



“The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that He, in His goodness, sends to us day after day.”

- St. Gianna Molla



Today, I came across this quote from St. Gianna Molla and I thought it to be a fitting one for this Buzz Issue. When I walk through the halls of SMCS I am so thankful to see children grow in mind, heart, and spirit. I appreciate how students, of every age, acknowledge the blessings that are bestowed on our families each day. I see goodness each day in the form of smiles, respect, learning, laughing and praying! I can see how students appreciate being in school, learning and visiting with friends

each day. What a blessing it is to be a part of this caring community!



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2021-2022 School Year

Spots are Filling Up!
Register Soon!



SMCS Registration is OPEN! Access the Online Registration [here](#). Tuition and fee details, registration information, payment schedules, and more are available [here](#). Contact [Janet Ellison](#) in the school office (281-332-4014) with any questions.

All Registration fees must be paid by May 1

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Date	Time	Activity
April 6		Last Registration Discount Ends
	2:00 pm	Class Easter Parties
April 9	All Day	Field Day - See Page 3 for details
April 12-15		Free Dress All Week - Steps 4 Students Goal Celebration
April 16		Mass Day - Full Dress
April 19-23	All Day	Testing - Closed Campus
April 23		Mass Day - Full Dress
April 26-30	All Day	Testing - Closed Campus
April 30		Mass Day - Full Dress
May 1&2	All Masses	First Sunday Mass
May 3		May Crowning - <i>In class activity only</i>
May 3-5	All Day	Testing - Closed Campus
May 4-7		Camp Kappe - 5 th Grade
May 7		Mass Day - Full Dress
May 10 - 14		STARBASE - 5 th Grade
May 14		Mass Day - Full Dress
May 21		Mass Day - Full Dress 8 th Grade Graduation
May 22		SMCS Gala
May 26	12:00 pm	Last Day Of School - Early Dismissal



<u>Week</u>	<u>Class Leading Morning Prayer</u>	<u>Class Attending Friday Mass</u>
April 6 - 9	Mrs. Little's 5 th Grade	None - Field Day
April 12-16	Mrs. Keaten's 4 th Grade	5 th Grade
April 19 - 23	Mrs. Pray's 4 th Grade	6 th - 8 th Grade
April 26 - 30	Ms. Matthews' 3 rd Grade	3 rd Grade
May 3 - 7	Mrs. Mellado's 3 rd Grade	2 nd Grade



YEARBOOK

2019-2020 yearbooks are still available for purchase.

Families can send a check for \$40 payable to St. Mary Catholic School
OR

Email Mrs. Ellison to request a book and have your FACTS account charged.

Information about ordering 2020-2021 yearbooks is coming soon.



Field Day!

Friday, April 9th

Field Day will be a little different this year, but the teachers and staff are setting up an AWESOME Field Day for SMCS Students!

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, parents may not attend.

Activities

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| Water balloon toss | Chicken Chunk |
| Dizzy bat relay | Hula hoop contest |
| Standing long jump | Color run |
| Water balloon fight | Water transport race |
| Fireman relay | Egg and spoon relay |
| Baton relay | Snow cones |

Apply sun block and bug spray to your student before school!

LUNCH: Sack lunch from home

ATTIRE: Field Day Shirt, Athletic Shorts, Tennis Shoes. **STUDENTS MUST WEAR AN UNDERSHIRT!**

BRING: Water bottle, extra T-shirt for after the color walk. Optional: Hat, Sunglasses



WHAT: Follett Book Fair

WHEN: March 29 - April 10

WHERE: Online! Click [here](#).



Our spring book fair is going to be all online and this time we're working with a different company: Follett.

Follett provides a wider selection, including more non-fiction books and Catholic publishers, and they will share 25% of our sales with the SMCS library. [This link](#) provides access to the SMCS Follett Site (no codes

needed). Books will be shipped to SMCS for distribution, so be sure to include your student's name with your order!



Happy shopping!

THANK YOU

- ... **Gala Volunteers** for volunteering your time to coordinate class Gala baskets, solicit auction items and sponsorships, manage the raffle, produce videos, develop marketing materials, and in all other ways you are helping!
- ... **Aftercare Parents** for your flexibility with pickup changes during the Lent Fish Fry events!
- ... **St. Thomas High School** for donating desks for our Junior High Classrooms.
- ... **Everyone who sent in supplies** for Field Day



It's time to defend St. Mary's title as a Houston Chronicle "Best of the Best"!

The contest is open for nominations now through April 12. Please follow the below instructions to get St. Mary and some of our teachers in the running again this year:

1. Start at [Best of the Best nomination site](#).
2. Choose category "Kids and Education"
3. Type in the fields for "Private School" and "Teacher". They will auto populate.
4. Use your personal email address.

Happy Birthday

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| April 11 | Mrs. Halbardier |
| April 18 | Mrs. Bryan |
| April 27 | Mrs. Brummett |
| May 8 | Mrs. Croniser |
| May 10 | Mrs. Ovalle |



1st-8th grade students will be taking the IOWA and CogAT standardized assessment tests starting April 19. During the testing period make sure students:

- Are well rested
- Eat a good breakfast including protein
- Take a snack and water each day
- Arrive no later than 7:45am

Minimal homework will be assigned while the class is testing. Tutoring and after-school clubs will not be offered during the testing period.

Thank you for your support!

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

...is a [video production](#) put together by the 7th graders this year. The video was broadcast to all classes on Holy Thursday, April 1st, and features the 7th graders' artwork for the Stations of the Cross and their prayerful singing performance of "Were You There" to punctuate their readings of the Stations.



Free Dress Week

April 12-15

We reached our Steps 4 Students fundraising goal! Let's celebrate with a Free Dress Week.

Reminders for Free Dress

- ◆ Clothes are to be in good taste and free of rips and tears. No distasteful slogans or pictures.
- ◆ Tank tops, tight shirts, see-through tops, crop tops, halter tops, or spaghetti straps are not permitted.
- ◆ Leggings as slacks, yoga pants, skinny jeans, short shorts, and mini skirts are not permitted. high heels, flip flops, and mini-skirts are not permitted.
- ◆ No high heels, wedges, or flip flops - activity appropriate shoes only.

2021 St. Mary Annual Gala

The school's biggest fundraiser goes virtual!

Although we will not be meeting to “party” for the Gala this year, we can still come together to benefit the school by generating dollars for scholarships, curriculum enhancements, technology upgrades, and more! Below are details on how you can support the 2021 Gala.

Raffle Tickets — It's the same great raffle with great prizes! Only 100 tickets available!

1st prize: \$3000 gift card

2nd prize: \$1000 gift card

3rd prize: \$1000 gift card

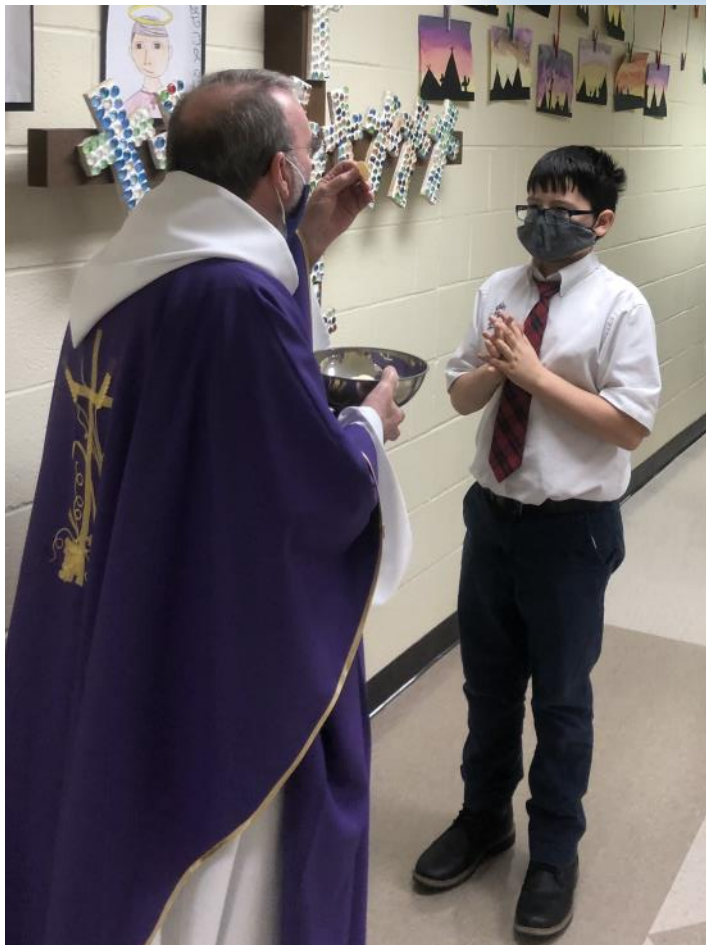
Tickets are \$100 each. Buy one (or more!) today by contacting [Mrs. Ellison](#). The drawing will be May 22.

Silent Auction — This year's auction will feature class baskets and other great items

as it always has. But bidding will be online and open to anyone, so spread the word to

friends and family members! The SMCS Auction Website will be accessible from computer, tablet, and phone. Bidding opens on May 10 and will run through May 22.

Meals — A fabulous catered meal will be available to preorder and pick up via a drive-thru service line on May 22 at St. Mary.



- **SMCS 2nd Graders will celebrate their First Holy Communion in April and May!** All First Communion Celebrants are invited to wear their special First Communion clothes on May 7th when 2nd Grade will attend Mass in the church for the first time this year.
- **Have a Summer Birthday?** Contact Mrs. Halbardier to schedule your Birthday Blessing before school is out!



School Supply Kit Orders

➔ **Teacher Tailored Supply Kits** are pre-packaged school supply kits consisting of the specific items on each teacher's supply list. Orders are placed online at www.shopttkits.com using account number 67020. These kits will be delivered to the school. Order deadline is June 4.

➔ **You are welcome to purchase supplies on your own.** Supply lists are available online.

Contact [Mrs. Ellison](#) with questions.



Uniforms getting too small? Donate them!

SMCS is accepting uniform donations! Clean (unstained) uniforms in good condition are welcome. Donated uniforms are used as extras in the office. SMCS also distributes these donations for those in need. Please drop off uniform donations in the office.

Contact [Mrs. Ellison](#) for more information on donations and distribution.



May 1st & 2nd

Students who attend any Mass in person 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.



Resources

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

Safe Haven Training
galvestonhouston.cmgconnect.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