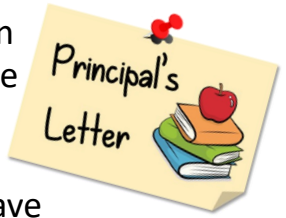


January/February 2021



This year, we have been able to support our students in the classroom safely during the pandemic, and they are thriving! I am so proud of our school-family partnership! I have always said our students are happy to Enter to Learn. It is wonderful to see students enter the building each day with a smile and “hello”. It is such a blessing to be a part of this wonderful community!

Registration is just around the corner! There are three early registration incentives for families. Are you considering options other than SMCS? If so, please contact me, so we can talk about the benefits of SMCS. Students grow in faith, knowledge and service every day! They can shine in many areas: including service projects, citizenship, clubs, sports, music and leading others.

SMCS is a place that supports students in mind, heart and spirit through engaging clubs, challenging academics, service projects based on the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Art and Math) lessons are integrated across the curriculum, and students are prepared for real life situations through lessons that focus on decision making coupled with caring for the world around us. We are always working to strengthen our program to support growth so our future leaders can be moral, mindful and compassionate!

Blessings,

Mrs. Halbardier



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Date	Time	Activity
February	1	Catholic Schools Week: Service Day <i>Students who bring an item for the food pantry may wear free dress bottoms with a spirit shirt</i>
February	2	Catholic Schools Week: Catholic Education Day
February	3	Catholic Schools Week: Move Up Day PreK-2 nd grade
February	4	Catholic Schools Week: Move Up Day 3 rd -7 th grades
February	5	Catholic Schools Week: Staff Appreciation Day <i>Students may wear spirit dress</i>
February	6 4:30pm	First Sunday Mass
	7 8:30am	<i>Attend any Mass in full dress and earn free dress on Feb. 8</i>
	12:00pm	
February	12	St. Mary Steps for Students Activities
	2:00pm	Valentine's Day Parties
February	15	President's Day - School Holiday
February	17	Ash Wednesday <i>Ashes will be distributed to the students in school</i>
February	19	Weekly Mass moves back to Fridays <i>See page 5 for more information</i>
February	25	Go Texan Day and Chili Cook-Off <i>Students may dress in western wear</i>
February	26	Class Pictures
March	6 4:30pm	First Sunday Mass
	7 8:30am	<i>Attend any Mass in full dress, earn free dress on March 8</i>
	12:00pm	
March	15-19	Spring Break
April	1	Holy Thursday - 2:00pm Dismissal
April	2	Good Friday - School Holiday
April	5	Easter Monday - School Holiday

Be sure to check the [online school calendar](#) for the most up-to-date information.



CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2021

January 31 - February 6
#CSW21

Monday, February 1

- ◆ Bring an item to donate to the St. Mary food pantry and wear free dress bottoms with a spirit shirt
- ◆ Students will make thank you cards
 - ◆ PreK-Kinder - League City Fire Dept.
 - ◆ 1st-4th grades - League City Police Dept.
 - ◆ 5th-8th grades - League City municipal staff

Tuesday, February 2

- ◆ Students will each write a short essay: "What does St. Mary Catholic School mean to you?"

Wednesday, February 3

- ◆ Move Up Day for students in Pre-Kindergarten through 2nd grade to visit a classroom in the grade ahead to get a preview of next year.

Thursday, February 4

- ◆ Move Up Day for students in 3rd through 7th grades to visit a classroom in the grade ahead to get a preview of what next year will be like.

Friday, February 5

- ◆ Spirit dress for students



2021-2022 School Year

Register Early and Save!

[Registration is open](#) for returning students and will begin on February 1 for new students.

Registration Dates	Registration Fee Discount	Additional Incentives
By February 8	\$125/Student	SMCS pays FACTS enrollment fee
By March 1	\$75/student	SMCS pays FACTS enrollment fee
By April 6	\$50/student	SMCS pays FACTS enrollment fee
After April 6	None	None



THANK YOU

- ... Crowder-Deats Floral Shop, FACTS, the Hermosa family, and the Richards family for donations to the school
- ... Sherry Pistone for setting up online streaming of St. Mary Mass into the school for students
- ... All the parents who sent in donations to support the December Cookie Exchange and the Staff Appreciation Event coming up in February.

All registration fees must be paid by May 1

Log onto your [ParentsWeb](#) account to complete the reenrollment process. The fee schedule is [online](#). Contact [Janet Ellison](#) at 281-332-4014 with questions.

Getting to Know Fr. John Rooney

When did you start as pastor at St. Mary? *November 2020*

Where did you go to seminary? *St. Mary Seminary, Houston*

How long have you been in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston? *Since 1979*

What is your favorite color? *Black*

What is your favorite restaurant? *Whataburger*

Do you have any pets? *No*

What is your favorite prayer? *Psalm 116*



First Sunday Mass

February 6&7
March 6&7

Students who attend any weekend Mass wearing full dress uniform will earn **free dress the following Monday.** Due to COVID-19 limitations, you do not need to sign up in the narthex at this time.

STEPS FOR STUDENTS VIRTUAL 5K

Have You Registered Yet For Steps for Students?

Funds Raised To Date: \$10,513
#4 in the Archdiocese!

February 12 will be the school-wide event

- Activities are open for all students, **but Each Student Must Be Registered to Participate in the Color Walk.**

February 20 - March 6 will be the Virtual 5K, to run your own route at your convenience.

Registration

- Register today at www.steps4students.org — the fees increase after **January 31!** You must complete an online registration for each student to qualify for incentives.
- Register either for the Virtual 5K to run (\$20) or Hit the Snooze to join in the fun (\$18).

Classes with 100% Registration earns a Class Party and Jean Day. Congratulations to Mrs. Mellado's 3rd Grade for reaching 100%!

Fundraising

(Jan. 1st - Feb. 19th)

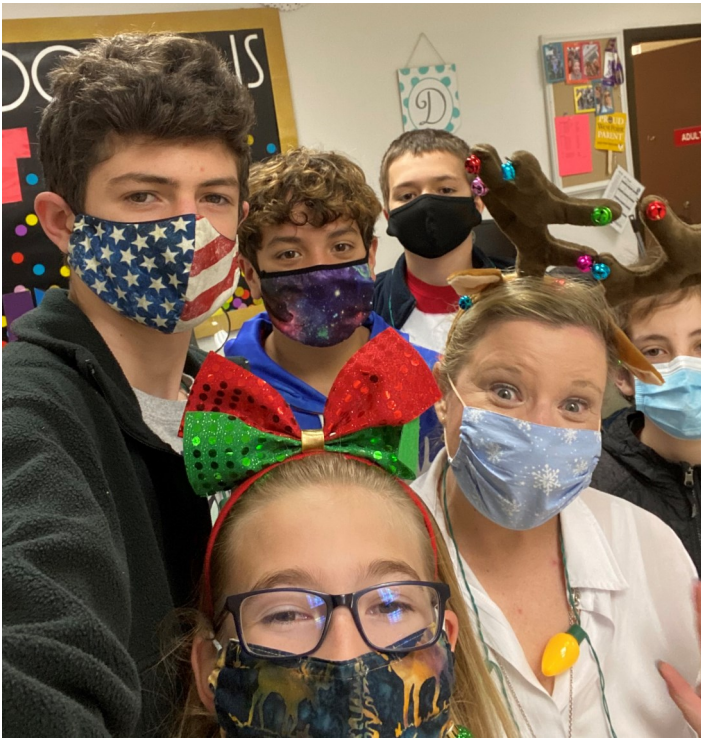
School Wide Incentives, Raising:

- \$1,000-** Jeans Day
- \$2,500-** Crazy Hair Day
- \$5,000-** Favorite Sports Team Jersey Day
- \$10,000-** Super Hero Day
- \$15,000-** Free Dress for a Week

Individual Student Incentives, Raising:

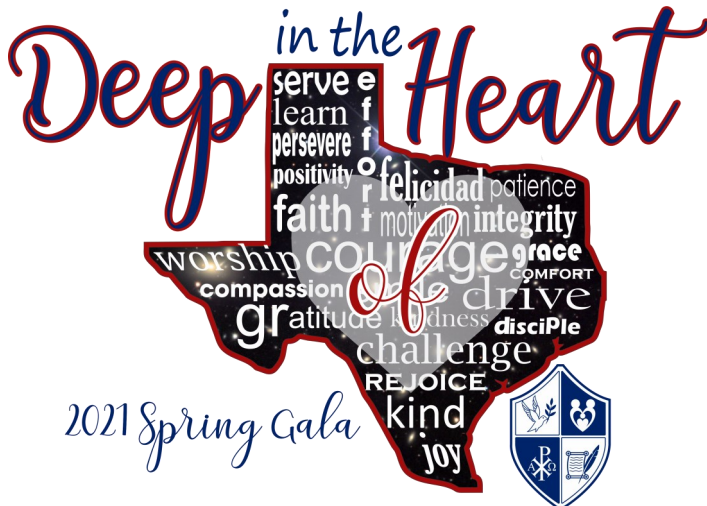
- \$25 -** Ice Cream Pass
- \$50 -** Free Dress Pass
- \$100-** Movie Invite and Pajama Day
- \$200 -** Ice Cream Sundae Party and Open Gym after school

Steps for Students is an Archdiocesan-wide fundraiser for Catholic schools. All money raised for our team comes to SMCS!



St. Mary Spring Gala

- ◆ The St. Mary Spring Gala will take place in mid-April as a virtual event.
- ◆ We need parent volunteers who will lead the development of a class basket or other item for the auction. See email from Patricia Richards and the [Sign Up Genius page](#) for details.
- ◆ Volunteers for other positions will also be needed; look for info on that soon
- ◆ Contact [Patricia Richards](#) with questions



MASS DAY SCHEDULE

Through Feb. 11 students will continue viewing **St. Mary daily Mass with Fr. John** on **Thursday** mornings.



This Lent **Mass moves back to Fridays** and will stay there through the end of the school year.



For the Friday Masses, grade levels will be grouped and **different groups will attend in the church each week.**

After Mass Fr. John will distribute Eucharist to the students who participated from the classrooms.

Mass Schedule

- Thursday, January 28
- Thursday, February 4
- Thursday, February 11
- Wednesday, February 17
- Friday, February 19
- Friday, February 26
- Friday, March 5
- Friday, March 12
- Friday, March 26

Week	Class Leading Morning Prayer
January 25-29	Miss Richardson's Kindergarten
February 1-5	Mrs. Gilmore's Pre-K4
February 8-12	Mrs. Brummett's Pre-K4
February 15-19	Mrs. Wright's Pre-K3
February 22-26	8 th Grade
March 1-5	7 th Grade
March 8-12	6 th Grade

YEARBOOK

The 2019-20 Yearbooks have gone to print!!

Pre-ordered books will be distributed to students upon receipt.

There will be additional copies on sale for \$40 each once they arrive.

The 2020-21 Yearbook Staff is Looking for Creative Parents to Help Out!

Contact [Kelley Neschich](#) if interested!



Friday Fish Fry is Back!!

The St. Mary Knights of Columbus are offering their traditional Lenten fish fry meals to-go Fridays Feb. 19 - March 26.

Adult and Child meals are available.

Full details are in the [parish bulletin](#).

Proceeds benefit many organizations, including St. Mary Catholic School!



Happy Birthday

January 17
January 24
February 15
February 24
March 2
March 5

Mrs. Ellison
Mrs. Battle
Mrs. Richards
Coach DeLeon
Mrs. Mellado
Mrs. Keaten

St. Mary ACTS Ministry Presents

VIRTUAL Trivia? Night?

February 6

? 6:30-8:00pm ?

\$20/person

Event will be held via Zoom.

Visit the [web site](#) for more information and to sign up.

Resources

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

Safe Haven Training
galvestonhouston.cmqconnect.org

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

St. Mary Instagram Page
www.instagram.com/stmary_bobcats

Bobcat Buzz Archives
stmarylc.org/student-life/bobcat-buzz