

ST. MARY CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL WEEKLY UPDATE

DATE March 20, 2019



St. Mary Catholic Middle School
Grades 6-8

IMPORTANT DATES



SMCS EMAIL NEWSLETTER



SMCS CALENDAR PAGE

- 21 SMCMS Liturgy 10:45 AM in FAEC
- 22 End of Quarter 3
- 22 No School-Staff Development
- 25-29 SMCS Spring Break-No School
- April**
- 1-18 Map Testing
- 2 Zephyrs Spirit Wear Day
- 2 Math Bowl @ Xavier
- 3 Builders Club 3:15 PM- 5
- 4 Reconciliation
- 4 Power Hour 3:15-4:15 PM
- 5 Spiritus Drop-In 3:12 PM-5
- 11 SMCMS Liturgy 10:45 AM in Chapel for 6th Grade
- 11 Power Hour 3:15 PM -5
- 11 SMCMS Musical-James and the Giant Peach
- 12 SMCMS Musical-James and the Giant Peach
- 13 Zephyrfest
- 14 SMCMS Musical-James and the Giant Peach
- 15 Tax Day
- 15 Seth Alfero Speaker 1:00PM
- 18 SMCMS Tenebrae Service 10:45 AM in FAEC
- 19-22 Easter Break No School
- 23 No School- Staff Development
- 25 SMCMS Liturgy 10:45 AM in FAEC
- 25 Power Hour 3:15 – 4:15 PM
- 26 Spiritus Drop-In 3:12 PM-5
- 30-May 3
8th Grade to Washington D.C.

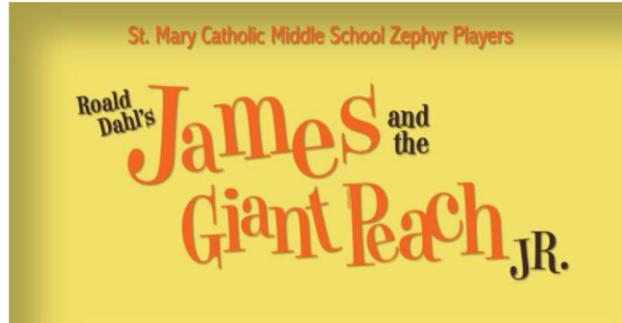


Map testing Spring 2019

MAP Testing will begin on Monday, April 1. Please make sure your child(ren) get plenty of rest and eat a good breakfast the day they are testing.

SMCMS Spring Musical

We are preparing for our middle school spring musical! Join us April 11 & 12 @ 6:00 p.m. and April 14 @ 1:00 p.m. [Tickets available here](#). Roald Dahl's James and the Giant Peach JR. is a brand new take on this "masterpeach" of a tale that any age will enjoy!



Xavier Math Bowl on April 2

On April 2, we will have 35 students represent SMCMS participate at the Xavier Math Bowl competing against other area middle school students. Good luck to all those competing. Permission slips were sent home with those participants.

Discipleship

Did you know that our school theme is Discipleship? Our days end with a biblical verse based on our call to be disciples of Jesus. Today's quote came from Romans 6:13 "You want to be tools in the hands of God, to be used for His good purposes." This would be a great conversation starter for the car ride home. Ask your child what the message was and how they can put their discipleship into action.



Q3 Project Winners

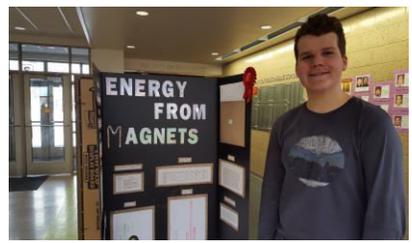
Evan Unruh 1st Place



Shruti Chakrapani



2nd Place Nick Berg 3rd Place



Congratulations

Seventh grader Jonah DeWitt represented our Builders Club at a regional conference where he recently spoke to over 300 high school Key Club members in Green Bay at the Key Club District Convention.



Spring Sports Apparel

Order your spring sports Zephyrs apparel TODAY! Orders are being taken for spring sports including baseball, softball, soccer and track in youth to adult sizes. Online deadline is March 30. To ensure you get the size you want order now. The Spirit Stop always accepts orders for on hand Zephyrs items – be sure to look at what is available. Check out our new [online](#) ordering system – fast and easy!

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's "Student of the Year" Campaign.

Tip Hogerty, a sophomore at SMCHS, has been selected as a candidate for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's "Student of the Year" Campaign. For seven weeks from March 22 to May 16, 2019, Tip will be competing against students from Neenah High School, Appleton North High School, and Fox Valley Lutheran to raise awareness and money for LLS.

Why is Tip taking on this challenge?

- *Every three minutes someone is diagnosed with blood cancer
- *Over 27,000 people in Wisconsin are living with blood cancer
- *Blood cancer rates in Wisconsin are among our nation's highest
- *Leukemia is the most common cancer in kids and teenagers

Let's show our Zephyr pride and help Tip win "Student of the Year"! Donations may be made at: <https://studentsoftheyear.org/soy-candidates/2256>

BIG SCRIP NEWS!!!

Kwik Trip is 15% through April 29th!

Our local Kwik Trip has agreed to a flash bonus! Search for the local (no logo) "Kwik Trip" titled "Higher Bonus" and listed at 15% rebate to get this rebate. You will not get the 15% rebate if you choose the national Kwik Trip or Kwik Star at 4% or the \$25 Kwik Trip cards at 4%.

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



Campus Ministry and Guidance Update

Lent

We continue to pray for our diocesan seminarians. Each STAR group has “adopted” one of the 14 young men who are now in formation to become Diocesan Priests. This Lenten practice has become a powerful way to support and encourage the discernment of holy orders with our students. Additionally, as you teach your students the value of almsgiving during this Lenten time, please remind them that we are collecting for the Diocesan Seminarian Collection. Money can be turned in during Religion Class.

Reconciliation

A practice for us as a faith community is to offer the sacrament of Reconciliation to all students during Lent. On Thursday, April 4, we will celebrate this powerful sacrament of healing and forgiveness. All students will be prepared for this ahead of time in their individual religion classes. All Catholic students are strongly encouraged to receive the Sacrament that morning. For any student who has not received his/her First Reconciliation or is not Catholic, we ask that they participate in the prayer service to be done earlier in the week, but they will not be expected to talk to one of the priests. Our non-Catholics are invited to quietly reflect/pray/meditate as their classmates go forward to receive the sacrament. Additional opportunities for this Sacrament are available in each parish. Please check your bulletins for times and dates.

Inspirational Speaker

Mark your calendars for Monday, April 15 and come to hear the inspirational faith story of Christine and Seth Alfaro. Seth will speak to the Middle School students at 1:00 and the High School students at 2:00. During the 1:00 session, Christine, who has her own incredible story of healing and trusting in God, will speak to adults who can then go listen to Seth at 2:00. You are encouraged to attend 1 or more sessions that day. Seth and his mother both have truly inspirational faith stories centered around a love for God and His transforming grace. Look up Alfaro Ministries and see for yourselves the beautiful story of God’s love at work! **“Seth Alfaro, a 23-year-old musician and personal trainer, was miraculously healed--both physically and spiritually--and now lives his life for the Lord. His story of God’s love, mercy and power is touching and changing the hearts and souls of people of all ages, but especially our youth.”** Taken from <https://www.sethfaroministries.com/>

Academic and Career Planning (ACP) for 8th Grade

Eighth grade parents, you will soon receive an invitation from Sign-Up Genius for an ACP conference with your child and Mrs. Kalas. These academic and career planning conferences are a time to share the work your child has done in NAVIANCE, the internet supported software program that SMC uses to help with career exploration. We will also discuss the great things your child has discovered about him/herself as we discuss future options and help your child transition to high school! Please make this a priority and sign up for a time slot to meet.

Faith Opportunities for Summer Fun!

There are two wonderful summer opportunities to grow in faith and service which were presented to our students in the last week. The first is an opportunity to experience Summer Camp at our Diocesan owned Camp Tekakwitha! Informational postcards were sent home with your child this week. You can also look up Camp Tek at the Diocesan Website. Secondly, on Tuesday, Meredith Lauer from St. Gabriel was here to talk to students about a summer service opportunity: **Love Begins Here**. This is a local mission trip hosted this year by St. Gabriel the week of **June 9-12th**. Cost, which includes all transportation, meals, snacks and incidentals, is only \$100. To register for this mission or to get more information, please copy and paste the following link into your browser <https://www.gbresources.org/love-begins-here.html> Click on the “student registration” for the first week (St. Gabriel, Neenah). Here is a link to LBH trips from last summer to help give a visual to how a typical week runs: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DU-Y2-PhbRw> If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact [Mrs. Kalas](#).