St. Gabriel Elementary News Update

March 16, 2022

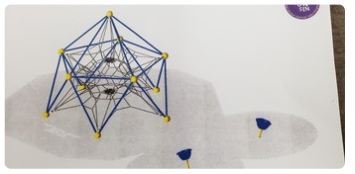
St. Mary Catholic Schools
Grades P3-12
A Community Inspiring Success

"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier" Saint Teresa of Calcutta

All news updates can be found here on our SMCS website.
After School Care signup click here
Hot Lunch Volunteer signup click here
Childcare on PD days click here
Sunday Donut signup click here
Hot Lunch menus click here

Exciting News!

Our PTO used funds to purchase some new playground equipment for our large playground. A sphere climber and two spinners were installed yesterday and if all goes as planned the students will be able to play on them during lunch recess tomorrow. A huge thank you to PTO members Lisa Jensen and Marla Nagel for taking care of the details and to our PTO for funding this exciting addition!



Sunday coffee and donut help needed

We are looking for families to help set up and serve coffee and donuts after the 8:00 and 10:00 mass on Sundays at St. Gabriel.

St Gabriel Parish welcomes and supports our SMCS students and families. Through the generosity of parishioners and all those who enjoy coffee & donuts following Sunday masses, Free Will Offerings (less cost) between 1/30/22 - 4/24/22 will be given directly to our St Gabriel Elementary School - PTO.

If interested in this service opportunity (which allows time to attend mass as well), please select and sign up for the date(s) that work for your family! You can serve following one or both masses on a Sunday. Please click here to sign up. We do not have anyone scheduled for this weekend.

Specific instructions (and training if needed) will be provided in advance for those who sign up, but we do ask families who haven't served donuts at St Gabriel in the past, to please (if possible) observe another family serving on a Sunday prior to your scheduled date.

SMCS to Participate in the Wisconsin Forward Exam

SMCS students in grades 3-8 will participate in the WI Forward Exam this spring, an assessment tool designed to gauge how well students are doing in relation to the Wisconsin Academic Standards. The WI Forward Exam is administered online.

- grades 3-8 in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics,
- grades 4 and 8 in Science and Social Studies

Accommodations and supports for students with learning needs are built into the system so that the progress of students can be accurately measured. Student results will be available this summer.

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program - apply now!

The WPCP allows eligible students to attend a participating private school tuition-free. Eligibility is based on student grade level and household income. Continuing WPCP students must reapply each year, but are not required to meet income requirements after the initial qualifying year. Learn more here or apply now.
Contact Shelley Wautlet swautlet@smcatholicschools.org with any additional questions.

Registration for 2022-23

We have exciting news for SMCS 2022-2023 registration - **there is NOTHING for you to do**, at this time, if your child(ren) is returning to SMCS for the 2022-2023 school year! Our new enrollment management system will move students to the next grade level. Registration fees will be billed later this spring, and **all existing families will receive the early registration discount.**
You can find more details about registration here.

For Tax Purposes - filing year 2021

A summary of tuition transactions from 1/1/21 to 6/30/21 was mailed in January. To access payments made from 7/1/21 to 12/31/21, log in to Blackbaud/Smart Tuition account (use link) https://parent.smarttuition.com/ and click on Family Year End Statement. Parents may include the tuition payments for 5-year old kindergarten through grade 12 on the state of WI Schedule PS tax form. Please consult a tax professional to inquire about claiming payments on P3/4K tuition.
The 2021 Schedule PS and instructions can be found on our website. For Part 1 use: St. Mary Catholic Schools, 1050 Zephyr Drive, Neenah, WI 54956.

Spirit Stop Sale

We've changed the clocks, the snow is melting, and the sun is staying up later. Let's celebrate marching into Spring with a Spirit Stop sale! Visit our website to check out the latest markdowns!
A scheduling note: there will be NO in person shopping on Friday, March 18 and Friday March 25 due to SMCS Spring Break. The Spirit Stop will resume it's Friday morning hours on April 1.

Zephyrfest

Early tickets sale are sending a clear message: after two years of virtual gatherings, we are ready to celebrate Zephyrfest 2022 in person! If you are planning to attend this premier fundraising event, the time is now to secure your reservations for Saturday, April 30 at the Fox Cities Exhibition Center. Click here to purchase your tickets.
Attending Zephyrfest isn't the only way you can take part in the excitement. Purchase some sweepstakes tickets for your chance to win everything from a new car, to Packers tickets, and even cash. Click here for sweepstakes details.

Walking Through Lent Together

During Lent we are invited to draw closer to God by stripping away the things in this world that keep us from Him. We're invited to fast, to pray, and to give, so that we might prepare our hearts for the gift of the Resurrection. The journey of Lent is personal, but also an opportunity to join a community of believers walking toward Easter.

In the hopes of encouraging community in this season, we have gathered Lenten opportunities from across our five parishes and campuses in one place. We hope you'll find occasions on our Walking Through Lent Together website to connect to God and your SMCS community. The website will be updated as we learn of more opportunities and events to share.

Camp Tekakwitha

Registration is open for summer camp at Camp Tekakwitha! If you're looking for an exceptional Catholic summer experience spent soaking up God's great creation through outdoor adventure and community, Camp Tek is just the thing. Feel welcome to email camptekakwitha@gbdioc.org or visit camptekakwitha.org for questions and further information. Come join us!

Looking Ahead

Click here for system calendar

Thursday 3-17-22
Liturgy at 8:15 (K)
Out of dress code for St. Patrick after mass
4K & K to PAC in afternoon

March 18-27 - Spring Break

Monday 3-28-22
Classes Resume
Tuesday 3-29-22
Book Club
Thursday 3-31-22
Liturgy at 8:15 (5)
Friday 4-1-22
PTO meeting 8:25
Thursday 4-7-22
Liturgy at 8:15 (4)
Saturday 4-9-22
Father/Daughter Dance

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