



ST. GABRIEL ELEMENTARY WEEKLY UPDATE

DATE March 28, 2018

IMPORTANT DATES



SMCS EMAIL NEWSLETTER



SMCS CALENDAR PAGE

Thursday 3-29-18

No Liturgy – Holy Thursday
Tenebrae Service 2:00

Friday 3-30-18

No School – Good Friday

Blessings to you and your family during this holiest of days

Monday 4-9-18

Classes Resume

Thursday 4-12-18

Liturgy at 8:15 (1)

Friday 4-13-18

PTO meeting 8:05

Gr 3-4 visit to Middle School

Saturday 4-14-18

SG Parish Bread Party

Father/Daughter Dance

Monday 4-16-18

MAP testing begins

Tuesday 4-17-18

Gr 3 Adventures in Dairy Land

FUP60 Student Ambassadors



Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls ENCOUNTER OUR NEIGHBORS

We encounter Jesus this past weekend in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, those who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives? Visit crsricebowl.org.

Rice Bowls

If you did not bring your rice bowl to church this past weekend, please send to the school office this week. We will still collect the rice bowls after Easter. Thank you for your generosity!

Rice and Pasta Collection

During Lent we have been collecting rice and pasta for St. Joseph Food Pantry. On Thursday the food will be picked up and brought to the pantry. At last count we were just over 200 items!

Stations of the Cross

On Thursday, we will gather in church at 2:00 to pray the Tenebrae. This prayer leads us through the steps of Jesus' suffering and death and into light. Tenebrae comes from the Latin word for darkness or shadows.

Sweetheart Ball 2018

The 2018 Sweetheart Ball (father daughter dance) will be held Saturday, April 14th so please save the date! It will be a special event for the girls of St. Mary Catholic Elementary Schools and the men they admire to enjoy an evening of dancing and sweets. The dance will be held at St. Mary Catholic Middle School.

Fuel Up to Play 60

Thank you for donating string cheese for our healthy Fuel Up to Play 60 snack. Our student leaders delivered the cheese to our classrooms on Monday morning. Our next initiative is to encourage students to drink all of their milk at lunch. Starting Monday, April 9 the students will earn a ticket for a future drawing if they drink their milk.

Weekly Prayers for Families

As part of our daily morning announcements, we include prayers for the families of our school community. This week we pray for the Scanlan, Schnettler, and Schoeni families.

*Mary, our Patron and Mother of us all --- Pray for us!
Live Jesus in our hearts --- Forever!*



Check-in on Facebook

Connect with others who are "checking-in" on Facebook by using these [locations](#) when you are at your school!

Summer Sports Programs

Review the [summer program brochure](#) for more information and to register for these opportunities or [register online](#). Parents, please [sign-up](#) to volunteer to ensure the success of SMCS student athletes and activities. Contact [Adam Bates](#) for further questions.

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. Purchase tickets by visiting <http://smcatholicschools.org/support-us/zephyrfest/>

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](#).

ON TRACK Series

The *21st Century Parenting, Keeping Your Children Safe* presentation will take place on **Tuesday, April 10, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center on the campus of St. Mary Catholic High School. For more information visit the [website](#).

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program @ SMCS

SMCS participates in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) which awards state vouchers to selected eligible private school students. The application period will close on **April 20**. Please see the attached flyer for eligibility requirements. Students previously awarded vouchers must reapply each year. The application can be found at <https://apps4.dpi.wi.gov/ChoiceParent/>.

2018-19 SMCS Calendar

Our calendars can be found by clicking [here](#). Please note that the updated 2018-19 calendar is posted.

System News

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](#) to find out more information on the following:

[Substitute Teacher Training](#)

[Scrip Schedule](#)

[Grandparents' Adoration Hour](#) Upcoming Date: April 13

[Aquinas Program](#)

Events and Activities: YMCA Activities: [Flag Football](#) (4K-8 grade), St. Mary/St. John: [Upcoming Events](#), [Lock-In](#) Our Lady of Victory Sports Camp: [OLOV Football](#)

March 27, 2018

Dear Parent or Guardian,

As a parent or guardian, you are the most significant person in your child's life. We know that you care about your child and we do too. On Wednesday April 11, Reach Counseling of Menasha will present a protective behaviors program in your child's preK-5 classroom. The presentation will include information on child sexual abuse. Children will learn to say "No" to confusing or uncomfortable touches, learn rules for keeping their bodies safe, and learn that they are never at fault in cases of abuse. Children will also be encouraged to identify adults who they can trust when they need help or protection.

Parents are invited and encouraged to share in their child's experience, either through attending the program, or discussing the topic at home.

Please see the schedule below for your child's class. If you have any questions or concerns about this program, please feel free to contact me at the email below.

Sincerely,

Nada Newcomb
SMCS Elementary Counselor
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Principal

Schedule for Reach Presentations

Wednesday April 11

8:00 PreK

8:30 Grade 1

9:00 Kindergarten

9:30

Preschool

10:10 Grade 3

12:30 Grade 2

1:20 Grade 5

2:05 Grade 4

Sweetheart Ball 2018

The girls of St. Margaret Mary, St. Mary & St. Gabriel Catholic Elementary Schools & the men they admire are cordially invited to an evening of sweets and dancing on Saturday, April 14th, 2018.

The dance will be held at St. Mary Catholic Middle School
1000 Zephyr Drive, Neenah.

Tickets: \$10 per child. This includes a 5x7 photo by Scanlan Studios.
Music will be provided by Rhex Arboleda. Please make checks payable to FACES.

Child name(s) _____

Time Slot(s) _____

Pre3-Kindergarten 4-5 P.M.	1st-3 rd Grade 5:15-6:15 P.M.	4 th -5 th Grade 6:30-7:30 P.M.
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*Please return this form and your check to school by Tuesday, April 10th.

If you would like to help us with this event, we are in need of volunteers! On Saturday, April 14th we would greatly appreciate help transforming the cafeteria into a Candy Land themed ballroom and then back into a cafeteria at the end of the night. We will also need donations of food and beverages for our "Sweets for the Sweet" table.

Yes, I would like to volunteer time or treats for this special evening.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

_____ Friday, April 13th Food or Beverage Donations.

_____ Saturday, April 14th Decorating/Set-up 9a-11a.

_____ Saturday, April 14th Clean up/Take down 7:30p-8:30p. Guests from the last time slot are also welcome to volunteer.

Please feel free to let us know should you have any questions. We will contact you if you return this form to volunteer for either time or treats. Many thanks for your kind support of the Sweetheart Ball!

Your Sweetheart Ball Committee,

Kajja Wagner, Lyssa King, Lizzy Auth, Natalie Bergstrom and Katie Hartmann

*Please contact the office for available aid should cost prohibit attendance.