



St. Mary Catholic Schools
Grades P3-12

A Community Inspiring Success

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

March 25, 2020

"If we want a love message to be heard, it has got to be sent out. To keep a lamp burning, we have to keep putting oil in it." *St. Teresa of Calcutta*

COVID-19

Pope Francis' prayer to Our Lady, Health of the Sick, to implore her protection during the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic:

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

The following are factual and reliable sources of information:

- CDC <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/index.html>
- DHS <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/outbreaks/index.htm>
- DPI <https://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/2019-novel-coronavirus>

Check our [blog](#) and [Facebook page](#) for updates.

New Championship Athletic Field and Track Complex

Construction starts today! Our SMCS STEM Club has made it possible for us to view the progress live through a web cam they have set up. [Check in on the progress](#) !

Zephyrfest 2020

Zephyrfest 2020 (originally scheduled for May 2, 2020) has been postponed due to the restrictions implemented to stop the spread of Covid-19.

We are looking forward to celebrating in Zephyrfest style in early fall 2020.

Our key club and pre-sale raffle tickets are still available for purchase online.

Watch for more information on our [website](#), [Facebook](#) or [email](#) Marsha Britt with questions.

Scrip News

We have made the decision that this will be the last week that we will offer Scrip order pickup. We need to further limit contact for the safety of our staff and our Scrip users. This week's Scrip will be available for pickup **TODAY** from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the high school office (there will be no orders sent to the parish offices).

We encourage you to purchase ScripNow through www.shopwithscrip.com.

We look forward to providing you Scrip cards again in the future! Please watch for emails and Facebook posts for updates on resuming our Scrip schedule.

Kwik Trip Scrip - National vs. Local

As you may have seen when ordering Kwik Trip on shopwithscrip.com, the national Kwik Trip cards are reloadable. However, these national cards are offered at a LOWER 4% bonus than our local Kwik Trip cards ("Kwik Trip - Higher Bonus") that carry a 5% bonus. SMCS buys these locally and they offer additional increases several times a year, up to 10% - 15% for our spring sale, summer specials, back-to-school, Christmas, etc. These local cards are not reloadable for Scrip credit.

We are attempting to keep the reloadable, national Kwik Trip cards marked going forward so that you will know which are reloadable.

NEW from our local Kwik Trip: Kwik Trip Ultimate Car Wash-5 washes for \$36, with a 44.44% bonus, that's a \$16 credit for you!

Summer Opportunities

Go to our [site](#) for more details and registration links.

Day Camp

SMCS Summer Day Camp is our faith-based program for children entering grades preschool-6. A variety of scheduling options are offered to provide families the flexibility to meet their individual needs. Children participate in field trips, arts and crafts, drama, music, sports, picnics, world language and many more activities linked to age-appropriate faith development. Enthusiastic teachers lead the children in a variety of activities and explorations.

Athletic Camps

Tennis

When: June 15 - June 18

Who: Boys and girls entering grades 2-5: 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Boys and girls entering grades 6-9: 12:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Girls Volleyball

When: July 21 - July 23

Who: Girls entering grades 4-6: 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Girls entering grades 7-8: 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Boys Basketball

When: June 15 - June 18

Who: Boys entering grades 4-6: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Boys entering grades 7-9: 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Girls Basketball

When: June 22 - June 25, 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Who: Girls entering grades 4-8

Football

When: August 1

Who: Boys and girls entering grades 1-5: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Boys and girls entering grades 6-8: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Camp Invention

What: Camp Invention is a high-energy, hands-on STEM camp.

When: June 15-19

Who: Grades K-6, Grades 7-9 can attend as leaders in training, Grade 10 can apply as leadership interns

STEM Club Fly IN

What: Fourth aviation education event featuring a variety of fun hands-on and age-focused aviation-related activities

When: July 17

Who: Students entering grades 1-8

Band Camp

What: Marching fundamentals, field marching basics, halftime field show, rehearsal of pep band music

When: August 10-14, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Who: strongly encouraged for all incoming band students in grades 9 -12

Zephyrs Community Theater

What: The SMCS Fine Arts Program presents Peter Pan

When: Auditions: May 2, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Performances July 23 - 26

Who: Students, parents, faculty & staff, alumni and community members are all welcome. Actors, musicians, set builders and backstage helpers of are encouraged to get involved.

BOT Community & Continuity Surveys

Thank you to those of you who participated in our recent surveys. We had an excellent response rate and gathered valuable information. We have shared results with SMCS principals. Here are a few high level take aways.

SMCHS New Frosh

- 12.5 % students who responded said that it was their decision of where to attend high school
- Friends attending and academics were the top reasons for attending

SMCS New Families

- Recommendation from friends was the strongest reason as how families became aware of SMCS
- Touring the school was far and away the experience that was most helpful in assisting families in making their decision
- Catholic environment, small class sizes and values were top reasons for choosing SMCS

High School Families

- The sense of community when at school and during events came through strongly as a positive.
- Many parents commented on the strength in campus ministry.
- HS parents are looking for more social/emotional support from counseling as well as career counseling.
- Lack of parents volunteering at school was mentioned several times
- Parents would like to see new structure to parent/teacher conferences
- Parents agree on the academics being appropriately rigorous
- 48.7 % of HS parents who responded would be interested in investigating later school start times.

Middle School Families

- Sense of community is a definite positive, parents commented that they feel very welcome and it is an inclusive environment
- Co-curricular offerings were listed strongly as a positive, parents commented that they feel that for the size of the student population that they feel we have a wide array of offerings
- Parent/teacher conferences came through widely as something we could improve upon
- Parents agree on the academics being appropriately rigorous
- 51.2 % of MS parents who responded would be interested in investigating later school start times.
- There is a need more counseling services - social & emotional support
- need more learning support
- 81% of parents who responded think academics are appropriately rigorous

Elementary Families

- Top strengths include community feeling, parent teacher conferences and religion curriculum.
- Enrichment program and dress code viewed as positives
- Parents agree on the academics being appropriately rigorous
- Parents are looking for more opportunities for higher achieving students
- World language program needs attention

Greater Zephyrs Open

Please [reserve](#) Friday, **July 10** to attend the 2020 Greater Zephyrs Open! (Previous newsletter mistakenly had the date listed as June 10)

Parish Connection

St. Patrick's: [home page](#)

St. Margaret Mary: [home page](#)

St. Mary/St. John: [home page](#)

St. Gabriel: [home page](#)

SMCS [calendar](#)

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