Challenge

6 weeks, Tuesdays after school

3:30-4:30pm, Starts Feb. 20

Meet in Mrs. Hawley's Room

**Food, Prayer, Conversation and
a New Challenge each week!**

Lead by Fr Jon Thorsen & Youth Minister Brianna Trifiletti

Can't make Tuesdays or just looking for more?

Join us for Youth Alpha at St. Mary's Menasha



Starting Sunday, February 25th, 6:30-8:30 pm

Contact: Brianna Trifiletti- btrifiletti@smcatholicschools.org



February Winter Break

SCRIP Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
4	5 Place orders for 2 weeks!	6	7	8 Regular Scrip pick up	9	10
11	12 NO Scrip this week	13	14	15 No School No Scrip	16 No School	17
18	19 No School Online SCRIP and orders w/ check pmt dropped off at SMCHS by 9:00 a.m.	20	21	22 Regular Scrip pick up	23	24
25	26 Place orders as usual	27	28	Mar. 1 Regular SCRIP pick up	2	3

Week of February 12

There is no Scrip this week since there is no school Thursday or Friday.

Week of February 19

There is no school Monday, February 19, but the SMCS Business Office is open with limited hours. Please place online PrestoPay orders as usual.

Paper orders and online orders paid by check must be turned in to SMCHS by 9:00 a.m. Monday, February 19th, rather than your school office.

Looking Ahead...

Week of April 2 – No Scrip, Easter Break

Week of May 28 – No Scrip, Memorial Day

Week of June 4 – Summer deliver begins

Do you qualify for the state voucher for 2018-19 school year?

**WPCP
Open House
Feb. 28
4:30-6:30**

The state voucher through the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) covers tuition costs for each selected student.

Income Eligibility:

Family size	Single Parent 2017 Income	Married 2017 Income
2	35,728	n/a
3	44,924	51,924
4	54,120	61,120
5	63,316	70,316
6	72,512	79,512
7	81,708	88,708
8	90,904	97,904

Student Eligibility:

New to SMCS: Full-day Kdg through grade 12 are eligible

Returning to SMCS: Full-day Kdg, grade 1, and grade 9 are eligible



To find out more about the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program, join us in the SMCHS Resource Center
February 28th 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
or contact: Shelley Wautlet
swautlet@smcatholicschools.org
Ph: 920-967-0021 Text: 920-215-1177

Find the online application here Feb. 1st: <https://apps4.dpi.wi.gov/ChoiceParent/>



ON TRACK!

SMCS FREE EDUCATIONAL SERIES

The ON TRACK series of evening seminars is offered in partnership with community resources and field experts. All workshops in the series give participants practical insight and tools to help them live a more secure, healthy and happy life.

SESSION 1

FEBRUARY 20, 2018: QPR FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION – ASK A QUESTION, SAVE A LIFE

WHAT:

Learn how you can help someone who may be considering suicide and learn the three QPR life-saving skills: Question, Persuade and Refer.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Parents with elementary through high school-aged children

PRESENTER:

Julie Castagna M.S. – SMCHS school counselor
Ralph Norton, MSE – SMCHS school counselor
Mary Lou Kalans M.S.E. – SMCMS school counselor
Nada Newcomb M.S. – SMCES school counselor

TIME:

All sessions begin at 6:30 p.m.

COST:

Compliments of St. Mary Catholic Schools (at-will donations accepted)

WHERE:

The Miron Forensics Theater
Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center
1050 Zephyr Drive, Neenah, WI

NEXT SESSIONS:

April 10, 2018: PARENTING IN A NEW ERA OF SOCIAL MEDIA – Helping parents maneuver through the ever-changing world of social media

Presenter: Village of Fox Crossing Community Liaison Officer Dan Wiechman

To attend any of these seminars, interested participants should email Michelle Dejno at mdejno@smcatholicalschools.org to reserve a spot. Walk-ins welcome.

FOR TWO YEARS*

1-in-300 chance of winning!

\$200 PER PAIR
OF KEY CLUB MEMBERSHIPS



-OR- \$40,000 towards a vehicle of your choosing from



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Your contribution provides needed funding to support St. Mary Catholic Schools. May Club numbers are randomly assigned upon receipt of order. Drawing of the finalists will take place at 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 21, 2012 during Zephyrus. You need not be present to win. Value of \$40,000 - If a finalist is not present, a representative of SMCS will win the prize. For more information, visit smcatholicschools.org, call SMCS at (620) 723-7794 ext. 352 or contact info@smcatholicschools.org.

*Valued at \$39,552, based on a 2 year 15,000 mile lease. MSRP \$119,295



**St. Mary
Catholic School**
Grade 2014

Self Prep:

Free tax software is available at www.filetaxes4free.org for taxpayers with \$66,000 or less in household income who want to prepare and e-file their own federal and state returns.

We can prepare:

FEDERAL:

- 1040EZ
- 1040A
- 1040
- Schedule A (Itemized Deductions)
- Schedule B (Interest & Dividends)
- Schedule C-EZ (Self-Employment)
- Schedule EIC (Earned Income Credit)
- Schedule R (Disabled/Elderly Credit)
- 2441 (Child & Dependent Care Credit)
- 8812 (Additional Child Tax Credit)
- 8863 (Education Credits)

WISCONSIN:

- Form 1, 1A, and WIZ
- Homestead Credit

We cannot prepare:

- Household Income (Adjusted Gross Income) greater than \$66,000
- Married filing separately (unless involves a dependent child and filing as Head of Household)
- Divorced in 2017
- Military-Active Duty wages
- Schedule C
- Complicated and Advanced Schedule D
- Schedule E (Rental Income, Partnerships, S-Corps)
- Schedule F (Farm Income/Loss)
- 2106 (Employee Business Expenses)
- 3903 (Moving Expenses)
- 4684 (Casualty Losses)
- 8606 (Non-Deductible IRAs)
- 8615 (Tax for Certain Children with Investment Income)
- 1099-A, Acquisition or Abandonment of Secured Property
- 1099-C, Cancellation of Debt for a Personal Residence
- Out-of-state returns

Who: The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free tax assistance, preparation, and electronic filing services for people with low-to-moderate incomes (generally less than \$66,000) and people with disabilities. VITA is a program of Goodwill Industries of North Central Wisconsin (NCW).

When: January 29 - April 17, 2018

Walk-ins:

Mon. & Wed.: 1:00pm - 6:00pm
Saturday: 8am-Noon

Appointments (call 920-968-6044):

Tuesday: 5:00pm - 8:00pm
Thursday: 12:30pm - 6:00pm

Walk-in service may be limited due to high demand. Please allow a minimum of one hour processing time. We may fill to capacity prior to site closing times during peak periods.

Where: Goodwill Community Campus - Door 2
1800 Appleton Road
Menasha, WI 54952



Goodwill Industries of North Central Wisconsin (NCW) is one of 165 regional Goodwill organizations throughout North America and across the world. A member of Goodwill Industries International and Rehabilitation For Wisconsin, it has been serving north central Wisconsin communities since 1971.

Goodwill NCW is a not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) human services organization. It covers 35 counties and includes 27 retail stores and training centers from Manitowoc to La Crosse, and as far north as Rice Lake and Rhinelander. It is based at the Goodwill Community Center in Menasha.

This past year, Goodwill NCW helped improve the lives of 63,368 people across north central Wisconsin through 26 programs and services. Among the programs it offers are:

- **Financial Information and Service Center (FISC)**, which provides financial education, budget counseling and debt management programs.
- **Vocational Support Services (VSS)**, which helps people with disabilities in obtaining and maintaining employment in the community.
- **GoodNeighbor**, which is a referral program that partners with local social service agencies to distribute Goodwill certificates so people can shop for emergency clothing and household items in their time of need.

Goodwill NCW is pleased to sponsor the VITA program again this year as part of its continuing commitment to improve the community.

Taxpayers with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation and taxpayers with limited English proficiency may request language assistance to access service.

Goodwill

Goodwill Industries of North Central Wisconsin, Inc.
1800 Appleton Road
Menasha, WI 54952
920-968-6044 TDD: 920-731-6623
www.filetaxes4free.org
Equal Opportunity Provider

What to Bring

- Photo ID for yourself and your spouse
- Social Security cards or ITIN letters for you, your spouse and dependents you will be claiming
- Birthdates for you, your spouse and dependents
- Copy of last year's Federal and State tax returns (transcript copy is available at www.irs.gov)
- Your spouse, if you are filing a married filing as a joint return. Both spouses must be present to sign the required forms.
- For direct deposit, proof of account and bank's routing number

All information statements, including but not limited to:

- Wage statements from all employers (W-2) for you and your spouse (if filing jointly).
- Interest and dividend statements (1099-INT and 1099-DIV).
- Unemployment income (1099-G).
- State tax refund if itemized last year (your return included a Schedule A) (1099-G).
- Gain/loss from sale of stocks and any carry forward gain/loss (1098-B and/or Broker's statements).
- Pension, Annuity or IRA Distributions (1099-R).
- Social Security statements (SSA-1099).
- Railroad Retirement Benefits (RRB-1099).
- Tuition Payment statements (1098-T).
- Property tax receipt(s) for any property taxes paid in 2017 and 2017 property tax bill.
- Health Savings Accounts (5498-SA, 1099-A).
- Student Loan interest (1098-E).

Information regarding any other sources of income, both taxable and nontaxable, but not limited to:

- Alimony received.
- Self-employment income from own business or odd jobs and expenses (1099-MISC).
- Gambling and prize winnings (1099-MISC or W-2G).
- Scholarship income.
- Tip income.
- Disability income (Workers Compensation or Insurance).

Free Income Tax Assistance

January 29 - April 17, 2018

Goodwill Community

Campus

Entrance #2



VITA

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

A PROGRAM OF Goodwill

Information regarding all other deductions/credits, but not limited to:

- Child/Dependent expenses and provider info (EIN/ Social Security number, address)
- Medical or dental expenses you paid during 2017 that were not reimbursed by your health insurance. This includes premiums for medical/dental insurance you paid.
- Health Insurance Marketplace statement (1095-A)
- Health Insurance Coverage (1095-B, 1095-C)
- Mortgage interest paid (1098).
- Charitable contributions.
- Education expenses (1098-E/1098-T and receipts/statement of account for tuition, books, supplies and equipment required for enrollment or attendance) and scholarships/grants received. Bring both your 2017 and 2016 1098-T.
- IRA contributions.
- Rent payments made in 2017.
- Alimony paid and recipient's Social Security number.
- If you received a First Time Home Buyer Credit in a previous year, bring information on the purchase date and the amount of the credit you received.
- Gambling losses (up to the amount of winnings received) if itemizing on Schedule A.
- Estimated Federal and State withholding tax payments made.

For Homestead Credit including, but not limited to:

- Original and unaltered rent certificate and/or copy of 2017 Property Tax bill.
- Printout of any Wisconsin Works (W2) payments received in 2017.
- County Relief, Kinship Care or other cash public assistance.
- Amount of SSA, SSI, SSI-E, and Caretaker Supplement payments.
- Child support, maintenance and other support.
- If under age 62 and you have no W-2 or self-employment income, bring proof of disability statement from either physician, Veteran's or Social Security Administrations.

CHWC 2018



***Register Today:
Hardeeville, SC
June 16-23, 2018***

What are you doing this summer?

Top 10 reasons to get involved

1. Serve the poor- become a local hero.
2. Make tons of new friends
3. Free day to explore the local area and theme parks
4. Road trip w/ friends
5. Great camp food- can you say "Taco Tuesday?"
6. Fundraising- you know you like it!
7. Crazy skits, wild music, and the best practical jokes, all included
8. Leave your chores, stress, and work behind
9. Make memories to last a life time!
10. Catch up on your Catholic Faith

Get Involved, Serve, Belong, Laugh.

Info Meeting Nov 14, 5:30 or 7:00 PM, HSP Kim Gym