

# ST. MARY CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL WEEKLY UPDATE

DATE December 5, 2018



St. Mary Catholic Middle School  
Grades 6-8

## IMPORTANT DATES



SMCS EMAIL NEWSLETTER



SMCS CALENDAR PAGE

### December

- 5 Choir Concert 6:30 PM
- 6 Liturgy at 10:45 AM in FAEC
- 6 Power Hour 3:15-4:15 PM
- 6 SMCMS Mid quarter
- 7 SMCS No school- Professional Development
- 12 Builders Club 3:30-5PM
- 13 Power Hour 3:15-4:15 PM
- 14 MS Reconciliation
- 14 SPIRITUS 3:12-5 PM
- 17 Band Concert 6:30 PM
- 19 Holiday Game Social
- 20 Liturgy at 10:45 AM in FAEC
- 21-Jan. 1 Christmas & New Year Break

### Advice from with In

1. Do your homework when it's assigned, not the night before it's due.
2. Review and study concepts that you've learned on a regular basis; don't wait until the teacher announces the date of the test.
3. Go outside of your comfort zone and talk to everyone in your class, not just your friends; you may discover new friends and acquaintances.
4. Take more chances. Join a club that you're interested in, even if your friends aren't.
5. Think before you speak. Choose kind words.

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

| [SMCS Openings](#) | [Spirit Stop](#) | [Christmas Season](#) | [ZFAB Student Art Contest](#) |

### Dress Code Passes

**Flash Super Sale** of out of dress code passes to support *Meet Me In The Middle*. Buy a punch card of 5 passes for \$25.00. We will sell for one week only starting Monday December 10- Friday December 14<sup>th</sup>. These can make a great priceless Christmas gift for your child. If you already purchased a pass we will allow a second pass for this week only. We ask that all passes be picked up by a parent on Wednesday December 19<sup>th</sup> or Thursday December 20<sup>th</sup>. Please make a check payable to SMCS and place in an envelope care of Anne Kaufert.

### Reconciliation

On Friday, December 14, all of our students will have the opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation here at school. Students will be prepared for the sacrament in religion classes and with a Penance Service earlier that week. Several priests will be available to hear confessions and offer absolution. All students are invited to participate in the preparation for this special sacrament of healing, and all Catholic students who have received their First Reconciliation are invited to receive the sacrament. If you have any questions about this wonderful celebration of healing, please call [Mrs. Kalaus](#).

### Emergency Alert System

SMCS uses an emergency alert system called "Remind" to let families know about school closings and critically important events. To receive text alerts only, text the message @9fg97 to the number 81010. If that does not work, text it to 920-933-1015. Normal text message rates charged by your carrier will apply. To receive email or other types of notifications, you may create an account at <http://remind.com>. Be assured that this system will be used only for very important notifications. In the event SMCS closes due to an emergency, all after school activities will either be cancelled or postponed. If you signed up for this previously and received notifications last year, you are all set!



### **Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Service Awards**

Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first American born saint, started the first American Parochial School and orphanage where she cared for the poor. She also began the first American community of women religious, following the example of St. Vincent de Paul. Like Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, we are called to a life of service and love of God. Advent is the church's New Year Celebration. As we begin our new church year, we are asking all students to reflect on their commitment to living a life like that of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Often people will make a new-year's resolution at the start of a new calendar year. We are asking students to make an Advent resolution to grow in faith, love and service of others. In so doing, we all become more like the saints. By completing the requirements, which can be found on our web page under *faith formation* (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton), students can earn the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award - our service award - given at the end of each school year.

### **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

Few doctrines of the Catholic Church are as misunderstood as the dogma of the Immaculate Conception. Many people, including many Catholics, think that it refers to the conception of Christ through the action of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. That event, though, is celebrated at the feast of the Annunciation of the Lord (March 25, nine months before Christmas). So what is the Immaculate Conception? The Immaculate Conception refers to the condition that the Blessed Virgin Mary was free from Original Sin from the very moment of her conception in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne. We celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on September 8; nine months before that is **December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception**. From the catechism of the Catholic Church we read: **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:** The dogma proclaimed in Christian Tradition and defined in 1854, that from the first moment of her conception, Mary--by the singular grace of God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ--was preserved immune from original sin (491). This year, December 8 is on Saturday. Because it is a Holy Day of Obligation, we are called to attend Mass twice this weekend – Friday night or Saturday Morning AND Saturday night or Sunday morning.

### **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Wednesday, December 12, is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, who is the Patron Saint of the Americas. Her story is familiar to many: in 1531 miracles began to happen in Mexico. Jesus' own mother appeared to a humble man named Juan Diego. The signs -- of the roses, of the uncle miraculously cured of a deadly illness and especially of her beautiful image on Juan's mantle -- convinced the people there was something to be considered in Christianity. Within a short time, six million Native Mexicans had themselves baptized as Christians. The Feast of Our lady of Guadalupe is always celebrated on December 12. We remember her in a special way during the Advent Season.

### **Grade 8 Career Exploration Unit**

The grade 8 Educational and Career Planning unit focuses on a student's personal/social growth, academic/career development and looking ahead to their future as they transition to high school and eventually into a career. The unit has an emphasis on a review of the student's talents, hopes and dreams, abilities, interests, academic performance, MAP test results, learning styles and career assessment results. To help students objectively look at themselves, they will participate in a number of on-line activities from a web site called Naviance, including exploration of career clusters and actually completing a personality inventory and a career assessment. Student accounts will be set up shortly. Mrs. Kalas has been visiting eighth grade groups and introducing this unit of study. More information will be sent after Christmas break.

# **“HOLIDAY GAMES” NIGHT**

**Wednesday, December 19, 2018**

**3:15 P.M. – 5:15 P.M.**



**ADMISSION: \$5.00**

**Late Fee \$10.00**

**Choice of Games:**

**Play any of the following games:**

Tic-Tac-Snowball-Toss  
Christmas TABOO  
Christmas M&M Bingo  
Blitzen Ball (Lightning)  
Drop-in-a-bucket  
Santa’s Snow Ball Throw

Snowball Bingo Toss  
Jingle Ball (Mat Ball)  
Rudolph’s Reindeer Range  
Ultimate Spoons  
Polar Express Air Mail throw  
Deck the Walls

**The number of games depends on parent volunteers...**  
Game winners receive extra tickets for prize drawings.

## **Door Prizes for everyone!**

Each student will receive 5 tickets to use for prize drawings, including a Christmas candy bowl, holiday hats, and assorted holiday novelties at “Ralphie’s Triple-Dog-Dare Table”.

## **\*\*\* Special Prize Drawings \*\*\***

**Win one of these fabulous door prizes:**

One of five Animated Toys \* HUGE candy bars\*  
Christmas Popcorn Tins\* \*2-player Basketball Game  
Drones & Quadcopters \* Bluetooth Ear buds  
Sports balls \* Smartphone Games Systems

## **Pizza! Pizza! \*\*\*\*Festival’s Christmas Cookies!**

You may order Christmas cookies and slices of Little Caesar pizza for \$1.00 each. Pop and water cups may be ordered for \$1.00 a cup.

## **Sign-up Deadline: Monday, December 17.**

Fill out the registration form and food order as soon as possible. After Monday, December 17, admission will be \$10, and no food order can be taken. Extras can be purchased for cash after 4 p.m.

# “HOLIDAY GAMES” NIGHT REGISTRATION

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2018

3:15 P.M. - 5:15 P.M.



Admission: \$5.00

Deadline: Monday, December 17

Late registration fee is \$10

(No food can be ordered).

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



Little Caesars Pizza Order: \$1.00 per slice

- \_\_\_\_\_ Cheese Pizza
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sausage Pizza
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pepperoni Pizza



Festival’s Decorated Christmas Cookies: \$1.00 each

\_\_\_\_\_ Christmas Cookie (Iced and decorated) plus FREE hot chocolate (limit: 2)

\_\_\_\_\_ Refillable Beverage Cup: (for Assorted Sodas) \$1.00

## FINAL ORDER FORM:

\$5 Admission + \$\_\_\_\_\_ Pizza Order + \$\_\_\_\_\_ Beverage Cup  
 + \$\_\_\_\_\_ Christmas Cookie & Hot Chocolate =  
 \$\_\_\_\_\_ Total

*Please make out checks to “SMCS.”*

**Help! Parent volunteers needed. Sign up here!**

**Parent Volunteer** \_\_\_\_\_

- Choose times: \*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Set up 2:30-3:30 – Prep for games, pick-up food, count out tickets
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Social times 3:30-5:15 - You will be scheduled to supervise games, hand out food, and/or monitor halls.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Clean-up 4:45-5:15 p.m.



\* Unless you hear from us, please come at the time you indicated.

**All Volunteers must be Virtus Trained**

Table 1

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hosts</u>
6th Grade Party /	June 7th	\$25/student	End of Year Pool Party at North Shore - Pizza, Drinks and cookies - Swimming and Lawn Games! Bring Bathing-suit and Sunscreen! 10am-1pm	Cole and Bergstrom Families
7th Grade Party /	June 7th	\$25/student	End of Year Pool Party at North Shore - Food and drink will be served 1pm-4pm	Bergstrom & DeWitt Families
8th Grade Party /	June 7th	\$25/student	End of Year Pool Party at North Shore - Food and drink will be served 4-7pm	Hansen & Dimmer Families
LumberJack Party /	Jan 5th	\$60/Adult	What better to do on a cold January day than to bundle up in your favorite flannel shirt and come enjoy some old-fashioned outdoor winter games? We will thaw you out later with hot toddies and warm appetizers when you have had enough of the cold! Adult only event.	Bergstrom/Scanlan/Uhlen brauck Families
Breakfast on the Farm Party /	June 15th	\$40/Adult	Farm to table event using fresh local ingredients - Adult only	Auth & Hartman Families
Chubby Seagull - "Summer is Here" event /	June 13th	\$30/family?	Kick off the Summer with a fun family event at the Chubby Seagull, Have some pizza, enjoy a game of Mini-golf and end it with an Ice Cream treat!	King Family
Band at Greene's /	Jan 17th	\$50/Person	Come hear "The Accords" play at Greene's Pour House - Thursday, January 17. Dance, socialize, and have the time of your life with all your friends. Beer, wine and appetizers served.	Cole Family
70's Party	TBD	\$40/Adult	Step back in time to the 1970's. Dust off your Bell Bottoms and listen to the great music of the Disco Era! - Location - The Attic, above the Brew Mill in Downtown Menasha - Adults only	Bergstrom, LeTreille, & Staner Families
Brew Mill	Mar 5th	\$50/Person	Here is a chance to check out some seasonal Brews along with some appetizers that pair up well with each Micro Brew - Location in the Historic Brew Mill Downtown Menasha - Adult Only	Turner, O'Toole & Zoltowski families
Out of Dress Code Pass		\$25	Punch Card of 5 out of dress code days	

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

*Please Circle item you are purchasing*



Reading Club Order Due Date: **December 13**

**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)