



ST. MARY ELEMENTARY WEEKLY UPDATE

DATE November 13, 2019

IMPORTANT DATES



SMCS EMAIL NEWSLETTER



SMCS CALENDAR PAGE

November

Thursday 14

Pay Up \$1 to Dress Down (PUDD day)
- Proceeds for Wounded
Warrior Project

Friday 15

8:10 Mass (1)

Tuesday 19

POPS Coffee hour
End candle sale

Wednesday 20

Preschool / 4K Playlab

Thursday 21

Pay Up \$1 to Dress Down (PUDD day)
- Proceeds for Wounded
Warrior Project

Friday 22

8:10 Mass (4)

Pre3-4K Heckrodt Field trip

Tuesday 26

School store open

Wednesday 27

No School Thanksgiving break

Thursday 28

No School Thanksgiving

Friday 29

No School

December

Sunday 1

First Sunday of Advent
Christmas book fair (Dec. 1-5)

Monday 2

Wreath blessing

Wednesday 4

First reconciliation

Thursday 5

St. Nick's Feast Day celebrated (Dec.6)

Friday 6

St. Nick's Feast Day
No School / Professional Development
day

Monday 9

Christmas Concert 6:30pm FAEC

Thursday 12

Third - Fifth grade confessions

Friday 13

8:10 Mass (5)

"If you judge people, you have no time to love them." Saint Teresa of Calcutta

SMCS News

The SMCS news is emailed to you and can be found online at:
<https://smcatholicsschools.org/news/>

School Prayer Families

We believe in the power of prayer! Because we know that prayer can impact lives and families, each week we choose different families to pray for. Last week we prayed for the Brenn, Baker, Barraza, and Meier families. This week we are praying for the Breintengross, Hellmer and Loughrin families.

Book Fair

We all love books 📖, right?? Our school wants to try something new this year. We will be having a Winter AND a Spring Book Fair. The Winter Book Fair will boost the percentage we earn in Spring, which is typically \$4000+ of new books for our school. And the doubly exciting news is the winter book fair will be BUY ONE GET ONE FREE ON EVERYTHING! Great Christmas presents too.

The Winter Book Fair will run December 2nd-5th. A flyer will be available soon with specific times & exciting events.

We need volunteers!! Putting on this event is no small task, please see the link below.

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/20f0f4faea22a6f58-book>

Candle sale

Looking for some ideas for Christmas presents. We've got a candle sale going on until November 19th. The school will get a percentage of the sales and 10% of the proceeds is donated to Children's Hospital of Wisconsin as well. You can check out the soy candles in the office. When you place your order note that it is for St. Mary Elementary School, Menasha, so that the school is credited. Order online at <https://www.eclecticcandle.com/>

Basketball Family Nights

Girls Basketball Family Night

Thursday, November 21

JV 5:50 p.m., Varsity 7:15 p.m.

**Free admission for middle school students and younger, accompanied by a parent/guardian*

Boys Basketball Family Night

Friday, December 13

JV2/JV 5:50 p.m., Varsity 7:15 p.m.

**Free beverage and popcorn for middle school students and younger*



Focusing on Kindness

We are challenging ourselves to notice acts of kindness everywhere around us. *“What we focus on we get more of”*. To show all the acts of kindness we notice a heart is added to the tree in the gym. Talk to your child about how they can spot acts of kindness so that each month we add more and more hearts.....seeing love grow all around us.

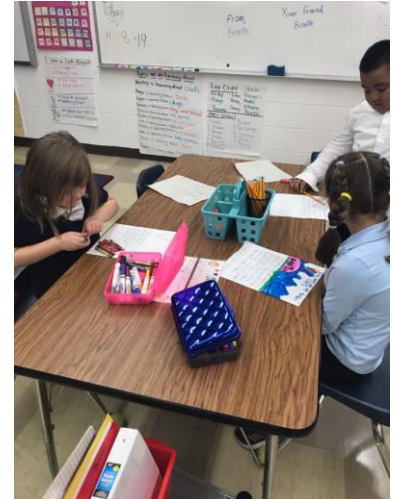
You will also notice that we there is Thankful poster in the hallway, in front of the elevator, we invite everyone to color in a leaf and write what they are thankful for.

Drop box outside the office

Please use the drop box located outside the office to drop off any payments or papers in the morning. It can get pretty busy in the morning, if you are just dropping something off, use the drop box, then you don't have to wait.

Classroom Highlights

Currently in first grade, the students are learning about being a good citizen. They learned what a law was and how laws and rules are similar. They found out there can be consequences and fines when people don't follow the law. They are writing letters to the Menasha Police Department, telling them how they are choosing to be a good citizen and community member. Once the letters are received, Officer Jon will be visiting the class to thank them for the letters and discuss some of their ideas.



November 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians:

It's hard to believe that we are beginning the second quarter of the school year!

A great education goes beyond reading, writing and math. It also includes learning how to get along with others, make good decisions, solve problems, and take responsibility for one's emotions.

Our SMCS Comprehensive Counseling Program empowers students to develop skills that encourage self-awareness, promote a virtuous way of life, promote life-long learning, foster interpersonal communication skills, develop decision making skills based on a moral foundation, provide vocation and career awareness, develop employment readiness, and impart life skills for all students. The program standards and benchmarks promote the mission of the Diocese of Green Bay Catholic School Counseling Program to provide a faith and moral based program for each child's personal, social, emotional, and academic success.

All students, kindergarten through grade 5, participate in classroom guidance once every six school days. Lessons are developmentally based to address issues commonly faced by children at various ages. Classroom guidance lessons are based on the following themes: **Academic Success, Virtue Education, Safety & Wellness, Transitions, Emotional Learning, Diversity and Careers**. Ask your child about guidance lessons and look for projects made during classroom guidance.

In addition to classroom guidance, I am available to assist children with specific concerns in either an individual or small group counseling setting. The strong emotions associated with family changes, friendship issues or learning concerns affect a child's ability to fully benefit from his/her education. The school counseling setting provides children with a safe and supportive environment to share feelings and concerns and to try new behaviors. Counseling may focus on any developmental or situational concern in the life of a child.

All children deserve to feel great about themselves and their education. Please feel free to contact me with any concerns you may have regarding your child.

Sincerely,

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POPS Meeting Notes from November 11th, 2019

Halloween Party Wrap-Up

- The Halloween Party went well! There are mixed reviews about having it in the activity room in the basement, however, set up is so much easier. A few different ideas will be tried next year to try to space things out a bit more. A BIG THANK YOU to those parents involved in pulling off this great event! A lot of work goes into setting up the games, decorating, and organizing food, volunteers, and prizes.

December Book Fair

- We will have a Scholastic Book Fair December 2nd – December 5th (just in time for St. Nick!). This book fair will be buy 1, get 1 free on all books! Thursday morning, December 5th, there will be a Family Christmas Party from 8a to 9a. Check out the event pages on our St. Mary Elementary Parents Facebook Page, and look for more information in the school newsletter!

SCRIP Option for Teachers for Christmas

- We will again offer this as an option for Christmas gifts for teachers. Information will be sent home within the week.

Church Staff Birthday Treats

- POPS will recognize the July – December Birthdays of the Parish Staff with a morning treat.

Catholic Schools Week (1/26 – 1/31)

- Every year our school puts on a pancake breakfast to thank our parish for supporting us. The pancake breakfast this year will be on January 26th, 2020. We will be asking students in each grade to bring in food for the pancake breakfast. More information on this will go home in January.

December Meeting

- Our December POPS meeting will be canceled due to a conflict with the Christmas Concert. This is a busy time of year, and there is nothing pressing for which this meeting is needed.

Next Meeting Date

- Monday, January 13th @ 1:30p