



BOBCAT BUZZ



March 2022



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! We will be collecting items to donate to new moms and babies through Anchor Point, collecting boxed goods for our SMCC Food Pantry and praying for one another during this season of Lent. 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Activity
Mar. 7		Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program notifications sent
Mar. 11	Noon	Early Dismissal <i>No aftercare</i>
Mar. 14-18		Spring Break <i>Where's the Bobcat?</i>
Mar. 21		Mask update begins
Mar. 22-23		Dream Dinners fundraiser
Apr. 6	2:00pm	Early Dismissal
Apr. 13	7:00pm	Living Stations of the Cross
Apr. 14	8:30am	Living Stations of the Cross
Apr. 14	Noon	Early Dismissal—Holy Thursday <i>No aftercare</i>
Apr. 15		No School—Good Friday
Apr. 18		No School—Easter Monday
Apr. 22		Field Day

CAR LINE CHANGES

Monday-Friday car line begins at the back of the school at 7:30am. Staff will unload students until 7:50am. If you arrive after 7:50am you will have to drop off your student at the front office. Parents are welcome for morning prayer in Cargill Hall at 7:50am, Monday-Thursday. Masks are required for morning prayer.



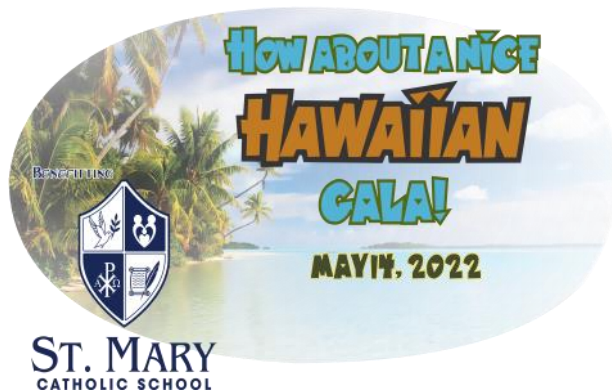
SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The 2022-2023 school supply lists will be posted to the SMCS [website](#) on March 7th. Look for an email to announce when the links are live.



WHERE'S THE BOBCAT?

Traveling far and wide this Spring Break, or just having a staycation? Join in the fun and take a picture in your Bobcat Spirit Shirt! Post the pictures to the SMCS Facebook page or email to [Mrs. White](#).



The SMCS Annual Spring Gala is BACK IN BUSINESS!!

6:30pm on May 14, 2022

Dinner, Drinks, Raffle, Live Auction, Dessert Auction, Silent Auction

New Ministry Building next to the school

Attire is Island Luau Casual (anything goes!)

Planning is underway and we need your support. How to help:

- Volunteer! All of the planning committees need help! Contact Patricia Richards
- Donate an item to the auction
- Purchase your raffle ticket; multiple prizes including cash and gift cards
- Purchase your ticket and invite friends and family
- Consider SPONSORSHIP - great advertising for your business or a nice shout out to your family

Come see a snippet of the Gala Auction at Preview Weekend, March 26 and 27 after all Masses!

JOY THE COMFORT DOG



Joy the Comfort Dog will visit SMCS on Mar. 29-30. Joy is a trained LLC K-9 Comfort Dog who interacts with people in churches, schools, nursing homes, hospitals, events, and in disaster response situations. She will come for 2 hours each day and visit with 15 kids at a time for approximately 15 minutes per group.

BABY SUPPLY DRIVE

Prek-3 through 5th grade students are collecting baby items for Anchor Point Hope House on Fridays during Lent. Common items like diapers and blankets are welcome, along with items for older siblings and gifts for the parents. See the email from Mrs. Halbardier for the full list.



SAFE HAVEN TRAINING

CMG CONNECT All adults who have regular contact with students including classroom visits, volunteering at school, driving for field trips, etc. are required to have Safe Environment training every 5 years. Access it at [CMG Connect](#).

TRACK AND FIELD

Track and Field registration for elementary and jr. high is still open. Submit all [forms](#) by Mar. 4th to register. Please contact [Coach DeLeon](#) for more information.



RECONCILIATION

Students in Grades 3-8 who have received their First Reconciliation will participate in Reconciliation before Easter. More details to come.



REGISTRATION

Enrollment for the 2022—23 school year is open! SMCS is offering [registration fee discounts](#) when registering

before:

- March 7—\$75/student
- April 11—\$50/student

SMCS will pay the FACTS fee when families create their FACTS payment plans by April 11. See the [Admissions Process](#) page for more information. Pick up a SMCS Enrollment Yard Sign from the office and show your Bobcat Pride!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

March 2	Mrs. Mellado
March 5	Mrs. Keaten
March 10	Mrs. Castillo



THANK YOU

... *To all who signed up for Steps for Students.*
 ... *Mrs. Burt for helping with the car line.*
 ... *The **Hermosa family** for sponsoring Cool Cow Creamery treats for students on Feb. 14.*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SMCS is in need of Volunteers! We welcome help from parents and families with a few hours to spare. Opportunities include:

- Morning Carline Helpers (contact [Mrs. Ellison](#))
- Room Parents/Classroom Volunteers
- Fundraising
- Teacher Appreciation Events



Please contact your classroom Room Parent or [Patricia Richards](#) for more information.

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

Bobcat Buzz Archives

<https://www.stmarylc.org/bobcats-now!/bobcat-buzz.cfm>

PRAYER AND MASS INFORMATION

Week	Class Leading Morning Prayer	Class Serving at Friday Mass
Feb 28 - Mar 4	Mrs. Keaten's 4 th Graders	Mrs. Keaten's Class
Mar 7 - 11	Mrs. Pray's 4 th Graders	Mrs. Pray's Class
Mar 14 - 18	Spring Break	Spring Break
Mar 21 - 25	Ms. Matthew's 3rd Grade	Mrs. Castillo's Class
Mar 28 - Apr 1	Mrs. Mellado's 3rd Grade	Mrs. Little's Class