ST. MARY CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL WEEKLY UPDATE

DATE September 18, 2019

St. Mary Catholic Middle School
Grades 6-8

IMPORTANT DATES

SMCS EMAIL NEWSLETTER SMCS CALENDAR PAGE

September

18	SMCMS Liturgy in FAC 10:39AM
18	Builders Club 3:20 -4:50PM
19	Power Hour 3:15-4:15 PM
20	SMCMS Social 3:15-5:00 PM
21	MMITM in FAEC 6:00 PM
24	Picture retake day
25	SMCMS Liturgy in FAC 10:39AM
25	Class photo day
26	8th Grade Visit Day to SMCHS
26	Power Hour 3:15-4:15 PM
27	Homecoming Parade and Football Game
30	No School- Staff Development

MAP Testing

Map testing continues;
Please make sure your child(ren) get plenty of rest and eat a good breakfast the day they are testing.

MEET ME IN THE Middle
ST. MARY CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL

MMITM

ONLY 3 MORE DAYS until Meet Me In The Middle. It is not too late to purchase tickets.

Saturday, September 21, from 6:00-10:00 p.m. in the St. Mary Catholic High School-Commons & FAEC Lobby. The theme this year is Rocking back to the 80's. Great food and music will be provided. Tickets are available for $40/apiece which includes drinks and food for the evening.

We want to see all of our families at this event! This night is about middle school parents having a chance to meet one another. Please contact the school office to volunteer at this event and receive parent involvement hours. Please see the envelope coming home today with your student on more information.

Looking for volunteer hours. MMITM is looking for help.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090445A9A62AA4F58-meet

Parent Involvement-Lunch Help

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D49AEA72BA7FB6-1920

8th Grade Visit Day

SMCHS will welcome students for 8th Grade Visit Day on Thursday, September 26, from 10:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Students will have the opportunity to meet current SMCHS students and faculty/staff, tour the school and learn more about student life, academics, and co-curriculars. The visit day concludes with every student receiving a Zephyrs Class of 2024 sweatshirt.

Contact Director of Admissions, Kelly Beisenstein-Weiss at kbweiss@smcatholicschools.org or 920-722-7796 ext. 157 with inquiries.

Power Hour

On most Thursdays, we offer the opportunity for students to stay after school to work quietly on homework in the commons from 3:15-4:15p.m. A teacher will supervise. This is a great opportunity to create good study habits and get a little help on homework, if needed.

Picture Retake day

Reminder picture retake day is September 24. Students need to bring in all orders for pictures that day. If a student is having a retake they should bring in the original envelope with retake written on envelope.

Virtus Training-Protecting God's Children for Adults

Please register at https://gbdioc.org/protecting-our-children/virtus

Where:	St Mary Catholic High School (Neenah) 1050 Zephyr Dr
When:	Saturday, October 5, 2019 9:00 AM
Estimated length of session:	3 hrs. 30 min
Spaces remaining:	50 of 50
Language:	This session will be conducted in English
Notes:	Commons Park behind the school and enter through Door #7.
Wheelchair accessible:	Yes
Contact:	Pat Batey (920-722-7796)

Food Service

Important Free/Reduced Lunch announcement:
If your child received free or reduced lunch benefits from last year, the benefit carries over through the beginning of this school year. That benefit will end in October. If you have not already applied for free/reduced lunch this year or received notification from the food service office that you automatically qualify, you must complete another application for the benefit to continue. Please check the smcatholicschools.org website for an application. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Greif at agreif@smcatholicschools.org or call 967-0107.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed for our high school sports. Parents can do up to 10 hours of service at the high school Sports towards their 32 hours. Here is the link: https://signup.com/go/OYsUYgD

Service Opportunity for Middle Schoolers

Here is a service opportunity for the middle schoolers...St. Mary/St. John - St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. We had a great response last year when you put it in the newsletter - thank you! I am sure we will also have some eager helpers again! Here's the link (second Saturday of the month from 8 am - 10 am).

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a44aaa72aa02-stvincent

Unified Journeys, Student Exchange Program

We are blessed to have a few students from Guatemalan to come and join us this fall. We are looking for host families for these students. We find this to be a wonderful experience for all of our students. If you are interested in hosting an exchange student please connect with Yvonne @ 985-856-0773 or www.unifiedjourneys.org

Campus Ministry and Guidance Update

Mass

At Mass today, students were challenged to embrace all of creation – including each other. The challenge is to not only stop judging others, but to recognize the times we may unknowingly be doing so. As Mrs. Ahles reminds us each day, we are called to discipleship which includes empathy for all!

Faith opportunities

Please be sure to look at the attachments each week for opportunities for faith formation. For example, this weekend there is a middle school lock-in sponsored by the Youth Ministry program at St. Mary/St. John parishes in Menasha. Details can be found on the attached flyer. There is also a program called "In His Image" sponsored by Spiritus Ministry designed for Fathers and Sons. This is for students in grades 2-12 and their dads. Look for more information in the system newsletter next week.

Builders Club

Builders Club is the middle school version of Key Club and is sponsored by the Neenah-Menasha Kiwanis. If your child is interested in learning more about this club, our first meeting is today after school. However, even if they miss today's meeting, they can still join! The monthly meetings will be on the third Wednesday of each month and will go from **3:20-4:50.** A reminder will go home each month to remind you of those meetings. There is a participation form that must be filled out and sent to school along with $10 dues for your child to become a member! For your planning purposes, please mark down October 16 for the next Builders Club meeting.

Advisory

Every student has been placed in a grade level advisory group of 11-13 student who meet for 20 minutes four days a week. This time is set aside for a number of reasons. First and foremost, for students and teachers to build positive relationships with each other. Secondly, there will be a number of character education lessons based on our "Pillars of Honor" and our system theme of Discipleship.

Prayer

A new system prayer was initiated this school year. It is the hope that as each campus uses this special prayer, blessings flow for all students, families and staff members and that a sense of unity unfolds. Thanks to Steve Pable, a member of the Catholic Identity Committee for creating this very inclusive prayer. Here at the MS, we have added this prayer to our advisory time.

Prayer for SMCS

Lord, the Beginning and the End,
we place this day in Your hands.
We thank You for Your countless blessings.
Put words of gratitude on our lips,
for family and friends,
for teachers and administrators,
for pastors and parishioners,
for all those who help us to learn and grow.
Guide our paths to vocations,
so we may use Your gifts in a life of meaning
and service, especially to those in need.
Send Your strength when we face challenges,
and help us to trust You in all we do.
We ask this as Your children,
through Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Mary, our Patron and Mother of us all… **Pray for us.**
Live, Jesus, in our hearts… **forever**

Drop-In Friday Fun!

FREE for ALL 6-8th Graders

2019-20 Dates

Oct 4, 18 Nov 8, 15 Dec 13

Jan 10, 24 Feb 7, 14 Mar 13, 27

May 8* Special Event at Mount Tabor Center

Join SPIRITUS in the SMCMS Commons for snacks, games, faith, music and fun until 5 PM

SPIRITUS Drop-In Registration

Complete this form one time only. It is valid for all Drop In days through May

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Grade _____ Church _____ E-mail _____
(for Drop-In schedule changes and reminders)

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____ Phone* _____
*Best number to reach parent between 3-5pm on Fridays

Please provide another name/phone number in case we cannot reach you during an emergency:

Alternate Emergency Contact: _____ Phone _____

Please list any special needs, medical issues & food or other allergies: (Snacks will be provided during Friday Drop-In)

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Safety is important to us. Upon signing in each Friday, your child will be expected to stay in Drop-In **until you pick them up at 5 pm**.

Please list other ways your child may be permitted to leave (bike/walk home, carpool, etc):_____

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I, _____ , grant permission for my child, _____ , to participate in Friday Drop-In days hosted by SPIRITUS and SMCMS. These events take place under the guidance and direction of employees and/or volunteers from SPIRITUS and SMCMS. As a parent and/or guardian, I remain legally responsible for any personal actions taken by the above named minor ("participant"). I agree on behalf of myself, my child named herein, or our heirs, successors, and assigns, to hold harmless and defend SPIRITUS, Mount Tabor Center and SMCS, their officers, directors, employees and agents, and the Diocese of Green Bay, its employees and agents, chaperones, or representatives associated with the event, from any claim arising from or in connection with my child attending the event or in connections with any illness or injury.

Signature:_____ **Date:** _____

Videotaping and still photographs: Video and still photographs may be taken during this event. This authorization form constitutes permission for my child's participation in videotaping and/or still photographs, which may only be used for future promotional efforts, including the Mount Tabor Center, SPIRITUS and/or SMCS websites.

Signature:_____ **Date:** _____

St. Mary Catholic High School
Family Nights

Girls Volleyball
Thursday, September 12
JV2/JV 5:30 p.m.
Varsity 7:00 p.m.

Football
Friday, October 4
7:00 p.m.

- FREE admission for middle school students and younger, accompanied by a parent/guardian
- FREE beverage & popcorn for middle school students and younger

ST. MARY CATHOLIC ZEPHYRS

JOLLY HOLLY DAY

CRAFT, CANDY & COOKIE

SALE

St. Mary & St. John the Baptist Parishes

528 Second St., Menasha 920-725-7714

Saturday, November 2 8 am to 2 pm

Sunday, November 3 8 am to Noon

St Mary Cafeteria

Featuring Handmade Crafts

Some New Crafts … Some Classic Crafts

Great Christmas Gifts at Great Prices!

Also, Homemade Candy, Cookies, Bakery, Jams,

Canned Veggies & **Soups**!

Please invite your friends and neighbors!!

St. Mary & St. John The Baptist Parishes – Menasha Wi

Youth Ministry Liability Form 2019-20

MEDICAL INFORMATION AND PARENTAL/GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM/LIABILITY WAIVER

Participant's name: _____Date of birth: _____

Sex: _____ Grade:_____ School (Name and City):_____

Home address: _____ City:_____ Zip Code:_____

Parent/Guardian's name: _____ Parent Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Home phone: _____ Parent/Guardian Cell Phone:_____

I, _____ grant permission for my child, _____to participate in any
Parent or guardian's name *Child's name*
event organized by St.John/St.Mary between and including the dates of Sept 2019 and Aug 2020. If the event is offsite, I also grant permission for my child to be transported by any means of official transportation organized by St.John/St.Mary or their representatives.

As parent and/or legal guardian, I remain legally responsible for any personal actions taken by the above named minor ("participant"). I agree on behalf of myself, my child named herein, or our heirs, successors, and assigns, to hold harmless and defend St.John/St.Mary its officers, directors, employees and St.John/St.Mary agents, and the Diocese of Green Bay, its employees and agents, chaperones, or representatives associated with the event, from any claim arising from or in connection with my child attending the event or in connection with any illness or injury (including death) or cost of medical treatment in connection therewith, and I agree to compensate the parish/school, its officers, directors and agents, and Diocese of Green Bay its employees and agents and chaperones, or representative associated with the event for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses which may incur in any action brought against them as a result of such injury or damage, unless such claim arises from the negligence of the parish/school or the Diocese of Green Bay.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

MEDIA RELEASE: By signing below, I give permission for my child(ren)'s participation in videotaping and/or photographs which may be taken during the program/trip. These could be used for further promotional videos, website promotions, fliers, or other diocesan or parish appropriate uses.

Signature: _____Date:_____

COMMUNICATIONS: I have been made aware of the *Safe Environment Social Communications Policy* for the Diocese of Green Bay and any related local practices and guidelines concerning social communication. By signing below, I **do [ ] do not [ ]** give permission for communication with my minor child via social media or other digital means, in accordance with this policy and local practices and guidelines.

Signature: _____Date:_____

child's email: _____child's phone #: _____

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT: In the event of an emergency, I hereby give permission to transport my child to a hospital for emergency medical or surgical treatment. I wish to be advised prior to any further treatment by the hospital or doctor. In the event of an emergency, if you are unable to reach me at the above numbers, contact:

Name & relationship: _____Phone: _____

Child's Family doctor: _____ Phone of Doctor: _____

Family Health Plan Carrier: _____ Policy #: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

MEDICAL MATTERS: I hereby warrant that to the best of my knowledge, my child is in good health and I assume all responsibility for the health of my child. (Of the following statements pertaining to medical matters, sign only those that are applicable.)

Medications: My child is taking medication at present. My child will bring all such medications necessary and such medications will be well-labeled. Names of medications and concise directions for seeing that the child takes such medications, including dosage and frequency of dosage, are as follows:

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Signature: _____Date: _____

Please check ONE of the Following:

☐No medication of any type, whether prescription or non-prescription, may be administered to my child unless the situation is life threatening and emergency treatment is required.

☐I hereby grant permission for non-prescription medication (i.e. non-aspirin products such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen, throat lozenges, cough syrup) to be given to my child, if deemed appropriate.

Signature: _____Date: _____

Specific Medical Information: The parish/school will take reasonable care to see that the following information will be held in confidence.

Allergic reactions (medications, foods, plants, insects, etc.): _____

Does child have a medically prescribed diet? _____

Does child have any physical limitations? _____

You should be aware of these special medical conditions of my child: _____

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By completing this form, I agree that if any information submitted in this form changes between **Sept 2019 and Aug 2020,** it is my responsibility to notify **St. Mary/St. John Parish** so it can be updated with the relevant information.