

March 8, 2018



Multiple changes were made to the calendar this week. There will be updated information posted online about these dates.

A number of events are going on this weekend or this upcoming week that you are invited to attend. Articles are available below for more details on:

- SMCHS Spring Musical
- Booster Club Girls Basket Ball Tournament
- On Track Series: Ask A Question, Save A Life

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 15 - Elementary Band Recital REMOVED
May 16 - Senior Sunrise Breakfast 5:00 - 7 a.m.
May 21- VIRTUS Training Time TBD

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.

This Weekend **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](#).

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](#).

Monday **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.

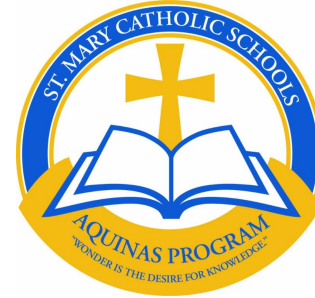
New **Physical Education Volunteers**

The Health and Wellness Committee is looking for you! Parent volunteers are needed that are certified in exercise areas such as Zumba, plyometric, aerobics, or strength

and conditioning to complement our student physical education classes. If you are interested or have any questions, please reach out to [Jennifer Miller](#).

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.

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](#) 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 Order Spring Sports Apparel

Are you ready for spring - spring sports that is! You need to look your Zephyrs BEST! Don't forget that your spring sports and alumni [apparel orders](#) are due **MARCH 12**.

New Substitute Teacher Training

CESA 6 has designed and will be conducting one-day Substitute Teacher Training. The goal is to teach and engage prospective substitute teachers in activities that mirror real classroom situations.

Individuals who hold a (two-year) associate's degree (or higher) from an accredited college or university are encouraged to attend. Training is geared to those NEW to Substitute Teaching and/or those interested in growing their skills as a Substitute Teacher.

The cost is \$100 and will be due with registration. These classes will be held from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the CESA 6 Conference Center located on 2300 State Road 44, Oshkosh. For more information contact CESA 6 at rite@cesa6.org or visit the [DPI Website](#).

[Saturday, March 17, 2018](#)

[Saturday, April 21, 2018](#)

New Karate Workshop

The SMCS Enrichment Karate Workshop is coming up soon. [Click here](#) for details on this event.

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 **April 13** and **May 11** Please contact [Barb](#) for more information or [sign up](#).

New VEX VRC Robotics

SMCS is proud that all 9 VEXIQ and VEX VRC robotics teams from the elementary, middle and high school qualified for, and competed in the 2018 Wisconsin VEX Robotics State Championship on March 2nd - March 4th, 2018 at the Milwaukee School of Engineering.

A huge congratulations to Middle School team 1050A BOT-TANY and High School team 1200Z who won spots at the 2018 VEX Robotics World Championship in Louisville, Kentucky April 25 - May 2! Good luck to these teams and Middle School Team 1200E and 1200Z will also be competing in the CREATE U.S. Open Robotics Competition that will be held in Council Bluffs, Iowa, April 5th -7th, 2018. For more details on SMCS 9 Robotics teams visit the [website](#).

This Weekend 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

SMCS participates in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) which

awards state vouchers to selected eligible private school students. The application period runs now 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@smcatholicschools.org or (920)967-0021.

In the Community

[St. Mary/St. John Youth Ministry](#)

[St. Mary/St. John End of Life Information Session](#)

[Menasha Youth Sports](#)

[St. Gabriel Parish Porky Pancake Breakfast](#)

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

Boating Safety Class: An upcoming Boating Safety Class is being offered at Mercy Medical Center in Oshkosh & St. Elizabeth Hospital in Appleton over the next couple of months. Email ahssafety@gmail.com or Call 920-267-7665 to sign up.

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