

# St. Mary Catholic Elementary School

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*Grades P3-12*

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**“Profound joy of the heart is like a magnet that indicates the path of life.” - St. Teresa of Calcutta**

## All Newsletters

Please know you can find all of our newsletters posted on [our website](#).

## Facebook:

We post pictures and updates regularly, join our private parent Facebook page [here](#) to stay up to date on what is happening at St. Mary. This is a great way to stay connected.



## Thank you Advent Angels

We are eternally grateful for your generosity and kindness for Advent Angels. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. Thank you for thinking of us during this Christmas season and for your continued support.

A special thank you to Andrea Spencer and our POPS group for making Advent Angels possible.

## Remember Winter Gear

The snowy weather is here in full force, so remember to send snow pants, gloves, hats, and winter coats. We ask students to wear them when there is snow and ice on the ground so that they don't get their clothes wet on the playground. Also, please note that if the "feels like" temperature is 0 or below at lunch recess, then we will have indoor recess.



## Counselor's Corner - From Mrs. Stumpf

### Lunch Bunch

I am starting a lunch group called "Lunch Bunch" that will be offered during your child's scheduled lunchtime. All students Kindergarten-5th grade be invited to an informal lunch with myself and their peers. Groups may be mixed K-2 and 3-5, depending on date and size. When your child is selected, they will receive a personal invitation to join our Lunch Bunch Group.

#### **What** is Lunch Bunch?

Lunch Bunch is a fun way to meet new friends, reconnect with old friends, engage in exciting conversations, play fun games, learn something new, share stories and have lunch somewhere other than the cafeteria. Lunch bunch is a great extension upon classroom guidance. Other possible topics may include: Communication, Respect, Following Rules, Study Skills, Manners, Conflict Resolution, Tolerance, Decision Making, Transitions, Safety Education, Bullying Prevention, and more!

#### **Where** is Lunch Bunch?

Lunch Bunch is held in the library/counselor's office. Students go to the cafeteria to get their food, like they normally would do, then take their tray back to the counseling office. Mrs. Stumpf will meet students at the cafeteria to remind them.

#### **When** is Lunch Bunch?

The first Lunch Bunch group is expected to begin in January and will be offered at randomly selected dates up until June. To include every student, there may be several groups so patience will be important

as these groups begin to develop. When your child is selected, they will receive a personal invitation the day before their group meets. They will also be given a reminder and a “front of the line pass” on the day of their scheduled meeting.

**Why** do we have Lunch Bunch?

The group provides students with a “safe” environment where they can talk freely about their accomplishments, concerns and/or ideas. Please keep in mind that this is not a counseling session and this is a fun opportunity to allow students to interact with their peers outside of the typical lunch room setting. Lunch Bunch allows kids to be kids and gives them a chance to discover and explore their own talents through social interaction.

**What** if I don't want my student to participate?

If you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail me at [nstumpf@smcatholicschools.org](mailto:nstumpf@smcatholicschools.org). Your child can also decline the invitation; however they forfeit the option to join a later group. If a student is absent on the day of their group, they will be added into a future group.



## COVID reminders

We are so grateful for your diligence in keeping students home when they are sick, and when someone in the household is being tested for COVID. If your child does have to stay home for a period of time, please reach out to your child's teacher to make accommodations to get work they can be completing at home. Once the work is prepared and ready for pickup, you will be notified.

You can access COVID protocols and information at this link:

<https://smcatholicschools.org/covid19-resources/>

## JUNIE B. JONES JR. THE MUSICAL - READING INCENTIVE

Come see St. Mary Catholic Middle School's production of *Junie B Jones Jr.* The students have been preparing for their upcoming performances on January 7 (7 p.m.) and 8 (2 p.m., 7 p.m.) As a way for elementary families to enjoy the show while also promoting reading, we are offering a special treat for all SMCES students that read at least one (or part of one) *Junie B Jones* book this week. If you qualify and plan on coming to see the musical, all you need to do is fill out, print, and return [THIS FORM](#) at the show to receive a special treat! We hope to see you with us this weekend to enjoy this quirky, funny, and wonderful show based off Barbara Parks's books, *Junie B. Jones!*





## Enrichment Classes

REMINDER: enrichment course registration goes live on Tuesday, January 4th at 6am.

Please use the following link to review course information AND to register for courses when registration goes live. (There are expandable tabs – course information, registration, and enrichment policies)

<https://smcatholicschools.org/co-curriculars/enrichment-program/>

**Payment for the course(s) will be taken at the time of registration so make sure you have a credit card ready at the time of registration.**

Thanks,

Jordan Klein

Enrichment Program Coordinator

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## Nordic Mountain ski opportunity

Nordic Mountain and SMCS schools have worked together to create one registration link so that all 5 of our campuses can downhill ski and snowboard together. Transportation is **not** provided. Skiers and snowboarders will get a RFID lift ticket card that can be reloaded with each visit. You can register at this link:

<https://shop.nordicmountain.com/groups/details?gc=SMCS2022>

SMCS Group Dates...



Thu, Jan 06th, 2022 ..... Thu, Feb 03rd, 2022..... Thu, Mar 03rd, 2022

Thu, Jan 13th, 2022 ..... Thu, Feb 10th, 2022..... Thu, Mar 10th, 2022

Thu, Jan 20th, 2022 ..... Thu, Feb 17th, 2022

Thu, Jan 27th, 2022..... Thu, Feb 24th, 2022



## How to Sign Up for the SMCS Emergency Alert System

### [Text Message Notifications](#)

How to Sign Up for the SMCS Emergency Alert System

You may subscribe, at no cost, to the SMCS emergency alert system.

To enroll your phone number, please text SMCS to (844) 947-5948.

You will receive a confirmation text and a text indicating that when you want to opt out of this service you simply need to reply STOP.

You may enroll multiple cell phone numbers using that same process (text SMCS to (844) 947-5948).

## Important Dates

January

- 3 - 28 ----- MAP testing
- 7 ----- Mass 8:10am (4)
- 12 ----- POPS meeting 8am
- 14 ----- Mass 8:10am (3)
- End of quarter / Early dismissal (11:30am)
- 17 ----- No School (Professional Development day)
- 21 ----- Mass 8:10am (2)
- 26 ----- All school rosary 8:15am
- 28 ----- Mass 8:10am (1)
- 30 ----- Start of Catholic Schools week



## 2021-22 SMCS Calendar

[Click on this link](#) to view our monthly calendar of events.

Our system calendar at a glance can be accessed at the following link: [2021-22 calendar](#)



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