



St. Mary Catholic Schools

Grades P3-12

A Community Inspiring Success



**ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE | FAITH | INCLUSION
PERSONAL GROWTH | STEWARDSHIP**

WELCOME

to St. Mary Catholic Schools



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SMCS MISSION

Preparing and inspiring students to lead meaningful lives,
rooted in the teachings of Christ in our Catholic tradition.

SMCS VISION

To be celebrated as the school system where students discover and develop their God-given talents and experience success through learning, faith and service.

SMCS VALUES

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE through dedicated teachers, smaller class sizes, nationally recognized programs, state-of-the-art facilities and technology.

FAITH AND MORAL VALUES integrated into curriculum and school life to serve others with compassion and integrity.

INCLUSION where we welcome and respect all students, families, faiths, and backgrounds in a supportive and safe community.

SELF-DISCOVERY AND PERSONAL GROWTH in a vibrant environment promoting life-long learning.

STEWARDSHIP by sharing God-given gifts to positively influence an ever-changing world

As a member of the St. Mary Catholic Schools community, every student will have the opportunity to:

ACHIEVE ACADEMIC SUCCESS through the commitment of dedicated teachers and staff who are invested in students' academic development and take extra measures to help students attain their highest potential.

DISCOVER AND DEVELOP THEIR FAITH to live as a dynamic disciple of Christ.

BE PART OF A SUPPORTIVE AND SAFE COMMUNITY where parents, students, faculty, and staff are valued and respected in our school community.

EXPLORE THEIR UNIQUE PASSIONS and curiosities through enriching experiences and a diverse selection of co-curricular opportunities.

EXPERIENCE AN IDEAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT through best-in-class facilities and technology to facilitate collaborative learning and interactive programming.

LEARN IN AN INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT with an expectation of respect and kindness for others.

A COMMUNITY

INSPIRING SUCCESS in **ACADEMICS**

EARLY CHILDHOOD & ELEMENTARY

The SMCS Early Childhood Program provides a Catholic environment and fosters positive values and attitudes. Warm and engaging teachers nurture the spiritual, emotional, intellectual, social and physical developmental growth of each young student. Our teachers cultivate each student's natural curiosity for learning and encourage self-motivation and independence, promoting an awareness and acceptance of each person's uniqueness.

St. Mary Catholic Schools elementary curriculum includes a strong foundation in the traditional elements of a well-rounded education. Students are immersed in literacy, math, science, and social studies guided in Catholic values, nurtured in education and encouraged in personal development. Special courses, including music, art, physical education, world language and school counseling, offer students an opportunity to explore new ideas and experiences in areas that reach beyond the basic curriculum.

SMCS Measures of Academic Program (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

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

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

HIGH SCHOOL



St. Mary Catholic Schools 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 share that our high school's ACT scores are consistently above local, state, and national averages, and 33% of students in the Class of 2019 were awarded Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar designation.



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



SMCS BEGINS BUILDING
IMPORTANT LITERACY AND MATH SKILLS IN
OUR EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM.

A FAITHFUL

COMMUNITY INSPIRING SUCCESS

Let it be known to all who enter that Christ is the reason for our schools. We strive to nurture students' knowledge and practice of their faith through the celebration of liturgy and sacraments, service, and daily prayer. A strong commitment to our Catholic identity is an essential element of SMCS.

At all five of our schools we have regular liturgies planned and led by students. Our K-12 students participate as readers, musicians and servers, gaining a deeper appreciation and understanding of our faith and how we celebrate it.



DID YOU KNOW?



25%

OF OUR STUDENT POPULATION IS NOT CATHOLIC. STUDENTS OF ALL FAITHS ARE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY.

THEOLOGY

The foundation of St. Mary Catholic Schools is our Catholic identity. It is considered in our philosophy, curriculum, community life and in the selection and formation of our teachers, as well as in the physical environment of each school.

The SMCS family is a faith-based community that nurtures the spiritual lives of students, families, faculty and staff. A variety of faith opportunities are present to encourage the community to worship and pray together. Each school actively promotes social justice experiences as an integral part of the school, and all SMCS schools are welcoming, inclusive and safe for all who enter our doors.

Our theology curriculum helps our students grow spiritually in the Catholic faith, reinforces their moral growth and teaches them to reach out beyond themselves in the community. We strive to nurture a deep faith in our students and to educate the Church leaders of tomorrow. Our theological studies are aligned with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) guidelines. It is also the foundation of the co-curricular philosophy and expectations.

SERVICE

We feel it is important for our students, as a faithful student body, to be the hands and feet of Christ in today's world. We require all of our middle and high school students to complete service hours each year. Students in early childhood 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

THE CLASS OF 2019
RECORDED MORE THAN



9,800

HOURS OF SERVICE

DURING THEIR FOUR YEARS IN HIGH SCHOOL.



A COMMUNITY

INSPIRING SUCCESS in ATHLETICS

St. Mary Catholic Schools' athletic offerings work hand in hand with the schools' academic programs to educate each student as a whole person. Participation in athletics does more than build strong bodies. It also teaches valuable life lessons about teamwork, commitment and integrity. 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.

Zephyrs pride runs strong through all levels of the SMCS sports programs. We invite parents, families and the community to join us at every event to cheer on our student athletes!

FACILITIES

SMCS is blessed to have regulation competition fields for many high school sports on the combined high school and middle school campus. A grass football and soccer field, beautiful tennis courts and a full baseball diamond and softball field provide a home-field advantage to our Zephyrs teams. The high school's McClone Gymnasium and the double gym at St. Mary Catholic Middle School provide a terrific, multi-court venue for hosting indoor sports competitions and practices. Each elementary school has a full gym available for athletics, enrichment activities and physical education classes.

The SMCS Fitness Center provides a phenomenal place for students in grades 6-12 to develop their athletic skills and lifelong fitness habits.



OVER **98%**

OF OUR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PARTICIPATE
IN ONE OR MORE CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY!



From enrichment opportunities at the elementary level to athletics, fine arts, service, academic and STEM (science, technology, engineering, math)-based groups at the middle and high school, SMCS co-curriculars cultivate an environment in which our students flourish. Our programs challenge their minds, expand their social awareness, reinforce their moral growth, and promote active and involved lifestyles.

SMCS students benefit from our community size because it allows them to experience a wide variety of co-curricular opportunities throughout their academic careers.



AN INVOLVED

COMMUNITY INSPIRING SUCCESS

A COMMUNITY

INSPIRING SUCCESS in FINE ARTS

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

Students who participate in fine arts activities perform well academically, manage their time well and appreciate culture and arts. As part of a well-rounded education, SMCS encourages students to explore their talents in visual, vocal and instrumental fine arts, as well as theater and forensic performance. Whether part of the curriculum or as co-curricular opportunities, fine arts at St. Mary Catholic Schools is a valued educational experience.



ART, MUSIC & DRAMA

Our elementary schools offer art and music classes that include singing, dancing and learning to play instruments. Concert band and after-school enrichment activities such as dance, art, singing and strings are also available. Middle and high school courses and activities include many instrumental and vocal groups, forensics, graphic arts and visual arts classes.

The SMCS state-of-the-art Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center (FAEC) is enjoyed by the entire SMCS community. The venue is used by students and staff from the five SMCS schools, as well as alumni and community members for concerts, performances and events. It is modeled after the same advanced, professional technology used by the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center with the intent of exposing our students to opportunities in all aspects of the fine arts. It includes state-of-the-art audiovisual, lighting and production equipment, a staging fly system and Yamaha grand piano. The facility also includes a set-building studio and costume shop, as well as a comfortable green room. Students enjoy developing their talents in both onstage and behind-the-scenes roles.



A PROGRESSIVE

COMMUNITY INSPIRING SUCCESS

AQUINAS PROGRAM

The SMCS Aquinas Program, located within the St. Mary Elementary Campus of St. Mary Catholic Schools, meets the educational aspirations of students in grades 3-5, who will thrive in an environment with a self-directed and inter-disciplinary model of instruction. The SMCS Aquinas Program is a project-based, accelerated curriculum, takes place in a multi-age classroom and is led by a teacher who is certified in gifted-and-talented education.

The program is open to students who complete the assessment process and are admitted into the program. Potential participants have demonstrated the ability to set and work towards goals and to take responsibility for their learning by working independently.



TECHNOLOGY

Our students use state-of-the-art technology. From tablets, computers and smart boards to our one-to-one laptop program starting in sixth grade, our students benefit from technology that enhances our curriculum and prepares them for our ever changing world.

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



WORLD LANGUAGES & CULTURE

SMCS is proud to offer three world languages – German, Mandarin Chinese and Spanish. As part of a global society, SMCS realizes the importance of communicating with and appreciating the cultures of others. We are also committed to inspiring students to become well-rounded citizens who will thrive in a global marketplace with the ability to understand and communicate effectively. Student begin learning world languages in grade 4.

SMCS has been approved for the State of Wisconsin Global Education Achievement Certificate Program. This program ensures that students and staff are engaged in learning and supporting meaningful development of global competence. It promotes international learning, global awareness and cross-cultural connections.

STEM & PLTW



SMCS is committed to a STEM-based curriculum at all grade levels. Many co-curricular opportunities, including our nationally recognized VEX Robotics program, support this focus from kindergarten through high school. Project Lead The Way (PLTW), the nation's leading provider of K-12 STEM programs, supplements the SMCS science curriculum. Its project-based curriculum and high-quality teacher professional development, combined with an engaged network of educators and corporate partners, helps students develop the skills they need to be successful in post-secondary education and beyond. Our program includes “Launch” (elementary), “Gateway” (middle school) and “Pathways” (high school) components.



A SUPPORTIVE

COMMUNITY INSPIRING SUCCESS

COUNSELING & RESOURCES



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

SMCS offers a collaborative K-12 pupil services program to provide learning support. We have resource specialists available who give academic guidance to our students as needed. Through this program, learning and reading professionals work in partnership with teachers, administrators and families to meet the needs of each student.

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
LEARNING SUPPORT.

TUITION GRANTS & ASSISTANCE

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

REGISTRATION

Are you interested in having your child attend our schools? Our registration process takes place online and begins with early registration incentives in 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 smcatholicschools.org.

DID YOU KNOW?

SMCS 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 SMCS at no charge. The application process takes place in the spring for the following school year. Contact the SMCS tuition coordinator for additional details.

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