

ST. MARGARET MARY ELEMENTARY WEEKLY UPDATE

DATE September 5, 2018



St. Mary Catholic Schools
Grades P3-5

St. Gabriel Elementary
St. Margaret Mary Elementary
St. Mary Elementary

IMPORTANT DATES



SMCS EMAIL NEWSLETTER



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September

Wednesday 5

Zephyrs Basketball Club Sign-Up
(Grades 3-8) 5:30-8:00pm

Friday 7

Liturgy 8:00am 5Z

Friday 14

Liturgy 8:00am 5H

Monday 17

MAP testing begins

Wednesday 19

Muffins with Moms and
Donuts with Dads 7:15am

FACES Meeting 8:00am

Friday 21

Liturgy 8:00am 4B

Tuesday 25

5th grade Caving Trip

Welcome to a new school year!

We've had a great start to the school year. Please welcome all of our new staff to the SMM community.

Mrs. Mary L. Shandonay in the school office

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Mrs. Sara Davis in Pre K sdavis@smcatholicschools.org

Mrs. Miranda Nikolai in 1st grade mnickolai@smcatholicschools.org

Mrs. Kelly Haber in 4th grade khaber@smcatholicschools.org

Mrs. Becca Harrison in 5th grade rharrison@smcatholicschools.org

Thank you to everyone that turned in all of their forms on orientation day. There are a few people that are missing forms. Mrs. Shandonay has send missing forms home in your child's backpack. Please turn them in by the end of the week.

Drop off and pick up neighbor courtesy

Today we received a call from a neighbor on Elm Street that people are parking too close to the driveways. Please be careful when parking on Elm Street. Do not block driveways and follow the yellow markings for distance from a corner or driveway. We want to teach our students respect for the property of others. The police will be monitoring this situation moving forward. Thank you for your cooperation and help in keeping our children safe and our neighbors happy.

Picture Day

Picture day went very well today. Order forms will come home in the next few weeks with your child's picture proof. If your child was absent today, they will have their picture taken on retake day in October. Yearbooks order forms will go out later in the school year.

Money Drop Off

We are excited to share that we now have a lockbox outside the school office for all payments. Please turn in all ASC, lunch and tuition money to the office in an envelope marked with your child's name and what the payment is for. Our office staff will empty the lockbox regularly and process payments weekly. Envelopes are available outside the school office. Mrs. Shandonay and Mrs. Hawkins can no longer accept cash or checks at the window or in the drop off line. All payments must be in an envelope and put in the box by parents or students.



Reading Specialist Support

An important goal set by St. Mary Catholic Schools is to ensure that all of our students achieve academic success. Reading at grade level and having a solid foundation in reading is essential for succeeding in school as well as beyond. Jennifer Kurzynski, our reading specialist, will be providing reading support in a variety of manners throughout the school year. Students may be pulled to work one on one for direct instruction, or as a small group. A reading support plan may be created for students requiring additional instruction from Jennifer in order to meet grade level reading goals. If it is determined that your child is in need of a reading support plan you will be contacted directly. Jennifer will also be providing reading support and interventions during whole group instruction in the classroom setting. Your student(s) may work with Jennifer in the classroom during the course of the school year to help ensure all of our students are successful readers.

Please click on the link below to volunteer at the Connect 5
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C4AACAC2AAA8-connect>

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:

| [CONNECT 5](#) | [Scrip News](#) | [Order Apparel](#) | [Google Calendar](#) | [Drama Season Announced](#) | [Eucharistic Adoration](#) | [Blood Drive](#) | [Grade/Middle School Night](#) | [Badger Bash](#) | [Meet Me In The Middle](#) |



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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome to a new school year!

A great education goes beyond reading, writing and math. It also includes learning how to get along with others, make good decisions, solve problems, and take responsibility for one's emotions.

Our SMCS Comprehensive Counseling Program empowers students to develop skills that encourage self-awareness, promote a virtuous way of life, promote life-long learning, foster interpersonal communication skills, develop decision making skills based on a moral foundation, provide vocation and career awareness, develop employment readiness, and impart life skills for all students. The program standards and benchmarks promote the mission of the Diocese of Green Bay Catholic School Counseling Program to provide a faith and moral based program for each child's personal, social, emotional, and academic success.

All students, kindergarten through grade 5, participate in classroom guidance once every six school days. Lessons are developmentally based to address issues commonly faced by children at various ages. Classroom guidance lessons are based on the following themes: **Academic Success, Virtue Education, Safety & Wellness, Transitions, Emotional Learning, Diversity and Careers.** Ask your child about guidance lessons and look for projects made during classroom guidance.

In addition to classroom guidance, I am available to assist children with specific concerns in either an individual or small group counseling setting. The strong emotions associated with family changes, friendship issues or learning concerns affect a child's ability to fully benefit from his/her education. The school counseling setting provides children with a safe and supportive environment to share feelings and concerns and to try new behaviors. Counseling may focus on any developmental or situational concern in the life of a child. All children deserve to feel great about themselves and their education. Please feel free to contact me with any concerns you may have regarding your child.

Sincerely,

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