



IMPORTANT DATES



SMCS EMAIL NEWSLETTER



SMCS CALENDAR PAGE

April 18, 2018

Liturgy—**Liturgy Attire Required**

April 20-22, 2018

Middle School Spring Musical

April 20, 2018

State Forensics Meet—Madison

April 21, 2018

Zephyrfest

April 23, 2018

International Pot Luck Night

April 25-28, 2018

VEX World Championship—Kentucky

April 28, 2018

State Solo & Ensemble—Oshkosh

May 2, 2018

Leadership Day / NHS Assembly
Academic Awards Night

May 4, 2018

No School—Staff Development

May 7, 2018

Band and Choir Concert

May 9, 2018

Senior Activity Awards Night

May 16, 2018

Senior Affirmation Retreat

May 21-22, 2018

Senior Finals

May 23, 2018

Baccalaureate Mass, Senior Cookout,
Early Dismissal, Senior Walk,
Graduation Ceremony

May 28, 2018

No School—Memorial Day

May 30-June 1, 2018

Grades 9-11 Finals

June 1, 2018

Last Day of School--Early Dismissal

Visit www.thebigeast.org/ for our scheduled athletic events and follow us [@Zephyr Sports](https://twitter.com/ZephyrSports) for live updates.

SMCHS Bi-Monthly Newsletter

Read the full [system newsletter](#) to find out more information on the following:

[Adoration Hour](#) Upcoming Date: May 11, sign-up!

[Zephyrfest](#) Check out the recently posted [program/auction book!](#)

[Key Club](#) Buy your membership!

[Spring Concerts](#)

[Summer Day Camp](#) Sign-up for SMCS summer childcare

[Summer STEM Camps](#) Check out these flyers for [Rising 1st-6th graders \(Camp Invention\)](#) or [Rising 6th-9th graders \(Invention Project\)](#)

[Parental Choice Eligibility](#) Only 3 days to apply!

[Parental Choice Application](#) Deadline to apply is April 20

[Zephyrs Gold](#) Advertise your business while Supporting SMCS

[Community Auditions for Annie](#)

[Summer Sports Programs](#) Sign-up for this Summer!

[Substitute Teacher Training](#) Last Registration Date: April 21

[Middle School Musical](#) This weekend

[Scrip Schedule](#)

Events and Activities: YMCA: [Flag Football](#) (4K-8 grade), [Track and Field](#) (5K-grade 6), [Sports Classes](#) (4-6 years), [Growth and Development Classes](#) (18 months-6 years) **St. Mary/St. John:** [Upcoming Events](#), [Lock-In Our Lady of Victory Sports Camp](#): [OLOV Football](#) **International Night:** [Potluck ONAWAY: Day Camp](#)

Volunteer Deadline Approaching

This is a reminder that your child needs to complete 15 service hours for the 2017-2018 school year by **May 1st**. Announcements are made daily at school about opportunities they can get involved with. If you need ideas for service opportunities please see [Ms. Hawley](#).

Please be aware that hours must be completed in order to take semester finals. In addition, awards and scholarships are currently being decided upon, often based on number of service hours recorded, so if your teen has done the service but not recorded the hours, they could be missing out on valuable recognition. Please encourage your teen to LOG their service hours ASAP!

SMC Alumnus to Celebrate Mass

Fr. Matthew Rapp will celebrate our all-school mass in the FAEC on **Wednesday, April 18**, beginning at 10:39am. Father Rapple, who graduated from SMCHS in 2009, was ordained last summer and now serves as parochial vicar at St. Raphael the Archangel Parish in Oshkosh and assists with Masses at St. Mary Church in Omro and St. Mary in Winneconne.



Graduation - SMCHS Class of 2018!

A detailed flyer with all of the graduation details will be sent next week. For now, make sure your calendar is marked for **Wednesday, May 23** for the Baccalaureate mass at 9:00am and the graduation ceremony at 7:00pm. Cap and gown orders will be sent home with students this week.

World Language Potluck—Monday, April 23

The World Languages Department is hosting an International Potluck Family Night on **Monday, April 23** (rescheduled due to the snowstorm) in the SMCHS Commons from 6-7:30pm! You will enjoy great International food and entertainment. You do NOT have to be in a World Languages class to attend—all are welcome! You can help by signing up to bring a dish or to help that night.



Here are the links:

Click here to bring a dish to the potluck: [Dish to Pass](#)

Click here to volunteer to help (students can earn service hours): [Volunteer for International Potluck](#)

Leadership / NHS Assembly

Wednesday, May 2 @ 1:30 p.m.

At this all school assembly, the following recognition will be given: Alumni Awards, Awards to Class Leaders, Gallon Blood Donors, National Honor Society Recognition and Induction of new members, Service Acknowledgment, Principal's Award, Exemplary Zephyr Recognition, Salutatorian/Valedictorian announced to student body. **There will be an expectation of students in liturgy attire for this special event.**

Senior Scholarship / Grades 10-12 Academic Awards

Wednesday, May 2 @ 6:30 p.m.

At this evening event, the following recognition will be given: Scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors, Academic Letters/Medals/Plaques will be awarded to students in grades 10, 11 and 12, Senior Laude Recognition and Salutatorian and Valedictorian Medals will be awarded. **Invitations to this event will be sent out next week (we are still waiting on some community scholarships to be awarded).**

Senior Activities / Athletic Awards

Wednesday May 9 @ 6:30 p.m.

At this evening event, seniors will be recognized for all of their co-curricular accomplishments over all four years of their SMC career. Additionally, Athletic, Fine Arts, Forensics and Robotics awards specific to seniors will be awarded. **Parents and family members are welcome to attend all of these special recognition events listed above.**

Senior Sunrise event

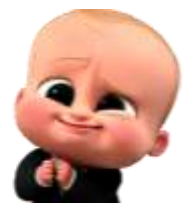
Wednesday, May 16 ... 5:00 a.m.

Where: SMC Football Field

We are continuing a tradition started last year... Don't think of graduation as the sun setting on your SMC experience, but rather as the sun rising on you becoming SMC Alumni. Watch the sunrise together as a class on **May 16th** and then enjoy a full and hearty breakfast provided by the SMC Alumni Department and other alumni before you embark on your senior retreat. There will be a prize drawing for fun and useful alumni gifts (gift cards, stadium blankets, etc.). Bring a blanket, lawn chairs, football, Frisbees. Gates will open at 5:00am and sun rises about 5:24am.

Graduation - Seeking Senior Baby Photos!

Graduation is just around the corner! We are looking for baby photos for a special presentation after the Baccalaureate Mass on **Wednesday, May 23**. We are also looking for group photos of students during their K-12 journey. Please submit your photos in .jpg format via email to [Paige Parks](#) by **May 1**. If your photos need scanning, please submit them to the front office in an envelope with your name and they will be returned. [Mrs. Peterson](#) is the Senior Class Advisor and is overseeing the project. Any questions may be directed to her.





Powerlifters Excel at Nationals

Congratulations to our Powerlifters for their performances at the National Powerlifting Meet held in Appleton March 22-25. **Olivia Tomasi** took 1st place, **James Schultz** took 4th place, **Ashton Miller** took 6th place, **Case Riehl** and **Nick Purcell** took 8th place, and **Jacob Kundert** took 13th place in their respective weight classes!



Hogerty Earns Prestigious Athletic Award

Freshman **Tip Hogerty** received the individual Academic All-State Award by the Wisconsin Cross Country Coaches Association for the 2017 season. Tip earned the award as a state meet qualifier who maintains a GPA above a 3.5. Only 25 such awards were earned statewide. Tip now holds the distinction of being the youngest SMC runner to qualify for state and to receive this award. Congratulations!

SMC Musicians Excel in High School State Honors Project

The audition process for the Wisconsin School Music Association (WSMA) State Honors Project is rigorous. This year, more than 1,400 students auditioned for 428 positions in five ensembles. SMC had three students complete the work invested in preparing for the audition. We are pleased to share that two of our students were accepted into the State Honors ensembles, and the third was accepted as an alternate. This is a huge testament to the dedication, talent and hard work of these three young ladies! Congratulations to **Kaylann Adler**—Orchestra, **Emma Nutini**—Band and **Caroline Connolly**—Alternate Band.



Freshmen Build Iditarod Sled Model

Freshmen in **Mrs. Opsteen-VanDyke's** English class engaged in a writing unit as they followed the Iditarod. They were given the task in groups of three to build a model dog sled with limited supplies. They then had to write a process essay in which they proved directions for replicating their dog sled. Groups traded instructions and did their best to follow those of the other team. It was exciting to watch the communication, collaboration, writing and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Math) skills used in this assignment!

SMCS Sports Summer Camps

Registration for SMCS Summer Sports Camps is now open! Review the [summer program brochure](#) for more information and if interested [register online](#).

School Illness Surveillance Report



Did you know that our schools are required to complete a daily School Illness Surveillance Report to help Winnebago County track illness trends in our schools? This is why **Mrs. Thelen** has to ask the nature of the absence if a reason is not given. Public health reporting is a valuable tool to ensure that health information is communicated to the public, to encourage healthy behavior practices and to help future public health initiatives. Winnebago County has recently created a parent version of the report. If you are interested in receiving these updates, here is a link to sign up: [School Illness Surveillance Report for Parents](#)

Food Service Reminder

Food service has had difficulties getting lunch balance notifications to certain email addresses. Many of the notifications have been going into spam folders. Other families have told us that they can't find them in spam. If you have not received an email notification since February, please email Anne Greif at agreif@smcatholicschools.org. We apologize for the inconvenience. We hope to resolve this issue when we implement new software this summer.

Complimentary Student Lifest Tickets



In recently mailed report cards, each SMC student received a complimentary one-day pass to Lifest held in July in Oshkosh. Life Promotions is sponsoring the complimentary tickets in celebration of their 20th anniversary and the Diocese of Green Bay's 150th Anniversary. Life Promotions is also offering adults a \$10 discount on tickets until **May 31**. Visit <https://lifest.com/> and enter **diocese18** in the coupon code field.

Ending Soon--School Choice Application Period

SMCS participates in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) which awards state vouchers to selected 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 at <https://apps4.dpi.wi.gov/ChoiceParent/>. Contact **Shelley Wautlet** for more information about this program swautlet@smcatholicschools.org or (920)967-0021.



Photography Class Wish List

Mrs. Sirstin's photography classes are in need of cameras and memory cards. If you would like to make a donation, they are looking for these items.

Please click for details:

[Canon Camera \(quantity 1-2\)](#)

[Memory SD Cards \(quantity 2-3\)](#)



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](#).

2018 SMCHS
MUSIC DEPARTMENT TRIP

NEW YORK



Band and Choir students recently traveled to New York City to see the sights and to compete alongside students from 13 States and Canada at the WorldStrides Heritage Festival. The Choir and the Band were awarded Superior Gold Ratings and placed second in their divisions. The

Band also received the Adjudicators Award for their high ratings score. SMCHS was also presented with the Spirit Award, which is given to one school whose students demonstrated an outstanding level of excitement and whose interactions with one another, their directors, and the Festival staff stood out for their constant positivity.

In addition to the festival performances, our students experienced the sights and sounds of New York City, creating some amazing memories. Whether it was on a tour and getting to sing on stage at the Apollo Theater, or seeing "Hello Dolly" on Broadway; creating a flash-mob in Times Square, or participating in a Broadway workshop with performers from "Hello Dolly", the students of SMCHS had an amazing musical adventure. Our trip concluded with a visit to the beautiful St. Patrick's Cathedral, where students were able to explore, reflect, and celebrate Mass together.

What an incredible experience! We are looking forward to our 2020 Trip, which will take us to Italy!



Zephyrfest is Saturday!

Our 33rd annual Zephyrfest, **ZF18** will take place this **Saturday, April 21st**, in the brand new **Fox Cities Exhibition Center**. This attractive, flexible space will be transformed into an Urban Chic environment to make this year's Zephyrfest a fun, engaging, and unique experience!

ZF18 offers an upscale silent auction (with electronic bidding, so you don't have to "hover" over your coveted items), and a 50+ item live auction – including fantastic vacations, entertainment adventures, and sporting goods. You won't want to miss out on our awesome raffles, including a chance to win lots of cash, an ultimate Packer ticket package, or a two-year lease on a Mercedes-Benz SL 550 convertible, and new this year – your choice of one of three boats!

Zephyrfest began as a fun evening to build community in our school system and a way to support our programs financially. The profits raised go directly to enhancing the level of education we provide in the coming year for all five of our schools.

If you have already RSVP'd for dinner, bought your Key Club membership or raffle tickets, or plan to volunteer for **ZF18**, thank you so very much! If you have not yet made your commitment, there are many ways still available to help our community of over 850 students through Zephyrfest:

- Seats are still available! You can register for **ZF18** on-line by clicking [here](#).
- You can volunteer to help! Please email Sue Peters at speters@smcatholicschools.org to sign up.
- For a chance to win the Key Club or raffle items, please pick up a form at one of our school offices, or call 920.722.7796x852 to place your order by phone.
- To take a look at the amazing auction items, please click [here for the on-line auction book](#).

For more information, contact [Marsha Britt](#) or [Linda Michalkiewicz](#).

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Your contribution provides much needed support to St. Mary Catholic Schools. Key Club numbers are randomly assigned upon receipt of your drawing of our raffle will take place at 10:00 pm on Saturday, April 21, 2018 during Zephyrfest. You must be present to win. Value of \$40,000. If a raffle is not present, a separate raffle of \$100,000 will be held. For more information, visit smcatholicschools.org or call 920.722.7796, ext. 852 or contact marshabritt@smcatholicschools.org. *Raffle of \$20,000 based on a 2 year 16,000 mile lease. MSRP \$78,200.

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APRIL 21, 2018

ZF18
Zephyrfest
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