

ST. MARGARET MARY ELEMENTARY WEEKLY UPDATE

DATE November 28, 2018



St. Mary Catholic Schools
Grades P3-5

St. Gabriel Elementary
St. Margaret Mary Elementary
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IMPORTANT DATES



SMCS EMAIL NEWSLETTER



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November

Friday 30

Liturgy 5Z 8:00am

December

Thursday 6

First Reconciliation

Friday 7

No School- Teacher In-service

Tuesday 11

First Reconciliation

Thursday 13

SMM Christmas Concert 6:30pm
Jane Bergstrom FAEC

Friday 14

Liturgy 5H 8:00am

Tuesday 18

Elementary Band Concert
6:30 pm FAEC

Wednesday 19

FACES Meeting 8:00am

Thursday 20

Divine Mercy Chaplet 1:00pm
3rd and 1st grade

Friday 21

No School
Christmas Break Begins

January

Wednesday 2
Classes Resume

Advent Season

Advent is a call to followers of Christ to remember the birth of the Savior. The word advent stems from a Latin word that means "coming" or "arrival." The season begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and, depending on the year, can range from 22 to 28 days. Its purpose is to help believers remain focused on the birth of Christ and Jesus' glorious return. <https://www.focusonthefamily.com/>
Please join our school community for Advent prayer services each Monday morning at 7:45 in the school gym.

Food Service Reminders

Food Service has changed to *PowerLunch* for cafeteria software. A month ago each student brought home an individualized sheet with log in and password information. If you did not sign up for PowerLunch we ask that you take care of the signup immediately. Please email Ann Greif if you are in need of directions and log in information agreif@smcatholicschools.org

Please keep in mind that our hot lunch program is a pay in advance program and we request that these accounts always maintain a positive balance. The only way for you as a parent to know your child's lunch balance is through PowerLunch. At this time, we have many families with negative balances. If you have not done so, please create your PowerLunch account by the end of the week. If you have questions, please contact Ann Greif in Food Service at agreif@smcatholicschools.org

Santa's Helpers - December 5

You are invited to help spread Christmas joy in our school community. In honor of the blessings of St. Nicholas, each student will receive a gift bag in their classroom. Christmas spirit will grow as we share holiday wishes and gifts with our dedicated school staff and 'specials' teachers (administrative assistants, cafeteria workers, maintenance, aides, music, art, library, Father Bergsbaken, etc.). Please consider volunteering through the Sign Up Genius below, or providing an optional donation or submission of notes and wishes. Santa's Helpers will be available to receive at drop off in the front and back of school on Wednesday, December 5. Submissions may also be left in the office drop box through December 18. Thank you for your thoughtfulness. [St. Nick's Surprise](#)



Enrichment Planning Meeting / Opportunities

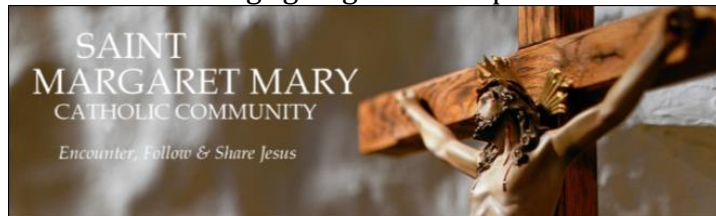
We are excited about the ideas that were generated at our task force meeting. As a reminder we will be posting a link to the schedule on the SMCS website on 12/12/18 and the registration link will go live on 12/18/18 at 6 am.

We have some ideas for classes and are looking for teachers, parents or others to lead the classes. Please consider teaching one of the following or reaching out to your network to spread the word? The classes that we are looking for instructors include: Clayamination, Photography, Architecture, Chess, Wonder Workshop Robotics, Tennis, 5k Co-ed Running club, Club Invention (STEM), Jr. FIRST Lego League (non-competitive), FIRST Lego League (non-competitive), Math Club (7 am class or after school), Preschool Math Club, Preschool Invention Playground (STEM class for preschoolers) In order to stay on target with our 12/12/18 schedule release we would like to have all instructors in place by 8 am Friday, 12/7. Please contact ccedergren@smcatholicschools.org if you are interested.

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

| [Spotlight Night](#) | [Spirit Stop](#) | [Christmas Season](#) | [SMCHS Blood Drive](#) |

Did you know that St. Margaret Mary Parish has a new website and a mobile app to help keep you connected to things going on in the parish? Please read the information below to find out more.



St. Margaret Mary now has a parish app! Just go to the App Store and download "WeConnect Parish App" or simply text to the codes below. Our parish app is listed under **Saint Margaret Mary Catholic Community**. Please be sure to "allow notifications" so that you can be alerted to important news or announcements here at St. Margaret Mary Parish.

If you have any questions or need assistance downloading the app, please contact the parish office at 729-4560.

St. Margaret Mary's New Website

Our new website is now up and running! If you haven't checked it out yet, please do so at sammneenah.org. There are many new features including an updated menu bar for easier navigation and more information appears on the main page for better viewing. It also features options which allow you to register to become a new member, register your children for Religious Educations classes and register for our upcoming Alpha Session right from the website.

We are also excited to bring you our new St. Margaret Mary Parish App. Simply follow the text codes listed on the website or the posters displayed at church to download your app today.

Our new on-line giving option is also available now for our parishioners who enjoy the ease and convenience of paperless giving through technology. Just click on the "donate" button on the main page of our website to get started.

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