

March 2020



Laissez les Bonne Temps
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A new month and a new Liturgical Season-Lent. It is so beautiful to hear students talk about either what they will give up or what they will give time to for Lent. Our junior high students, along with orchestra students are working on preparations for their Living Stations Program. It's such a beautiful way to pray during the season. All classes are working for the Birthday Joy Program this Lent by donating books for a sale that benefits the underprivileged by hosting birthday parties for children in foster care, orphanages and families that need support. Students will also pray for those in need and discuss and plan how they can make a difference in our community. I am so proud to be part of a community that works to make a difference all year long, especially during Lent. Our children are our future. I am confident that we are working to instill not only academic skills but we are also able to include our faith, service and work together to educate the whole child: mind, heart and spirit.



 Mrs. Halbardier





MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Date	Time	Activity
March	5	All day Archdiocesan Elementary Science Fair—Corpus Christi CS
March	6	Lunchtime SMCS Annual Parent Luncheon
	2:00pm	Early Dismissal <i>No after care, no clubs</i>
March	9	9:00am-Noon Eucharistic Minister Training—Meeting Room #1
March	9-13	Spring Break
March	18	SMCS Spirit Night at Esteban's — <i>St Mary receives 25% donation from entire day sales with flyer</i>
March	19	Spring Pictures <i>Students may wear free dress for picture day, recommended Sunday dress</i>
March	20	Report cards go home
March	21-22	Gala raffle ticket and Gala ticket sales after all Masses— church courtyard
March	23	6:00pm School Board meeting—Library
March	24	7:50am Junior High honor roll certificates presented
March	26	7:50am 3 rd -5 th grade honor roll certificates presented
April	1	2:00pm Early Dismissal
April	4	8am - 6pm Elementary and Jr High track meet
April	5	10:15am First Sunday Mass, Palm Sunday
April	17	Field Day

<i>Week</i>	<i>Class Leading Morning Prayer</i>	<i>Class Serving at Friday Mass</i>	<i>Class Singing at Friday Mass</i>
Mar 2-6	Mrs. White's 1 st grade	Kindergarten (all)	1 st grade (all)
Mar 9-13	(Spring Break)		
Mar 16-20	Mrs. Keaten's 1 st grade	1 st grade (all)	Kindergarten (all)
Mar 23-27	Mrs. Whatley's kindergarten	7 th and 8 th grade	7 th and 8 th grade
Mar 30-April 3	Mrs. Richardson's kindergarten	5 th grade	6 th grade

St. Mary Annual Spring Gala

April 18, 2020, 6:30-11:30pm

Hometown Heroes Park

This spring St. Mary is excited to put on its tenth Gala night, coincidentally on April 18, the same day as the very first St. Mary Gala! This fun, adult event began humbly in Cargill Hall eleven years ago with a Moulin Rouge theme, dinner, and a small silent auction. Patricia Richards, who assisted at the silent auction that

Today's Gala is the cornerstone of generating dollars for scholarships, curriculum enhancements, technology upgrades, and teacher compensation including insurance



costs. Attendees include parents, faculty, staff, and members of the St. Mary parish and League City communities.



night, describes the evening as, "a special one that allowed us to celebrate together solely for the benefit of the school." In the ensuing years the Gala has outgrown multiple venues, changed its name, added live and dessert auctions, and experienced large increases in attendance and funds raised.



Mrs. Richards, who has been instrumental in the Gala's growth, is grateful for the opportunity to serve the school. She encourages everyone to offer their talents as part of the Gala team. "It is my hope that these ladies will share in my passion and find ways to continually make this event new, exciting, fresh, and successful."

Join us "Deep in the Heart of Texas" for a Honky Tonkin', Boot Stompin' Good Time!
Contact the school office about individual tickets and sponsorship opportunities

Raffle Tickets on Sale Now - \$100 each Prizes: \$3000, \$500, \$500
Only 100 tickets will be sold. Get yours today in the school office!



4th and 5th grade HMNS field trip



Track season has begun! The front school parking lot will be blocked off for track practice. Just a friendly reminder to park on the side of the school facing Texas Avenue to pick up students from after care. Clubs will dismiss out the back of the school for the duration of track season. Please be careful driving through the parking lots and in car lines. We want to keep our children safe!





Join in some school spirit and Spring Break fun!

Whether you are traveling far and wide or staying home to relax, take a picture in your Bobcat Spirit shirts and send to Laura Battle (laura.battle@me.com) to upload on our Facebook page!



2020-2021 School Year

Final chance to save on

registration fees!

Click [HERE](#) for Returning Student Registration

Click [HERE](#) for New Student Applications

- Families who register by **March 24** will receive a \$50/student discount off registration fees. SMCS will pay the FACTS enrollment fee.
- **All Registration fees must be paid by May 1**
- **Registration is online again this year!**

Tuition and fee details, registration information, payment schedules, and more are available online [here](#). The online process will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. Contact [Janet Ellison](#) in the school office (281-332-4014) with any questions.



WHAT: Bring in unwanted children's and adult books from home and put them into the collection box in your classroom.

WHEN: February 24 - March 31, 2020

WHY: The books will be donated to The Birthday Joy Program, which sells them to earn money to provide birthday parties for children in the care of CPS and other disadvantaged situations.

The class that brings in the most books will get a pizza party!





When: Fridays During Lent

5 - 8 PM

Where: Cargill Hall

Cost: \$10/large plate, \$6/small plate, \$6/Child plate (pizza)

Come support the St. Mary Knights of Columbus and enjoy fried fish, French fries, hushpuppies, coleslaw, tea/lemonade, and dessert!



Steps for Students race day

First Sunday Mass

April 5, 10:15am

Students who attend Mass wearing full dress uniform will earn **free dress the following Monday**. Sign in at the table in the narthex when you arrive. There is a section reserved for school families in the back, but you may sit anywhere in the church. After the Prayers of the Faithful, students gather in the back for the Presentation of the Gifts as a group.

Lenten Penance Services

Wed.	March 4	St. Mary, League City	7 pm
Thurs.	March 5	St. Bernadette, Clear Lake	7 pm
Tues.	March 10	St. Hyacinth, Deer Park	7 pm
Wed.	March 11	St. Paul, Nassau Bay	7 pm
Thurs.	March 12	St. Mary, LaPorte	7 pm
Mon.	March 16	Mary Queen, Friendswood	7 pm
Thurs.	March 19	St. Clare, Houston	7 pm
Tues.	March 24	St. Helen, Pearland	7 pm
Wed.	March 25	St. Luke, Houston	7 pm

◆ *No Saturday Confession March 21 & 28 and April 4 & 11*

◆ *Regular Confession resumes Saturday, April 18*



Show Your Love for St Mary's tailgate party



Happy Birthday

Mar 2	Karla Melado
Mar 5	Stephanie Keaten

Science Fair Winners

Congratulations to all the scientists who participated in the St. Mary Elementary Science Fair last week! The top students from each grade represented SMCS at the Archdiocesan Elementary Science Fair:

2nd Grade: Daniel Peterson & Elizabeth Retif

3rd Grade: Anna Berbarie & Khloe Battle

4th Grade: Megan Schwanbeck & Luke Keaten

5th Grade: Aiden Caron & Ava Krebsbach

The students that are recognized by SMCS for excellence with their Science Fair Project are:

2nd Grade: Sarah Cummings

3rd Grade: Meredith Bridges

4th Grade: Kim Marione Garcia

5th Grade: Juliet DeLaRosa

Congratulations to Daniel Peterson for receiving honorable mention for the Archdiocesan 2nd grade category and to Anna Berbarie for earning 3rd place for Archdiocesan 3rd grade category!



Congratulations to St. Mary for winning the David Guite Spirit award at this year's Steps for Students!

In order to be considered for this award the number of registrants on your team must be at least 75% of your official school enrollment. Other factors considered include:

- Our school enthusiasm and spirit for Steps for Students.
- Promotional efforts that encourage and emphasize service.
- Our school creativity in promoting and showcasing Steps for Students.

Bobcats, way to show your school spirit!!



Resources

ParentsWeb (FACTS, grades, lunch ordering)
stmy-tx.client.renweb.com/pwr

Teacher's Friday Letters
<http://stmarylc.org/createnews/important-links-for-fast-access/>

Safe Haven Training
galvestonhouston.cmqconnect.org

St. Mary Facebook Page
www.facebook.com/stmarylc

Bobcat Buzz Archives
stmarylc.org/the-bobcat-buzz



The SMCC Youth Ministry will host a meeting with staff from the [Gratia Plena Catholic Counseling Center](#) about mental health needs and support for our teens. The meeting is **Sunday, March 29, 1:30-3:00pm in the Chapel of the church.** All are welcome. Please RSVP by March 15 using the QR code found in the [February 23rd bulletin](#) on page 7 or by sending an email to annie.rodriguez@saintmcc.org.



SMCS chili cook-off

CMG CONNECT Safe Environment Online Training

Planning to attend Field Day, or drive on a class field trip, or visit your child(ren)'s classroom for a party or end-of-year activities? Then you must complete Safe Environment training!

It can take up to 2 weeks for full authorization to be given, so don't delay! Fortunately the training is available on demand at the [CMGConnect](#) web site.



Students will eat lunch in their classrooms on the following days:

Friday, March 20

Wednesday, March 25

Friday, March 27

Friday, April 3

Please do not plan to eat lunch with students on these dates due to limited space in the classrooms.



THANK YOU

- ... to Knights of Columbus Council 9310 for the spaghetti luncheon they hosted for our 8th graders to raise money for their D.C. field trip
- ... to the families who supported St Mary through Steps for Students
- ... to our Chili Cookoff judges, Mr. Bobby and Mr. Michael Halbardier, Mr. Bob Ware, and Mr. Pete Bartosh
- ... to Mr. Belisle for serving as DJ for the Steps for Students tailgate party
- ... to our wonderful Morning Carline helpers