

# ST. MARY CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL WEEKLY UPDATE

DATE September 26, 2018



St. Mary Catholic Middle School  
Grades 6-8

## IMPORTANT DATES



SMCS EMAIL NEWSLETTER



SMCS CALENDAR PAGE

### September

- 17- Oct. 5 Map testing
- 23-28 SMCS Homecoming Week
- 27 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Liturgy at 10:45 AM in Chapel
- 27 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Visit Day to SMCHS
- 28 Zephyrs Spirit wear day
- 28 Homecoming Parade

### October

- 1 No School-Staff Professional Development
- 2 Spirit Wear Day
- 3 Builders Club 3:30 - 5:00 PM
- 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**
- 12 Spiritus 3:12 – 5:00 PM
- 15 SMCMS Open House 6-7 PM
- 15 SMCHS Open House 7-8 PM
- 16 All School PAC Trip 12-3 PM
- 18 Power Hour 3:15 – 4:15 PM
- 19 Spiritus 3:12- 5:00 PM
- 24 SMCMS Social-Dance 3:30-5:30 PM *More info to come.*
- 24 Unity Day – wear orange
- 25 No School-Staff Professional Development
- 26 No School
- 30 Bump Day *More info to come.*

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

| [Badger Bash](#) | [Scrip News](#) | [Booster Backer Apparel](#) | [High School & Middle School Information Night](#) | [Meet Me In The Middle](#) | [Eucharistic Adoration](#) | [Homecoming](#) | [Career Opportunities](#) |

The **Zephyrs Spirit Stop** at SMCHS will be open the following hours for our families to check out the latest Zephyrs apparel, but we are happy to help families who want to purchase items from the Spirit Stop at any time! Email [Kelly Beisenstein-Weiss](#).

Thursday, September 27 noon-12:30 p.m. (in the high school commons before high school pep rally)

Friday, September 28 5:30-7:00 p.m. (at the S.A.L.T. tailgate party/pregame festivities)

### **Dress Code Reminder**

October 1 will be the start of no shorts, no capris & no sandals. Also a reminder on Liturgy/Prayer service days we do have a special dress code for those days. Please follow the link to the dress code for SMCMS.

<http://smcatholicsschools.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/SMCS-Dress-Code-draft-4-17.doc.pdf>

### **Conferences**

SMCMS will be having conferences on October 9 & 11 from 3:30-6:30 pm. All the teachers will be in the commons to meet with you when they are available no need to sign up for a slot.

Shared and Part time teacher schedule is below:

October 9<sup>th</sup>- Mr. Sawall (6<sup>th</sup> grade Band, 7<sup>th</sup> grade General Music, Jazz Band); Mr. Srnka (Computer); Mrs. Hill (Chinese); Ms. Coenen (Spanish); Mrs. Koskinen (Art, German)

October 11<sup>th</sup>- Mrs. Gagne (Learning Specialist)

### **Builders Club**

Our Middle School service club is called Builders Club and is sponsored by Kiwanis International. This club will meet monthly to work on **service projects**; it is not a club that builds things. The goal of the club is to build leaders and students with an interest in community/school service. There is an informational meeting next Wednesday, October 3 from 3:30-5:00. Students interested in learning more about this club are invited to attend. To ensure enough pizza is ordered, your student was given a "reservation form" to be turned in to Mrs. Kalaus, the club's advisor. A parent signature is requested. Membership applications will be handed out at this meeting or can be obtained through the office. There is a **\$10 membership** fee to help cover expenses, including snacks. If this is a hardship, please contact [Mrs. Kalaus](#).

### **Advice from with In**

- Be proud to be YOU, and don't worry what the other kids think!
- Don't get caught up in drama.
- Be a positive leader.
- Stand up for what's right!
- Always choose kindness.
- Don't be self-conscious about your height.



## **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](#) if you are interested.

### **Map testing schedule**

MAP Testing began 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**

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>

### **Power Lunch for Food Service- Important Announcement**

This school year, Food Service has changed to Power Lunch for cafeteria software. This program is linked to PowerSchool. The advantage of this program is that parents can now go into their child's PowerSchool account to check on lunch balances and transactions. The less advantageous part of this software is that food service account balance notifications only go out to parents that establish an account in PowerSchool and designate that they would like email notifications to come to them.

If you already have an account established, you can sign in and look for the balance tab on the left of the screen. (look for the coins icon) That will bring up account balances and transactions.

Some families in the middle school have not yet established an account. Letters were sent home already on how to create an account. We ask that all parents take the time to establish an account and follow the instructions closely so we can keep you posted on lunch balances. "Balance Alert" needs to be checked off on the email notifications tab for low lunch alerts to be emailed to you.

Please contact [Anne Greif](#) at 967-0107 with any questions. Thank you for making the transition run smoothly and have a great school year!



## 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.

**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



### ArtFabLab Registration Form

Dear Parent / Guardian,

SMCMS would love to offer 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students the opportunity to experience and explore their art talents in a supervised and educational atmosphere. The “ArtFabLab” will be held in the Art Room at SMCMS. The art experiences will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15 to 5:00 pm. The art coordinator and instructor will be Mrs. Koskinen. Some ArtFabLab days may be altered due to factors such as weather, meetings or other professional occurrences. Advanced notice will be given.

The ArtFabLab is not a drop-in craft time. Students must be registered. A fee of \$50.00 will be asked to cover the cost of materials. Students will be experiencing projects that are unique and will use a variety of materials. Students will also be educated on art history, while perfecting their skills. They will create projects that will be developed over different lengths of time depending on the materials and techniques used.

**ArtFabLab is for students who are passionate about visual art, interested in exploring new techniques and building upon their visual art knowledge.** Regular attendance is strongly encouraged. Any questions please direct to Mrs. Koskinen [mkoskinen@smcatholicschools.org](mailto:mkoskinen@smcatholicschools.org) Space is limited.

First Date: October 9, 2018

Fee: \$50.00

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Students Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Drop-In Friday Fun!

FREE for ALL 6-8th Graders

Join the SPIRITUS Team for snacks, games,  
music and fun after school until 5 PM  
in the SMCMS Commons



2018-19 Dates		
Oct 12, 19	Nov 9, 16	Dec 14
Jan 4, 11	Feb 1, 15	Mar 1, 15
April 5, 26	May 3	



**SNACKS NEEDED!** Please visit our **Drop In Sign Up Genius** page to make a snack donation. All donations may count towards parent involvement hours.

[www.signupgenius.com/go/4090945a8ad2da7f85-snack](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090945a8ad2da7f85-snack)



## Drop-In Registration

Complete this form  
one time only. It is  
valid for all Drop In  
days through May

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
(for Drop-In schedule changes and reminders)

Parent/Guardian Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone\* \_\_\_\_\_

\*Best number to reach parent between 3-5pm on Fridays

Please provide another name/phone number in case we cannot reach you during an emergency:

Alternate Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any special needs, medical issues & food or other allergies: (Snacks will be provided during Friday Drop-In)

Safety is important to us. Upon signing in on a Friday, your child will be expected to stay in Drop-In **until you pick them up at 5 pm.**

Please list other ways your child may be permitted to leave (bike/walk home, carpool, etc): \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, grant permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_, to participate in Friday Drop-In days hosted by SPIRITUS and SMCMS. These events take place under the guidance and direction of employees and/or volunteers from SPIRITUS and SMCMS. As a parent and/or guardian, I remain legally responsible for any personal actions taken by the above named minor ("participant"). I agree on behalf of myself, my child named herein, or our heirs, successors, and assigns, to hold harmless and defend SPIRITUS, Mount Tabor Center and SMCS, their officers, directors, employees and agents, and the Diocese of Green Bay, its employees and agents, chaperones, or representatives associated with the event, from any claim arising from or in connection with my child attending the event or in connections with any illness or injury.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Videotaping and still photographs:** Video and still photographs may be taken during this event. This authorization form constitutes permission for my child's participation in videotaping and/or still photographs, which may only be used for future promotional efforts, including the Mount Tabor Center, SPIRITUS and/or SMCS websites.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

MONDAY  
OCTOBER  
**15**

# ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS INFORMATION NIGHT

Check out our newly renovated high school commons, spectacular fine arts education center, fitness center, and state-of-the-art middle school! Learn more about our dual campus and one-to-one laptop program. Faculty, administration, and students invite you to learn more about SMCS's strong and progressive academic programs, as well as the myriad of co-curricular opportunities for students.



St. Mary  
Catholic Schools  
— Grades P3-12 —

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

**Monday, October 15 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.**

*1000 Zephyr Drive, Neenah*

## HIGH SCHOOL

**Monday, October 15 from 7:00-8:00 p.m.**

*1050 Zephyr Drive, Neenah*



*[smcatholicschools.org](http://smcatholicschools.org)*



## Scrip is on, when kids are off!

There will be **no school Monday, October 1**, however, we will be processing Scrip. Please place your orders online using **PrestoPay by 9 a.m. Monday, Oct. 1.**

If paying by check, please drop off your **check payment to SMC High School by 9 a.m. Monday.**

*PrestoPay is the Easy Way!*

*Not familiar with PrestoPay? See instructions on reverse side.*

**NO  
School...**

**YES  
Scrip!**