

ST. MARY CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL WEEKLY UPDATE

DATE November 7, 2018



St. Mary Catholic Middle School
Grades 6-8

IMPORTANT DATES



SMCS EMAIL NEWSLETTER



SMCS CALENDAR PAGE

November

- 7 Builders Club 3:30-5 PM
- 8 Prayer Service 10:45 AM in SMCMS Commons
- 8 Power Hour 3:15-4:15 PM
- 9 SPIRITUS 3:12-5 PM
- 10 SMCS Z-Night
- 15 Liturgy at 10:45 AM in FAEC
- 16 SPIRITUS 3:12-5 PM
- 20 6th Grade Retreat
- 20 MS/HS Marching Christmas Parade
- 21-23 No School-Thanksgiving Break
- 29 Liturgy at 10:45 AM in FAEC

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

| [Z-Night](#) | [Zephyrs Gold](#) | [Spotlight Night](#) | [Stay Connected on Social Media](#) | [Eucharistic Adoration](#) | [Spirit Stop](#) | [Host an International Student](#) | [Scrip Update](#) | [Christmas Season](#) |

Report Cards

First quarter report cards will be coming home on Friday. However, you do not need to wait until Friday to see your child's grades. You can always log onto PowerSchool to see your child's grades. Please call the school office if you need help with getting your parent account set up. Our goal this year is to have 100% of our parents logged in and monitoring their child's progress. PowerSchool is a great tool and resource for you.

For eighth grade students taking high school credit classes, there will be two reports coming home, middle school report card and a high school report card. The middle school report card has a GPA on it which does figure in your high school credit class. Your high school report card will not show a GPA until semester time.

Students After School

We are having a problem with students staying after school waiting for their next activity to begin. We do not offer after school supervision, (in fact, there are times when we have staff meetings or after school events and no staff are in the building.) So we ask that all students are picked up at 3:12 and come back to school for their evening activity. If you need your child to stay, please have them go over to the fitness center, where there is supervision, until their evening event begins. Fitness center is open Monday- Thursday until 5:30 and closes at 4:30 on Fridays. This procedure is for your child's safety.

[SMCS Fitness Center](#)

Basketball Warm Up Shirts

If you missed the order for basketball shirts – there will be a second ordering opportunity. Please send an email to SBoosterClub@smcatholicsschools.org by November 9 including the name of your child and the size requesting. All payments will be due to the middle school office by November 9.

Advice from with In

- Get a good night sleep
- Eat a good breakfast
- Keep up on your homework
- Write down your assignments
- Meet new friends
- Be involved
- Join clubs
- Join Jazz Band or Show Choir
- Be organized
- Be respectful





Thanksgiving Food Drive

Beginning Thursday, November 8 we will host our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. We collect non-perishable food, and hygiene items which are taken to St. Thomas Episcopal Church with our sixth graders when they go for their Fall retreat. We are allowed the use of their building free of charge and this is one small way we can show our gratitude for their generosity. St. Thomas offers a free lunch three days a week (called Double Portions) for those in need. In addition to providing that community outreach, they have a small food pantry where patrons can find things to help get them through the upcoming week. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Piano News

Six SMCMS piano students perform duets as part of a “Monster Concert” with 130 other piano students this Saturday, Nov. 10 at 7:00 in the concert hall of UW-Oshkosh.

Anna Auth (gr. 8), Catherine Genke (gr. 8), Nate Pable (gr. 7), Eliana Brenn (gr. 6) Jake Duquaine (gr. 6) and Ray Pingel (gr. 6) have been preparing a variety of duets for the “orchestra of pianos” (four grand pianos and four digital pianos) since last spring!

The entertaining performance is open to the public and is expected to last about an hour; tickets are available at Heid Music and at UW-O at 6:30, prior to the performance, for \$10, or 3/\$25.

The concert, a unique opportunity for piano students to work in a large ensemble on stage with a conductor, is sponsored by Fox Valley Music Teachers Association (FVMTA), Oshkosh Area Music Teachers Association (OAMTA) and Heid Music. The SMCMS students study with Mrs. Barbara Froelich, Mrs. Sabrina Fabian and Dr. Justin Krueger, who is also conducting part of the concert.

