

March 1, 2018



Hope you have enjoyed the warmer weather and were able to get outside a bit. It feels like spring is right around the corner.

Don't forget to pick up your fruit that was ordered through the fruit sale. Details are below.

May God bless your weekend and upcoming 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 changes were made this week to the SMCS calendar on the main page of the SMCS website.

March 12- On Track Series: Ask a Question, Save a Life

New Enrichment Showcase

The SMCS Enrichment Showcase will be held on **Tuesday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Commons and FAEC. We are looking forward to a fun evening celebrating our talented SMCS students! [Click here](#) for the line-up.

SMCHS Spring Musical

The spring musical this year is *How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying* on March 9-10 at 7:00 and March 11 at 2:00 located in the FAEC. General admission is \$12 and Student/Senior admission is \$10. Visit [SHOWTIX4U](#) to buy tickets or call 920-722-7796 during school office hours. Read about the story-line [here](#).

New A Message From The Board Of Trustees and President

[Click here](#) for information regarding a new facility in the Village of Fox Crossing.

Zephyrfest

Each year our guests step into a magnificent blend of friends, education, art and community. Zephyrfest, ZF18, will be no exception! This important fundraiser supports all SMCS students.

Join us on **April, 21 2018** at 5 p.m. as we experience the brand new Fox Cities Exhibition Center and celebrate in Urban Chic style.

Support St. Mary Catholic Schools by [visiting](#) the Zephyrfest page and registering.

Key Club

Win a two-year lease for a Mercedes-Benz SL 550 Convertible or \$40,000 toward a new car of your choice through the [Zephyrfest Key Club raffle](#).

Rescheduled 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 **Monday, March 12, 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 Boys Basketball Season Continues

The SMCHS Boys Basketball team beat Weyauwega-Fremont 79-38 Tuesday, March 27 to advance to the Regional Semifinal! The next game will be at Iola-Scandinavia on **Friday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m.** Admission for everyone is \$5.00 except for children age 6 or under can get in for free. No passes will be accepted.

If we win, the next game would be the Regional Final on Saturday, March 3 and we would either be at Oconto or hosting Manawa.

Updated brackets can be found here: [2018 WIAA Division 4 Boys Basketball Brackets](#)

Updated **STEM Saturday**

Join us between 9:00 a.m. and noon on **Saturday, March 24** at St. Mary Catholic Middle School for our SMCS STEM Saturday! We will have demonstrations and hands-on activities for guests of all ages ranging from robotics, aeronautics, electronics and ham radios to Project Lead The Way, VEX IQ and First Lego League demonstrations, flight simulators and more!

Volunteers are needed in many areas to help make this event a success! Contact Jill Ahles at jahles@smcatholicschools.org to pitch in.

We are also looking for adults who are willing to oversee a 45-minute mini class for our young visitors at STEM Saturday on the morning of March 24. It doesn't have to be anything complex! If you'd like to present a simple science concept with a hands-on activity, please contact Mrs. Ahles. We will gladly help you with an idea and supplies.

New **Fruit Sale Pick-up**

This Friday, March 2 is the day to pick up your fruit that was ordered through the fruit sale. Please come between 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. at St. Mary Catholic High School's Garage (near the football field gate) 1050 Zephyr Drive, Neenah.

Spring Sports Apparel

Zephyrs, [order](#) your spring athletics and alumni apparel. The deadline is March 12.

Tuition Affordability

SMCS is affordable! SMCS is committed to providing a quality Catholic education for students regardless of families' financial situations. [Take advantage of the benefits](#) of an outstanding faith-filled education!

2018-19 Tuition Rates

The tuition rates have been approved by the board of trustees. [Click here](#) to view them.

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 Booster Club GIRLS Basketball Tournament

The SMCS Booster Club is hosting its annual 5th - 8th grade girls basketball tournaments on Saturday, March 10 and Sunday, March 11 at St. Mary Catholic High School and Middle School. The Boys & Girls Middle School Basketball Tournaments are two of the bigger 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. [Please sign-up](#) if you are able to help out.

Parental Choice Program Application Now Open

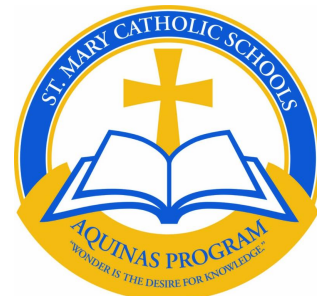
SMCS participates in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) which awards state vouchers to selected eligible private school students. The application period begins February 1 and will run through April 20. Please see the attached flyer for [eligibility requirements](#). Students previously awarded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

Contact Shelley Wautlet for more information on this program swautlet@smcatholicsschools.org or (920)967-0021.

SMCS Aquinas Program

The [SMCS Aquinas Program](#)—a multi-age, project-based initiative for students in grades 3-5. Applications are due by March 9. Visit the [Aquinas Program](#) on our website for details.

For more information, contact [Stacy Sweetalla](#) or [Jill Ahles](#) at 725-5351.



In the Community

[St. Mary/St. John Lent Offerings](#)
[Norovirus Season Continues in Wisconsin](#)

YMCA Activities: [Fun with Friends](#) (Grades 4K-1), [Growing Stronger through Teamwork](#) (Grades 4K-1), [Together Everyone Achieves More](#) (Grades 2-5)

This Weekend Youth Activity Fair

This 13th annual event will be held on **Saturday, March 3, 2018, 9:00am-11:30am**, at the Boys and Girls Brigade in Neenah. [Click here](#) to find out more.

This Weekend 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.

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