



St. Mary
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We are Zephyrs

FAITH. ACADEMICS. SERVICE.





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Welcome

FROM SMCS PRESIDENT
HELEN ENGLEBERT

WELCOME TO ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS!



It is my honor to serve as president of this vibrant and progressive school system. We invite you to learn about who we are, what we do, and how we inspire our students and impact our community in order to be relevant and influential in a rapidly changing world.

SMCS prepares students to meet global challenges and become faith-filled leaders for tomorrow. Our graduates are intellectually competent, physically and spiritually fit, and grounded in Christian values and service.

Thanks to our generous and engaged community, qualified educators and dedicated staff, St. Mary Catholic Schools is known for its academic excellence and overall student success. With a commitment to providing innovative and effective student learning experiences, we also focus on cultivating strong family, parish, and community partnerships to foster even greater student success in the future.

We pray for God's blessings and guidance as you explore how our schools can offer your child challenges and support, opportunity and growth in academics, faith and service. And...we look forward to having you be part of our remarkable school community!

WHAT MAKES SMCS

Special

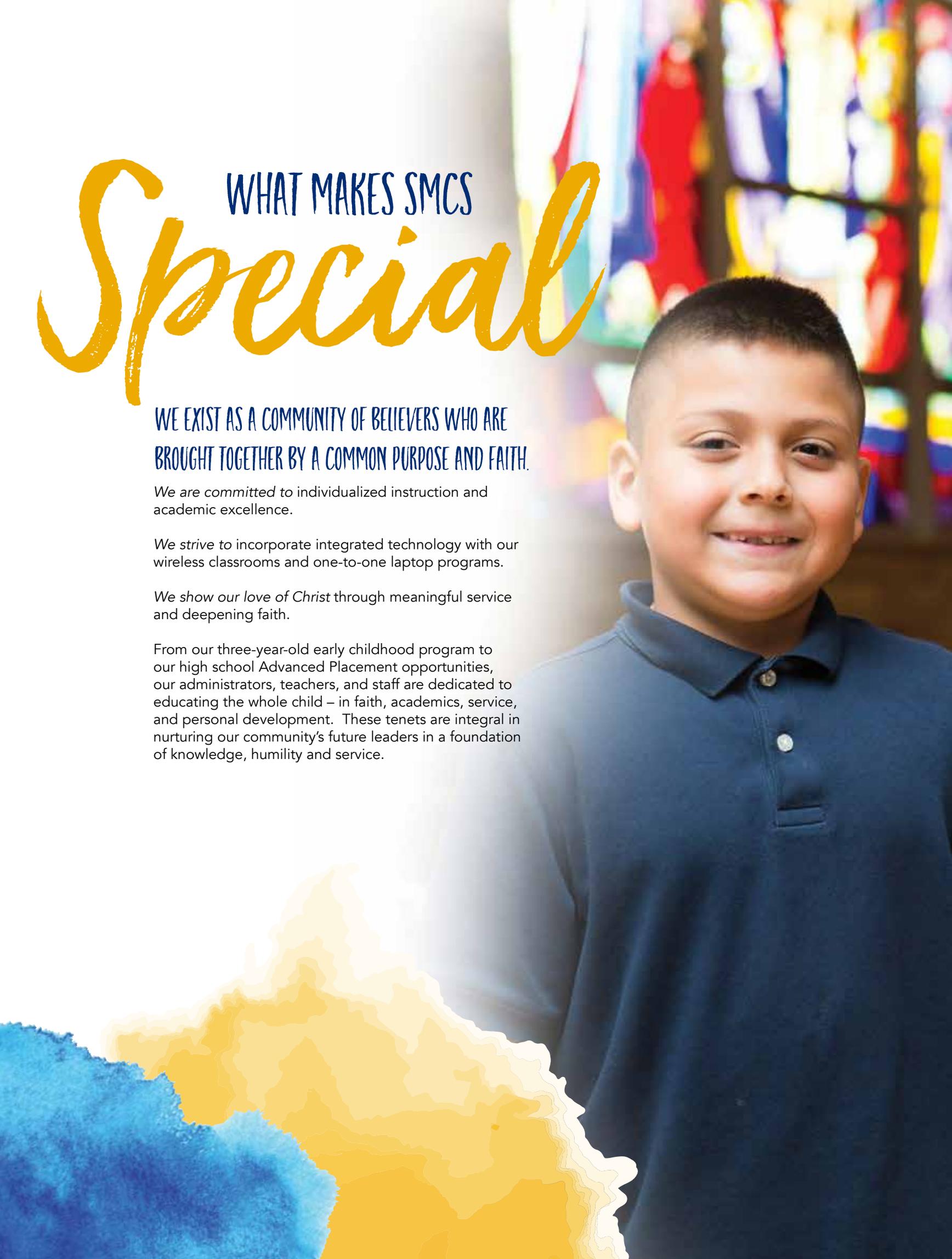
WE EXIST AS A COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS WHO ARE
BROUGHT TOGETHER BY A COMMON PURPOSE AND FAITH.

We are committed to individualized instruction and academic excellence.

We strive to incorporate integrated technology with our wireless classrooms and one-to-one laptop programs.

We show our love of Christ through meaningful service and deepening faith.

From our three-year-old early childhood program to our high school Advanced Placement opportunities, our administrators, teachers, and staff are dedicated to educating the whole child – in faith, academics, service, and personal development. These tenets are integral in nurturing our community's future leaders in a foundation of knowledge, humility and service.



ZEPHYRS ARE Scholars



ELEMENTARY

Each day, SMCS elementary students are immersed in music, art, literacy and math, guided in Catholic values, nurtured in education and encouraged in personal development.

SMCS Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) scores in grades 1-7 consistently rank well above national norm averages in all disciplines, and are among the highest in the area.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

SMCMS educators form teaching and learning teams, ensuring that the curriculum is shared and reinforced across the grade levels and disciplines. We offer a challenging, hands-on and exploratory curriculum, as well as intensive classes at each level for the students who are ready to delve deeper. They may also earn high school credit as eighth graders.

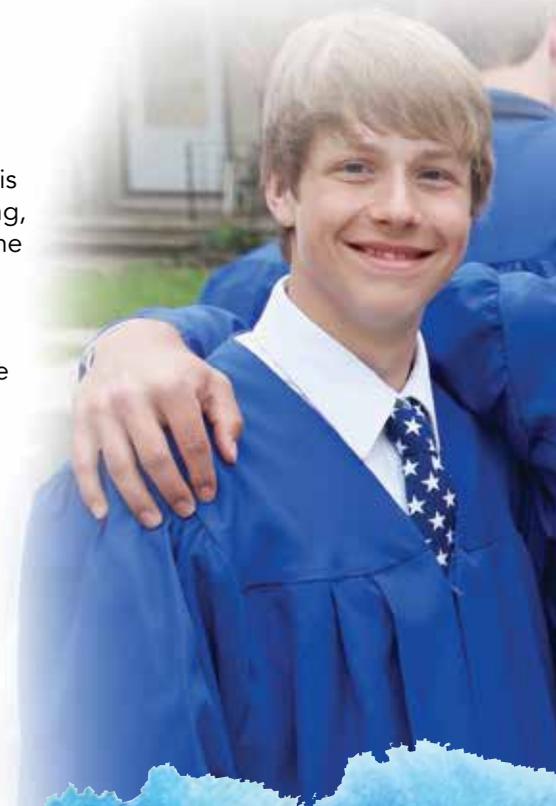
Our middle school building stands alone in its layout, which is designed to promote collaborative learning, interactivity, and state-of-the-art technology.

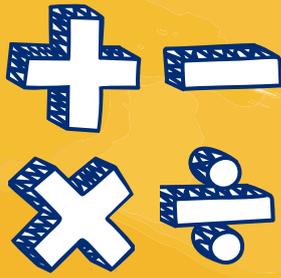
HIGH SCHOOL

SMCHS incorporates technology into a strong, college-prep curriculum. We offer a wide variety of courses, including numerous AP and CAPP courses, as well as an array of business and fine arts classes.

We are proud to say that our high school's ACT scores are consistently above local, state, and national averages, and 27% of students in the Class of 2017 were awarded Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar designation.

*For a listing of classes offered at specific levels, please see the insert in the back folder.





SMCS BEGINS BUILDING IMPORTANT LITERACY AND MATH SKILLS WITH STUDENTS AS YOUNG AS THREE-YEARS OLD IN OUR EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM.



STUDENTS RECEIVE THE ATTENTION THAT THEY NEED, THE CREATIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCES THEY ENJOY, AND THE ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES THEY DESERVE.





DID YOU KNOW?

Nearly 25% of our school's population is not Catholic? Although our teachings are rooted in Catholicism, you do not have to be Catholic to attend! Inquire with our admissions director to get more details.

ZEPHYRS ARE Faithful

We are faithful Christians dedicated to helping our students grow spiritually, reinforcing their moral growth and teaching them to reach out beyond themselves to address needs and realities outside their everyday lives.

At all five of our schools, we have regular liturgies planned and led by students starting in kindergarten. Our students take turns planning liturgies, and participate as readers, musicians, and servers, gaining a deeper appreciation and understanding of our faith and how we celebrate it.

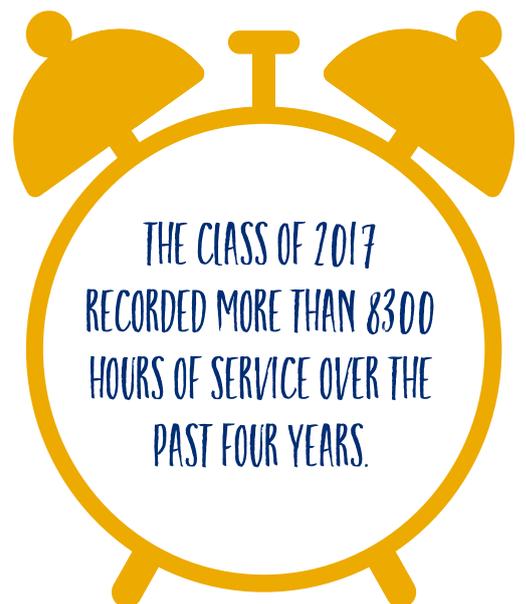
THEOLOGY

Our theology curriculum helps our students grow spiritually in the Catholic faith, reinforces their moral growth and teaches them to reach out beyond themselves into the community.

SERVICE

We feel that it is important for our students, as a faithful student body, to be the hands and feet of Christ in today's world. With that, we require all of our older students to complete service hours each year. Students in preschool through fifth grade participate in service activities with their classmates.

Grades 6-8 12 hours minimum per year
Grades 9-12 15 hours minimum per year





ZEPHYRS ARE Athletes

St. Mary Catholic Schools' athletic offerings work hand in hand with the school's academic program to educate each student as a whole person.

With organized teams beginning in Grade 5, SMCS athletics serve as a foundation for the well-rounded, spiritual, intellectual, physical, and psychological development fostered in every student.

The new training and fitness center provides a phenomenal place for students in grades 6-12 to develop their athletic skills and lifelong fitness habits.

*For a complete listing of sports offerings at each level, please see insert in the back folder.





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ZEPHYRS ARE

Talented!

SMCS gives students opportunities starting in kindergarten to explore their artistic interests. Through our curriculum and co-curriculars, we give all students the chance to express their passions, abilities and gifts.

ART AND MUSIC

Elementary school offers music classes that includes singing, dancing and learning to play instruments. Concert band and after-school enrichment activities such as pop singing, dance, forensics and Claymation are also available. Middle and high school courses and activities include many instrumental and vocal groups, forensics, graphic arts and visual arts classes.

THEATER

SMCS offers the opportunity to participate in musicals and drama theater productions throughout the year. Each elementary school traditionally puts on a Christmas program, and the middle and high schools showcase drama and musical productions. Students enjoy developing their talents in both onstage and behind-the-scenes roles.

The Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center, which is home to the SMCS fine arts program, is used by all of our K-12 students and boasts one of the area's best-equipped facilities.

*For a listing of arts classes offered at each level, please see insert in back folder.



ZEPHYRS ARE Involved

From enrichment opportunities at the elementary level to athletics, service, academic and STEM-based groups at the middle and high school, SMCS's co-curriculars cultivate an environment in which our young people flourish. Our programs challenge their minds, expand their social awareness, reinforce their moral growth, and promote active and involved lifestyles.

Elementary options include karate, chess, dance, and yoga. Middle school opportunities such as Junior Optimist Club, math club and student council abound, and high school options including STEM Club, drama, forensics and Key Club are just a glimpse into the possibilities. SMCS students benefit from our small-by-choice community because it allows them to experience a wide variety of co-curricular opportunities throughout their academic careers.

*For a listing of the co-curriculars offered at each level, please see the insert in the back folder.



DID YOU KNOW?

Over 98% of our high school students participate in one or more co-curricular activity!



ZEPHYRS ARE Progressive

THE AQUINAS PROGRAM

SMCS is pleased to announce the addition of the Aquinas Program, an accelerated learning curriculum, slated to launch in the fall of 2018. This program will be open to all children entering grades 3-5 who are admitted based on qualifying criteria. This project-based, accelerated curriculum will allow students to excel in a dedicated environment that will cultivate each child's strengths.

**Please contact the admissions director for additional program information and entrance requirements.*

TECHNOLOGY

Our students use state-of-the-art technology at each of our five schools. From tablets, computers and smart boards to our innovative one-to-one laptop program starting in sixth grade, our students benefit from technology that enhances our curriculum and promotes higher-order thinking through problem solving.

A dedicated, on-site IT staff is committed to helping ensure that all of our students' needs are met, without interruption.

WORLD LANGUAGES AND CULTURE

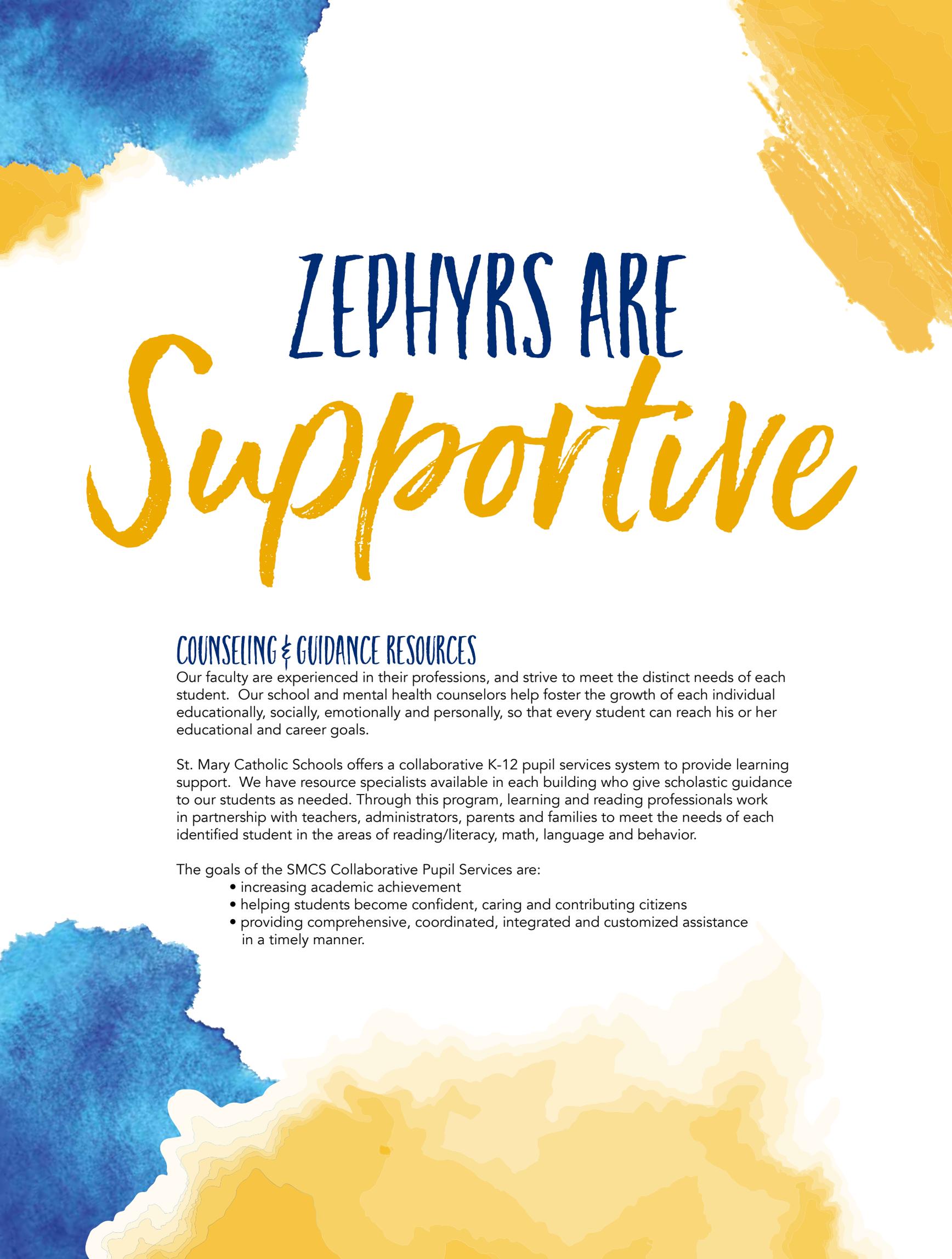
As part of a global society, SMCS realizes the importance of communicating with and appreciating the cultures of others. Students begin learning basic Mandarin Chinese and Spanish in elementary school, and may select German beginning in middle school. SMCHS, home to a Confucius Classroom, welcomes international students from Asia and Eastern Europe each year.

WE ARE A STEM & PLTW SCHOOL SYSTEM

SMCS is committed to a STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math)-based curriculum at all grade levels. Many co-curricular opportunities support this focus from kindergarten through high school.

Project Lead The Way is a nationally recognized, project-based STEM program that supplements the existing science program. SMCS initiated a three-year implementation plan to introduce PLTW into the K-12 curriculum.





ZEPHYRS ARE Supportive

COUNSELING & GUIDANCE RESOURCES

Our faculty are experienced in their professions, and strive to meet the distinct needs of each student. Our school and mental health counselors help foster the growth of each individual educationally, socially, emotionally and personally, so that every student can reach his or her educational and career goals.

St. Mary Catholic Schools offers a collaborative K-12 pupil services system to provide learning support. We have resource specialists available in each building who give scholastic guidance to our students as needed. Through this program, learning and reading professionals work in partnership with teachers, administrators, parents and families to meet the needs of each identified student in the areas of reading/literacy, math, language and behavior.

The goals of the SMCS Collaborative Pupil Services are:

- increasing academic achievement
- helping students become confident, caring and contributing citizens
- providing comprehensive, coordinated, integrated and customized assistance in a timely manner.



DID YOU KNOW?

Students do not need a formal disability diagnosis to access support through this program. Contact the school's principal for more information on the offerings available at each campus.

TUITION AFFORDABILITY



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St. Mary Catholic Schools is committed to providing a quality Catholic education for all students regardless of their family's financial situation. Tuition assistance grants and scholarships are available and handled in complete confidentiality. We will do all we can to help families meet their financial commitment towards this faith-based education.

SMCS SCRIP

Scrip is a year-round fundraising opportunity that enables all families to earn money toward their own tuition and benefit St. Mary Catholic Schools at the same time. Scrip turns everyday purchases into tuition credit when gift cards are used in place of cash, credit or checks.

Simply buy retail gift cards from a selection of over 400 local and national stores. Each of those retailers pre-determines a rebate amount, and SMCS then gives you back 80% of the rebate in the form of tuition credit, quarterly! Go to shopwithscrip.com to explore all of the vendor options, or contact the SMCS tuition coordinator for additional enrollment information.

REGISTRATION

Interested in having your child attend our schools? Our registration process takes place online and begins with early registration incentives in mid-October for the following school year. For additional information or to schedule a personal tour, contact our admissions director at 920-722-7796 or visit our website at smcatholicsschools.org.



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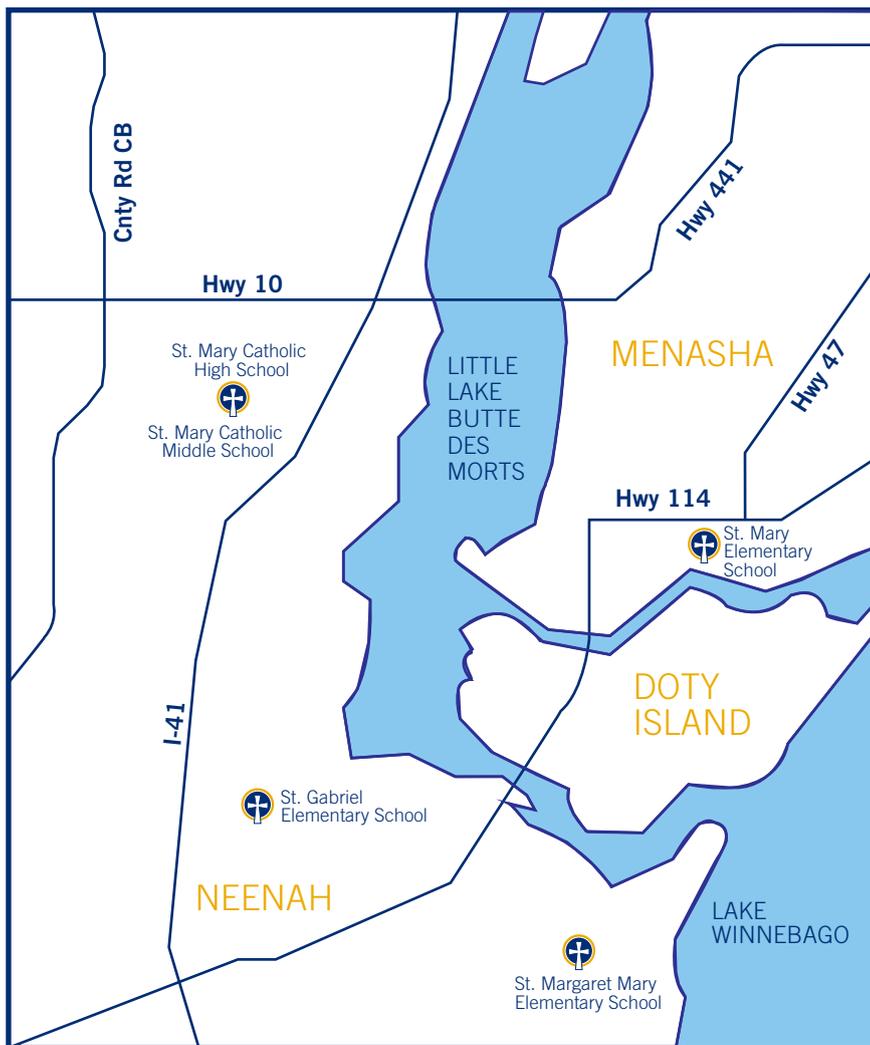
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SCMS participates in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP). This is an excellent opportunity for families who may have believed that an outstanding, faith-based education was beyond their reach. WPCP provides the chance for students whose families meet the income requirements and who are selected, to attend SCMS at no charge.

The application process takes place in the spring of the year for the following school year. Contact the SMCS Tuition Coordinator for additional details.



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MISSION STATEMENT

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