

*December 2019*



December will be a busy month here at SMCS! We will fit a month's worth of fun into 14 days! This week we will decorate the Christmas tree at Esteban's with ornaments that students made. All grades participated in making the ornaments before break - they are beautiful! Monday, we kicked off our annual Interfaith Ministries Toy Drive! The drive collection is used to support Interfaith Caring Ministries Christmas Shop. The shop offers families the opportunity to pick out Christmas presents for their loved ones.

The first weekend back we will participate in the League City Proud Parade. I am looking forward to participating in the float category! Spirit Squad and our PSA will be working together to spread Christmas Cheer Saturday night. Then, Sunday, the St. Mary Catholic Church Belles Group will sponsor a pancake breakfast for Santa!

Next Thursday, prekindergarten through third grade students will participate in the 2019 Christmas Program. That Friday, our SMCS Orchestra will present their Winter Concert! I can't wait to see both programs. Students have been working so hard to learn their songs - don't forget when we sing it's like praying twice!



The following Thursday, 12/19, students will attend Mass and celebrate with their classmates at their class Christmas parties! All the fun will get us ready to celebrate the true meaning of


Christmas-the birth of our Savior.

It is so wonderful that we can celebrate the true meaning of Christmas here at SMCS - through singing, praying, giving to those in need and celebrating Jesus' birth! God bless your family this Christmas Season and always!

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 *Mrs. Halbardier*



# MARK YOUR CALENDAR



December	4	2:00pm 7:00pm	Early Dismissal Advent Penance Service at St. Mary Catholic Church
December	5	8:00-9:00am 4:30pm	Junior High Science Fair Projects on Display - Cargill Hall Bobcat Girls Basketball Games at True Cross
December	6	8:00-9:00am	Mass Day - Full Dress Junior High Science Fair Projects on Display - Cargill Hall
December	7	4:45pm	League City Proud Parade - <a href="#">Click here to sign up</a>
December	8	8:30am- 12:30pm	Belles of St. Mary Pancake Breakfast with Santa – Cargill Hall ( <i>after Mass</i> )
December	9	1:30pm 4:30pm (Girls) 5:30pm (Boys)	PSA Meeting and Gala Planning Kickoff - Library <a href="#">Click here for Gala volunteer opportunities!</a> Bobcat Basketball Games vs. St. Joseph – Cargill Hall
December	11	1:30pm	Junior High Spelling Bee
December	12		Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass – Full Dress Lunch in classrooms - <i>No visitors</i> 6:30pm Christmas Program – Cargill Hall
December	13		Mass Day - Full Dress 6:30pm Orchestra Winter Concert – Cargill Hall
December	16	2:15pm 6:00pm	Christmas Pep Rally – Cargill Hall School Board Meeting – Library
December	17		No Tutoring This Week SMCS Faculty Cookie Exchange and Lunch 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Caroling Trip to Regal Estates 4:30pm (Girls) 5:30pm (Boys)
December	18	4:30pm	Bobcat Boys Basketball Game at Our Lady of Fatima
December	19		Mass Day – Full Dress 11:00am Class Christmas Parties 12:00pm Early Dismissal
December	20		Christmas Holiday 7:00pm Moms’ Night Out - Duo Winery & Cider Company
January	6		School Resumes
January	7	4:30pm (Girls) 5:30pm (Boys)	Bobcat Basketball Games vs. Corpus Christi – Cargill Hall
January	8	4:30pm 6:00-8:00pm	Bobcat Boys Basketball Game vs. Holy Family – Cargill Hall Kendra Scott Fundraiser - <a href="#">Click here for more information</a>

**Check the online calendar at [stmarylc.org](http://stmarylc.org) for the most up-to-date information**





## Scholastic Book Fair

### Teacher Appreciation Cookie Exchange December 17

Show your appreciation for our teachers this December during our Cookie Exchange! Be ready to share your favorite cookie and the recipe with our SMCS Faculty and Staff. More details and a Sign Up Genius are on the way!



St. Mary Catholic School is excited to host Soccer Shots at our campus again this spring! Soccer shots is a program for kids 2 - 8 years old that focuses on character development as well as basic soccer skills and more.

**Spring 2020 Season Starts January 14**

**WHERE:** St. Mary Catholic School

**WHEN:** Tuesdays January 14 - May 19  
Times vary by age group

**GRADES:** PreK-3 - 2<sup>nd</sup>

**COST:** \$238

Enroll in classes [here](#).

## Christmas Programs 2019

### Save the Dates!

★ December 12 - 6:30pm, Christmas Program (PreK3 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)

★ December 13 - 6:30pm, Orchestra Concert

Both events will be held in Cargill Hall



## Interfaith Caring Ministries Toy Drive

**December 2-13,** SMCS will be collecting for our annual Interfaith Caring Ministries (ICM) Toy Drive! This is the 5<sup>th</sup> year SMCS has participated in this drive. We are collecting toys for children ages 0-12 and housewares. The Drive helps over 250 families celebrate Christmas! Please drop off toys in the front office.



## Bobcat Christmas Shop

The Christmas season is upon us! The Annual PSA Bobcat Christmas shop will be open **December 3-6** in Cargill Hall during all lunch periods. Handy helpers will be there to assist the students purchase gifts for their loved ones. **Prices start at \$0.25.** Please see the flyer sent home on Monday, December 1 for more details.





<i>Week</i>	<i>Class Leading Morning Prayer</i>	<i>Class Serving at Friday Mass</i>	<i>Class Singing at Friday Mass</i>
Dec. 2-6	Mrs. Gilmore's PreK-4	Mrs. Mellado's 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Ms. Matthews' 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade
Dec. 9-13	Mrs. Wright's PreK-3	Ms. Matthews' 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Mrs. Mellado's 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade
Dec. 16-19	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	(Thursday Mass - no readers or choir scheduled)	
Jan. 6-10	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Ms. Richardson's Kindergarten	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade
Jan. 13-17	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Mrs. Whatley's Kindergarten	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade

# FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Thanks to all who have supported the school through recent fundraising events! Here are the numbers so far:

Risse Brothers Uniform Sale	\$ 1670.22
MOD Pizza Spirit Night	\$ 161.30
Chuck E. Cheese Night	\$ 338.43
Boon Supply	\$1382.50
Kroger Community Rewards	\$ 304.41
Albertson's Good Neighbor	\$ 37.92

## Christmas Spirit Days



Every Wednesday in December, students may wear a Christmas top with school bottoms.



## Advent Items Sale

It's not too late to order:

- Advent Calendars — chocolate and sticker varieties available (\$5.00)
- Advent Wreaths (\$30.00)
- Set of Candles (\$7.00)



Items can be sent home in your student's backpack.

Email [Patricia Richards](#) or [Deborah Klibert](#) to support this PSA fundraiser.

# THANK YOU

...Mr. DeLaRosa, Mr. McCall, and Dr. Tambling for serving as Watch DOGs in November!

...The Thompson Family for stocking up snacks in the Teacher's Lounge

...BP (Jeremy Thompson) for the office supply donation





Kindergarten Stone Soup Day

Members of the St. Mary Chess Club recently competed in a US Chess Federation tournament. Congratulations to all for competing well and to Miguel Sequeira for earning a trophy!



# Kindness Squad

Mrs. Mellado brought something special with her when she joined the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade staff of SMCS this year: the phenomenon known as the Kindness Squad. Mrs. Mellado and Ms. Matthews partner as our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade team, and this year they have introduced our school family to the Kindness Squad through the efforts of their enthusiastic students. “The Kindness Squad is a national movement that fits well with our school motto, ‘Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve,’ ” explains Ms. Matthews.

The kids do several in-class kindness activities for each other, often during their religion instruction because the teachers agree that focusing on kindness makes connections to our faith and to the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. “Out in the real world we always have to be kind,” Ms. Matthews says, “but we won’t always be praised about it.” This lesson, too, is important for the kids to understand, that kindness matters deeply even if it goes unnoticed or unrecognized by the recipient.

Through their daily little acts of kindness



the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are becoming more aware of how they present themselves, and the teachers have heard the kids encouraging each other to practice kindness around the school when they see opportunities. Recently the Kindness Squad garnered a lot of attention serving coffee and donuts at the morning drop-off line and cheering the parents on to have a great day. Laura Battle, a parent of a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader on the Kindness Squad says that “when you can instill this value early on you create a child who grows to always treat others with kindness and it becomes a bit of a domino effect of sorts.” Another parent, Tammy Barbarie, sees the domino effect as well, “kindness is a simple act of charity that can build positivity within our classroom, school, and our community.”

Looking to the future, Mrs. Mellado and Ms. Matthews have plans to involve the Kindness Squad in performing one school-wide act of kindness per month, along with continuing their daily classroom practices and efforts in their homes as well.



## Box of Joy Update

SMCS packed up and shipped 325 Boxes of Joy this year for Cross Catholic Outreach! Thank you for your generous donations to children in need!



Be sure to visit Esteban's Cantina on 518 this holiday season and check out the beautiful Christmas tree there. All ornaments on it were decorated by St. Mary students!



## Resources

ParentsWeb (FACTS, grades, lunch ordering)  
[stmarytx.client.renweb.com/pwr](http://stmarytx.client.renweb.com/pwr)

Teacher's Friday Letters

<http://stmarylc.org/createnews/important-links-for-fast-access/>

Safe Haven Training

[galvestonhouston.cmqconnect.org](http://galvestonhouston.cmqconnect.org)

St. Mary Facebook Page

[www.facebook.com/stmarylc](http://www.facebook.com/stmarylc)

Bobcat Buzz Archives

[stmarylc.org/the-bobcat-buzz](http://stmarylc.org/the-bobcat-buzz)

February 15, 2020

SMCS Goal: \$15,000



### UPDATE FROM COACH DELEON:

"We have 41 registrants so far. As of 12/2 we have raised \$1530. Brooke and Brenna are tied for top girl, and Garret is in the lead for top boy."

### INCENTIVES

Classes with 100% class participation will choose either a Pizza Party, Ice cream Party or Donut Party. The Top Fundraising Boy and Girls will get a \$25 gift card and 5 free dress passes.

### Individual Student Rewards:

- \$25 Ice Cream Pass
- \$50 Taco Tuesday Lunch on February 18<sup>th</sup>
- \$100 Movie and Pajama Pass.
- \$200 Pizza Party and Open Gym Pass after school on February 21<sup>st</sup>

### School-Wide Rewards:

- \$1000 Popcorn Snack Day
- \$2500 Mix Match Day
- \$5000 Superhero day
- \$10000 Free Dress for Week!

We will also have a tailgate party to prepare for the event on February 14. Anyone registered can join us as we walk around campus!

[Click Here to register today!](#)



December 15

Mrs. Pray

December 31

Mrs. Rivet