ST. MARY CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL WEEKLY UPDATE

DATE March 28, 2018

St. Mary Catholic Middle School
Grades 6-8

IMPORTANT DATES

SMCS EMAIL NEWSLETTER SMCS CALENDAR PAGE

March

29 9:40 am – Holy Thursday Prayer Service in FAEC
29 Power Hour cancelled
30 Good Friday – No School

April

1 Easter Sunday
2-8 No School – Easter Break
9 Classes resume
10 Spring sports pictures after school
12 9:40 am Prayer Service in Commons
12 8th gr. Choir to SMCHS from 12:30-2:30
12 Power Hour 3:15-4:15 pm
13 3rd and 4th grade visit day at SMCMS 1:30-2:30 pm
13 SPIRITUS Drop In 3:15-5:00
13 SMCMS Teen Night Social at Greenville YMCA 6:30-8:30
16 International Potluck
16-May3 MAP Testing
19 Liturgy in FAEC @ 9:40 am
19 Power Hour 3:15-4:15 pm
20 MS presents "SHREK The Musical" @ 6:00 pm
21 MS presents "SHREK The Musical" @ 1:00 pm
21 Zephyrfest
22 MS presents "SHREK The Musical" @ 1:00 pm
26 9:40 am Prayer Service in Commons
26 Power Hour 3:15-4:15 pm
24-27 8th grade trip to Washington D.C.

Report cards

3rd quarter report cards were sent home with your child(ren) on Tuesday, March 27.

Spring Sports Pictures

We will be having spring sports pictures after school on Tuesday, April 10.

Xavier Math Bowl – last Thursday results

Last Thursday, 32 students represented SMCMS to compete against area middle school students at the annual Xavier Math Bowl. Below are the results:

Sixth Grade

Teams – 1st and 5th place out of 55 teams

Individuals

Charlie Cedergren 2nd **Nicholas DeBraal** 3rd **Alex Campbell** tied for 10th

1st place team **Charlie Cedergren, Nicholas DeBraal, Nate Pable** and **Alex Walsh**

Seventh Grade

Teams – 3rd, 6th, 24th and 27th place out of 55

Individuals

Shruti Chakrapani and **Evan Unruh** tied for 5th

3rd place team was **Shruti Chakrapani, Olivia Bergstrom, Allie Strand** and **Julie Zimmerman**

Eighth Grade

Teams – 1st and 15th place out of 39

Individuals

Paul Nutini 1st **Billy Walsh** 6th **Anna Porter** tied for 7th

1st place team was **Paul Nutini, Frank Whiting, Anna Porter** and **Agii Kerwin**

Easter Holiday & Spring Break SMCS Fitness Center hours:

Friday, March 30-Monday, April 2 Closed

Tuesday, April 3-Thursday, April 5 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Friday, April 6-Sunday, April 8 Closed

SMCS faculty & staff – bring your spouse/significant other and kids (must be in middle school or older).

High school and middle school students – bring your parents!

SMCMS Teen Night Social at YMCA – April 13th

SMCMS has organized an after school social at the Fox West YMCA in Greenville on April 13th from 6:30-8:30 pm. Registration is **due April 11** and we are looking for parent chaperones. Keep scrolling for a registration form.

Camp invention

The Camp Invention® **Counselor-in-Training (CIT)** program is an opportunity for students in grades 7-9 to gain real world experience while learning how to be a positive mentor and coach! The Elementary Camp Invention will take place at SMCMS from June 11-15. Students could get the majority of their 12 service hours if they sign up. ***http://www.invent.org/inspire/counselor-in-training-7th-9th/***

Forensics

Congratulations to all the students who participated in forensics this year. Everyone did a wonderful job at the SMCHS forensics festival last week.

8th Grade Individual Planning Conference

If you have an eighth grader you should be aware of the work your child has done with career lessons and individual learning and planning for their transition to high school. Your student is working on a planning agenda and checklist that they will be ready to share with you at their educational and Career Planning Conference. This planning sheet includes information about various learning and career interests unique to your child. There will also be some sharing about dreams for the future, co-curricular interests for high school as well as volunteer and community interests. Finally, MAP test results will be shared with you.

Click on the link to sign up to *reserve a spot* for a special conference with your child and Mrs. Kalaus to go over all this wonderful information. After you choose a convenient time, please plan to come to school for your conference and "walk through" the **Individual Planning Conference** agenda and checklist with your student. Your child will lead the conference. This is unlike previous academic conferences where grades and behavior are the primary focus. Rather, we will look at all the wonderful things your student has done and their dreams for high school, and hopefully map out a path of success for the future. Please make this conference a priority when your assigned day comes around. **If you have not signed up by May 4, a time slot will be assigned to you.**

Holy Week

The three days prior to Easter Sunday are knows as the Paschal Triduum and include Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. These are important days for us as Catholics and each one has special meaning full of rituals. The following website may be helpful in answering your questions about the Paschal Triduum.

On Tuesday, the SPIRITUS Team was here for a Faith on Fire Rally as part of our Holy Week observance. This Rally was designed to help students think more about their faith, especially during this very holy time. On **Holy Thursday**, our students and staff will participate in a special prayer service as we look at the holy days of Triduum. We will reflect on the mystery of the Passion of Christ and pray as a faith community. These activities will help all staff and students to more fully enter the mysteries of the last days of Christ and prepare for the Joy of Easter morning!

Boys 7th Grade Zephyr Basketball

This past weekend the 7th grade boys Zephyr Basketball Club participated in the WI State Invitational Basketball Championship Tournament. The team took 4th out of 21 teams in their division.

Knights of Columbus State Math Contest

Congratulations to **Nicholas DeBraal** (6th grade) for taking 1st place in State at the Knights of Columbus Knowledge contest in math. As well as **Shruti Chakrapni** (7th grade) for taking 3rd place in State at the Knights of Columbus Knowledge contest in math.

Piano News

Congratulations to **Anna Vanden Acker** (Gr 8) for earning qualifying piano solo and theory points at the Wisconsin Music Teachers Association District Auditions at UW-Oshkosh on Saturday, March 17. Anna can now enter the Badger State competition on May 19 at UW-Stevens Point!

Congratulations also to **Agii Kerwin** (Gr 8), **Lauren Altfillisch, Anna Auth, Catherine Genke** (Gr 7), and **Ellie Altfillisch and Nate Pable** (Gr 6) for excellent piano performances at the WMTA District music auditions at UW-Oshkosh (or Saturday, March 24 at UW-Stevens Point).

All seven students played two or three duets for adjudicated critiques and each of them accumulated performance and theory testing points toward award plaques. In addition to preparing duets, Anna Vanden Acker and Anna Auth also played memorized piano solo pieces!

World Language Department – International Potluck on April 16

The World Language Department is excited to announce that we will be having an International Potluck Night on Monday, April 16th, 2018 from 6:00-7:30 pm! All high school and middle school families are invited to partake in a night full of music, art, entertainment, and most importantly, food, from all over the world. We ask that each family coming provides an international dish. The Signup Genius link with more specific information is provided below. We also will have some student performances in different languages and a kids' table with coloring activities available. Please sign up by Tuesday, April 10th to bring a dish and provide number of attendees. Recipe ideas are available from World Language teachers. http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094aaba82aaafc1-international

SMCS News

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.

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

(See registration form below: **Deadline April 11**)

SMCMS TEEN NIGHT

JOIN THE FUN

The Youth and Teens in our community are a great resource for the Y. At the Y, we believe that all youth and teens deserve a safe place to go. Youth and Teens Nights gives them the opportunity to explore their talents and energy, while having fun and making new friends.

Friday, April 13th • 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Fox West YMCA • Greenville

Join your Zephyr friends and classmates for an evening of fun. Activities available include: swimming, foosball, pool, ping pong, air-hockey, and the gym. **Included will be a "bottomless" cup of Gatorade and choice of 2 snacks.**

Cost (Y members and non-YMCA members): $5.00 (pre-paid)

$10 at the door

(See registration form below: **Deadline April 11**)

.....PRE-PAID REGISTRATION FORM.....

Name_____ **Grade**_____

Return this registration no later than APRIL 11 in an envelope with $5 (Checks payable to SMCS). Students are reminded to bring a change of shoes and their own towels and swimsuits. A monitored room will be available to store gym bags and coats. **Parent volunteers**: Please sign below if interested in earning volunteer hours.

Parent Volunteer (s):_____

SMCHS – REGULAR DRESS CODE APPROVED T-SHIRTS -- LONG OR SHORT SLEEVES

When visiting SMCS, and you want to "check-in," use the following locations to connect with others who are checking-in too!

St. Mary Catholic High School SMCS

St. Mary Catholic Middle School SMCS

St. Mary Elementary SMCS

St. Margaret Mary Elementary SMCS

St. Gabriel Elementary SMCS

Remember to use **#4EVERZEPHYRS** when posting on SMCS Facebook or Checking-in!