

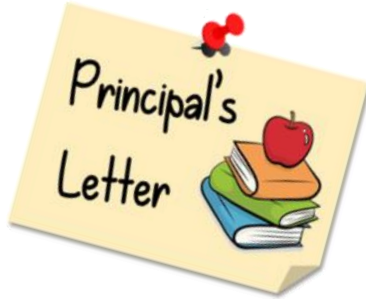


BOBCAT BUZZ



January 2022

Hello Families,
 I hope you enjoyed a wonderful Christmas Season full of many-memory-making moments! It was so wonderful to see smiling faces in carline for our return to semester 2! It is such a blessing to see how our community has grown in mind, heart and spirit!



Mrs. Halbardier



2022-23 ENROLLMENT

Enrollment for current students opens on Jan. 10th and for new students on Jan. 31. Register early to receive [incentives!](#)



FIRST SUNDAY MASS



Students who attend any Mass in person wearing full dress uniform will earn **free dress the following Monday**. Sign in at the Narthex at and notify a greeter of your attendance.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Activity
Jan. 4		Clubs resume
Jan. 7		Sports and individual picture retakes
Jan. 10		Report cards sent home
Jan. 10		Re-Enrollment for current students opens
Jan. 11		Tutoring begins
Jan. 14	12:00pm	Early dismissal — Parent/Teacher conferences
	12:00-5:00pm	8th grade Babysitting Fundraiser
Jan. 17		No School
Jan. 30	All Masses	First Sunday Mass
Jan. 31		Dinner Night Out - MOD PIZZA Bay Colony
Jan. 31		Open Enrollment for all new students
Jan. 31- Feb. 4		Catholic Schools Week
Feb. 1		8th Grade Discipleship Retreat
Feb. 1	5:00-8:00pm	SMCS Night at Texas Entertainment Xperience
Feb. 2		Move Up Day
Feb. 2	2:00pm	Early Dismissal
Feb. 3	6:00-7:00pm	Back to School Night
Feb. 11		1st round of Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Ends

STEPS FOR STUDENTS

Mark your calendars for Feb. 22nd, 2022! Steps for Students is the Diocese's largest fundraising drive for Catholic Schools with all SMCS pledged funds coming back to our school. Our goal is \$20,000 fundraising and 100% student participation.

[Register now](#) to get the early bird registration price of \$15. We will have our annual SMCS Steps for Students celebration at school on Feb. 14th, 2022.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



Sat./Sun. Jan. 29-30	Full dress at all Masses! Show your SMCS Spirit! Students that attend Mass in full dress, earn FREE DRESS, Monday, 1/31
Mon. Jan. 31	Open Enrollment for all new students. Dinner Night Out- MOD Pizza Night: MOD will donate 20% back to SMCS
Tues. Feb. 1	8th Grade Discipleship Retreat at the Christian Renewal Center 5:00-8:00pm SMCS Night at Texas Entertainment Xperience, NO HOMEWORK ASSIGNED
Wed. Feb. 2	Move up day for students! Students will visit the next grade level to look forward to 2022-2023!
Thurs. Feb. 3	Back to School Night! 6:00-7:00pm Students and parents will visit their classrooms to see 2nd semester's exciting plans!
Fri. Feb.4	Full Dress for school Mass

FLOCK MY YARD

Let's support our 8th graders with this fun fundraiser. Families can sign up to have flamingos displayed in their front yard. The flock will be migrating within 48 hours of roosting. Donations can be made to St. Mary Catholic School, dropped off at the school, or by FACTS. If you would like to SHARE THE FUN...consider sending this special flock on a migration path to your friend's lawn! Send [this flyer](#) to school with your child to participate.



MOD PIZZA NIGHT



Join us for dinner at MOD Pizza in Bay Colony on Jan. 31. 20% of all proceeds will go to SMCS.

BABYSITTING SERVICE

On Saturday Jan. 14 from 12:00pm to 5:00pm the SMCS 8th grade students will host another babysitting opportunity for the families of our school. The cost is \$5 per hour for each child, and lunch and entertainment will be provided. Coach Kelley Neschich and some of the Virtus-trained 8th grade parents will be supervising. All proceeds will benefit the 8th graders as they raise money for their Washington, D.C. trip. Keep an eye out for an upcoming email to register your child(ren) for this fun event!



SMCS ATHLETICS

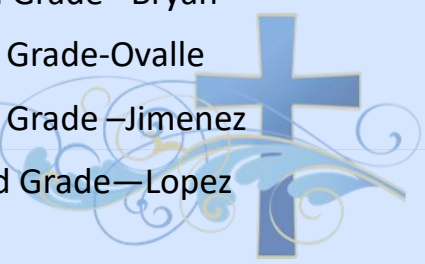
Track and Field registration opens on Jan. 24— be on the lookout for information from Coach DeLeon.

Basketball season begins this January. Go Bobcats!



PRAYER AND MASS INFORMATION

Week	Class Leading Morning Prayer	Class Serving at Friday Mass
Jan. 4-17	Pre-K4- Brummett	8th Grade –Bryan
Jan. 10-14	Pre-K3- Wright	1st Grade-Ovalle
Jan.18-21	8th Grade- Bryan	1st Grade –Jimenez
Jan. 24-28	7th Grade- Rios	2nd Grade—Lopez
Jan.31-Feb.4	6th Grade- Croniser	



THANK YOU MRS. CARR



St. Mary Catholic school is very excited to have Mrs. Carr fill the role of our new art teacher! Mrs. Carr will teach art to our Pre-K through 8th grade students beginning this month, and she will continue teaching the PK3 and PK4 Library lessons as she has done so far this school year. Mrs. Carr has degrees in art from two Texas universities and she has taught art in several countries around the world! She is prepared to share her knowledge and love of art with our students and teach them the importance of visual literacy and perception to improve their communication.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January 17

Janet Ellison



THANK YOU

- ... **Ms. Shipley and Coach DeLeon** for decorating the Christmas float
- ... **Coach Kelley and the 8th graders** for coordinating Christmas Movie Night and babysitting
- ... **Esteban's Café Y Cantina** for their donation and for letting our students decorate for Christmas
- ... **All the parents** who helped with the Christmas store
- ... **Mrs. Retif** for coordinating the Advent Calendar Sale
- ... **All the parents** who baked cookies for the teachers
- ... **Kings BierHaus** for catering the teacher Christmas party
- ... **Ms. Schbachnig and Ms. Chickley** for subbing for Mrs. Donalson

AFTER SCHOOL PICKUP CHANGES



After school pickup is changing! Aftercare pickup will remain in the front of the school. Clubs, sports, and Tuesday Tutoring pickup will be in the back of the school in the small parking lot.

2022 GALA

SMCS's Annual Gala will be held on May 14 in the Ministry Building. Be on the lookout for information on volunteering and Committee sign ups!



RESOURCES

ParentsWeb (FACTS, grades, lunch ordering)

stmy-tx.client.renweb.com/pwr

Teacher's Friday Letters

<https://www.stmarylc.org/academics/newsletters.cfm>

St. Mary Facebook Page

www.facebook.com/stmarylc