

# ST. MARY CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL WEEKLY UPDATE

DATE September 19, 2018



St. Mary Catholic Middle School  
Grades 6-8

## IMPORTANT DATES



SMCS EMAIL NEWSLETTER



SMCS CALENDAR PAGE

### September

- 17- Oct. 5 Map testing
- 20 Prayer Service at **10:45** AM in SMCMS Commons
- 20 Power Hour 3:15 – 4:15 PM
- 27 Power Hour 3:15 – 4:15 PM
- 21 Out of dress code for beginning of the year forms
- 22 Connect 5
- 23-28 SMCS Homecoming Week
- 25 SMCMS Class Color wear day
- 25 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington DC Meeting 6:30-7:15 PM
- 26 SMCMS Picture Retakes
- 27 Liturgy at 10:45 AM in Chapel
- 27 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Visit Day to SMCHS
- 28 Zephyrs Spirit wear day

### October

- 1 No School-Staff Professional Development
- 2 Spirit Wear Day
- 4 Prayer Service at **10:45** AM in SMCMS Commons
- 4 Power Hour 3:15 – 4:15
- 5 MMITM 6:00 PM
- 9 MS Conferences 3:30-6:30 PM
- 11 Liturgy at **10:45** AM in FAEC
- 11 MS Conferences 3:30-6:30 PM
- 11 Power Hour **Cancelled**
- 16 All School PAC Trip 12-3 PM
- 18 Power Hour 3:15 – 4:15 PM

### Advice from with In

Don't worry about what everyone else thinks, BE YOU!

Be kind to everyone.

Be friends with everyone.

Listen to your teachers and parents, they really do know best.

Have fun! These are some great years of your life and you will leave with many friends and memories.

Read the full [system newsletter](#) and click on the following links for upcoming events and news:

| [Scrip News](#) | [Booster Backer Apparel](#) | [Google Calendar](#) | [Connect 5](#) | [Grade/Middle School Night](#) | [Homecoming](#) | [Career Opportunities](#)

## Get your tickets today!

Meet Me in the Middle

Friday, October 5

6-10 p.m.

Tickets: [MMITM Admission Tickets](#)

3 bands playing outside on the back terrace of the middle school mobile phone bidding and event board sign-up

Meet Me in the Middle tickets are **\$25 in advance and \$30 at the door**. Please go to the following link to purchase tickets or to become a sponsor \$100-1000 (two tickets included with sponsorship) [MMITM Sponsorships](#)

Big Green Egg raffle tickets are \$20 (two tickets were sent home with every student). More tickets are available in the middle school office.

### **MEET ME IN THE MIDDLE: Why are we raising money?**

We are so excited to tell you about the fabulous new literacy curriculum that St. Mary Catholic Middle School is implementing this fall! To make this sensational new program the best it can be, this year's Meet Me in the Middle proceeds will be used to purchase the necessary add-on materials to fully execute this program. We want the teachers and students to have all the "bells and whistles" that will make learning fun. The new curriculum is called the Lucy Calkins and Colleagues' "Units of Study" workshop. It aims to prepare students for any reading and writing task they will face and to turn kids into life-long, confident readers and writers. Over the first few weeks of school, the program has been fabulous. Ask your student about it!

If you have never come to Meet Me the Middle before, please consider attending or sponsoring this year! The Lucy Calkins and Colleagues' "Units of Study" full workshop curriculum equals \$18,000. This is in addition to the other technology and scholarship expenses that Meet Me in the Middle is responsible for every year.



### **Parent Involvement opportunity-MMITM**

Middle School Parents –

MMITM is fast approaching and we are still looking for Families that are willing to Host/Sponsor an Event Board! This is a great way to get your Volunteer hours in and a great way to get to know other families at the Middle School! Please email [Kay Bahn](mailto:Kay.Bahn@stmarys.org) if you are interested.

### **Power School**

Power School is a great way to check your child(ren) grades and lunch balances. As of now we only have 39.6% of parents logging onto Power school. All parents should have received instructions on how to do this. If you are downloading the app for your android or iOS phone, the district code is: MNJQ.

If you need help please call the middle school office.

### **Map testing schedule**

MAP Testing will begin on Monday, Sept. 17. Please make sure your child(ren) get plenty of rest and eat a good breakfast the day they are testing.

### **MAP Testing Schedule**

Friday September 21 <sup>st</sup> F Day	<b>8<sup>th</sup> grade Math</b>
Monday September 24 <sup>th</sup> A Day	<b>7<sup>th</sup> grade Math</b>
Tuesday September 25 <sup>th</sup> B Day	<b>6<sup>th</sup> grade Math</b>
Wednesday September 26 <sup>th</sup> C Day	<b>8<sup>th</sup> grade Religion, LA test</b>
Thursday September 27 <sup>th</sup> D Day	<b>7<sup>th</sup> grade Religion, LA test</b>
Friday September 28 <sup>th</sup> E Day	<b>6<sup>th</sup> grade Religion, LA test</b>
Tuesday October 2 <sup>nd</sup> F Day	<b>Make Up Tests</b>
Wednesday October 3 <sup>rd</sup> A Day	<b>Make Up Tests</b>
Thursday October 4 <sup>th</sup> B Day	<b>Make Up Tests</b>
Friday October 5 <sup>th</sup> C Day	<b>Make Up Tests</b>

### **Field trip payment and laptop insurance**

Many forms came in at the start of school without a payment. If you have not made a payment for the field trips/retreats, please do so asap. Also, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade only, a laptop insurance fee is charged for any accidental damage that may occur transporting the laptops back and forth from home. This can be paid \$50/semester or \$100/year. Please send in the lap top insurance money also asap. **We are still missing many payments.**

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent/Student Washington D.C. Trip**

There will be an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington D.C. Meeting on September 25 from 6:30 to 7:15 PM in the SMCMS Commons. Please plan to attend.

### **Zephyrs Spirit Stop**

The Zephyrs Spirit Stop will be open the following hours for our families to check out the latest Zephyrs apparel:

- Sunday, September 23 5:30-6:00 p.m. (outside at Zephyr Fields for the Homecoming prayer service and pep rally)
- Thursday, September 27 noon-12:30 (in the high school commons before high school pep rally)
- Friday, September 28 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. (at the S.A.L.T. tailgate party/pregame festivities)

We are happy to help families who want to purchase items from the Spirit Stop at any time! They can email me to set up a time.

### **Donation needed for Literacy Program**

Our literacy program is expanding and encouraging our students to read more and more and more. As a result, we need your help – clean off those bookshelves in your homes. Please send your child's past favorite books or series of books, and leave them in the office. We are looking for those favorite authors and ever popular titles that your child could not put down.



## SMCS 2018 Homecoming Week

As a middle school we will be participating in a few homecoming events to help celebrate our system homecoming. We encourage students and families to join in our out of dress code days and to march in the homecoming parade with us. We will be marching as a collective middle school group.

**Tuesday September 25<sup>th</sup>** Class color day. Students may wear jeans or athletic pants with their homecoming class color.

6<sup>th</sup> grade- White

7<sup>th</sup> grade- Yellow

8<sup>th</sup> grade- Blue

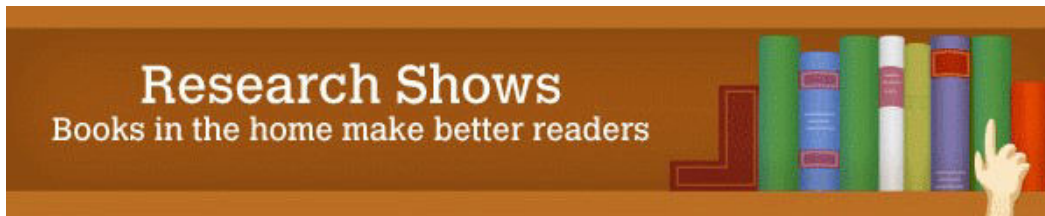
**Friday September 28<sup>th</sup>** Zephyrs spirit wear day. Students may wear jeans or athletic pants with their "Zephyrs" apparel.

### **Homecoming Parade (Come and march with us)**

- 4:30 Lineup at Tri County Arena, we will be leading the parade!
- 5:00 Parade Begins (Shady Lane to Cold Spring to SMC HS)
- 5:40 Middle School Student Pick up outside the MS building immediately following the Parade.

**After the parade** you can join us for the following events:

- STEM Club Open House and Alumni Gathering - 5:00 pm
- S.A.L.T. Homecoming Tailgate Party by the SMCHS Garage – 5:30 pm
- SMC Alumni Welcome Home Reception - 6:00pm
- Varsity Football Game vs. Oostburg @ SMCHS - 7:00 pm



Reading Club Order Due Date: **October 12**

**Scholastic Book Clubs Ordering Information**

**[www.scholastic.com/bookclubs](http://www.scholastic.com/bookclubs)**

**Class Activation Code: GQZHP**

Dear Parents,

Sometimes the right book is all it takes to nurture a child's love of reading. That's why we are pleased that our school will be participating in Scholastic Reading Clubs (formerly book clubs) this school year.

The Reading Club flyers, which will be sent home through the Language Arts classes each month, are full of affordable books for every age and reading level. Ordering books may be done in two ways. Students can return the completed order with money to their Language Arts teachers. If checks are written they should be written to Scholastic.

Ordering can also be done online. Ordering online is easy, plus there are more books to choose from. When you place your order online, you'll help earn FREE Books for our school.

**Ordering online is fast and easy:**

- **REGISTER** at <https://clubs2.scholastic.com/>
- **ENTER** the Class Activation Code : **GQZHP**
- **CHOOSE** from all catalogs even if they were not handed to your student in class

Thank you for helping grow your child's love of reading and for supporting our school.

If you have a problem with an order, please contact Mrs. Schneider: [tschneider@smcatholicschools.org](mailto:tschneider@smcatholicschools.org)