

This is our school.
Let peace dwell here.
Let the rooms be full of contentment.
Let love abide here.
Love of one another, Love of mankind,
Love of life itself,
And love of God.
And help us remember
That as so many hands build a house
So many hearts build a school.
Amen.

What a year! We came back to school, prepared for a hurricane, battled a pandemic, warmed up after an Arctic freeze and have THRIVED! We haven't been able to control many things, but students have grown in mind, heart and spirit through service, academic projects, STREAM, clubs, Field Day, May Crowning, Halloween Carnival, Steps Celebrations, religious celebrations and so much more. I am so proud of our SMCS Family, where we put faith, hope and love first. Thank you for a wonderful school year!



Laura L. Helbock

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Date	Time	Activity
May 10 - 14		STARBASE - 5 th Grade
May 10		SMCS Gala Auction Opens! - See Page 7 for details.
May 14		Mass Day - Full Dress
May 21		Mass Day - Full Dress 8 th Grade Graduation
May 22		SMCS Gala - See Page 7 for details.
May 24 - 26		Teacher Appreciation Week
May 26	12:00 pm	Last Day Of School - Early Dismissal Report Cards Go Home
June 4		School Supply Kit Orders Due
June 14	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Used Uniform distribution - See Page 6 for details
June 15	9:00 am - 2:30 pm	Used Uniform distribution - See Page 6 for details
June 16	1:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Risse Brothers Uniform Pop-Up Sale - See Page 6 for details
June 17	8:00 am - 12:00 pm	Risse Brothers Uniform Pop-Up Sale - See Page 6 for details
June 25		Deadline for Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program (Second round of assistance)
July 18 - 23	8:30 am-2:30 pm	Volleyball & Basketball Camps - see Page 3 for details
August 12		First Day of School!



Week

Class Leading Morning Prayer

Class Attending Friday Mass

May 10 -14 Mrs. Rivet's 2nd Grade

4th Grade

May 17 - 21 Mrs. Carr's 2nd Grade

6th - 8th Grade

May 24 - 26 Office's Choice!

Last Week of School

- No Mass



CELEBRATION OF GRADUATION

Friday May 21, 2021 following the 8:30am Mass

Immediate and extended family of 8th grade graduates are welcome to attend and occupy two pews.



Socially-distant brunch reception to follow in Cargill Hall.

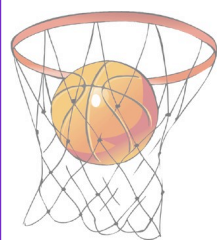
Graduation ceremony will be livestreamed into the school for all students to celebrate our graduates.



A YouTube link of the ceremony will be emailed to the graduates' families for additional viewing.

Summer Sports Camps

WHAT: Volleyball Camp
WHO: Incoming 4th-8th grade girls
WHEN: July 19 - 23, 9:00 - 11:00am
WHERE: Cargill Hall
COST: \$30



WHAT: Basketball Camp
WHO: Incoming 5th-8th grade girls & boys
WHEN: July 19-23, 12:00-2:00pm
WHERE: Cargill Hall
COST: \$30

Both camps will be run by Coach de Leon assisted by alumni from the St. Mary two-time GHAC Championship-winning volleyball team and current players on the Friendswood High School volleyball & basketball teams Brooke and Brenna Fledderman and Mackenna Bessler. Registration forms have been sent home with eligible students, so register today!



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 [Mrs. Ellison](#) in the school office (281-332-4014) with any questions.



Monday -
Thursday
9:00am - 2:00pm
Friday
appointment only

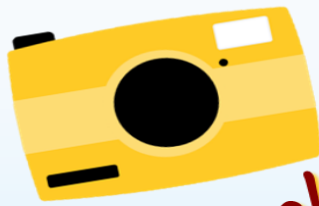
*Closed the week of
Memorial Day and the week of
July 4th

CMG
CONNECT

Safe Environment Online Training

**Complete the online
Safe Environment training NOW
to be ready for next year!**

- All adults who have regular contact with students including those eating lunch on campus, visiting the classroom, volunteering at school, driving for field trips, etc. are required to have Safe Environment training every 5 years.
- Access the online training program at [CMG Connect](#).

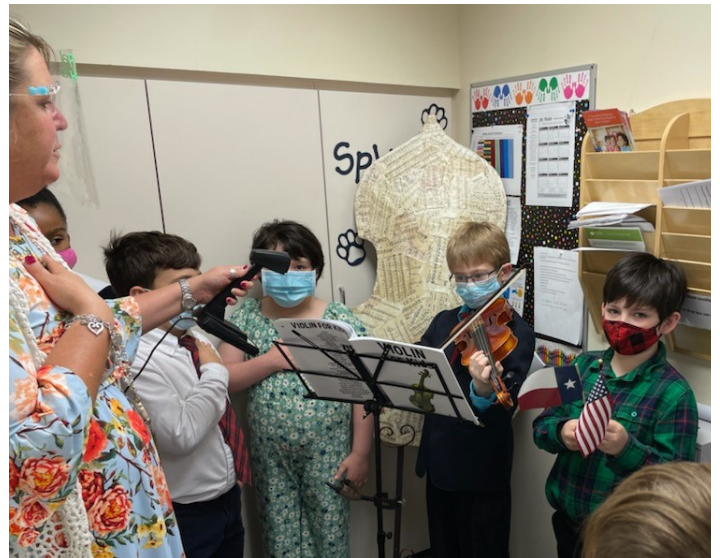


**ORDER
YOUR**

Yearbook!

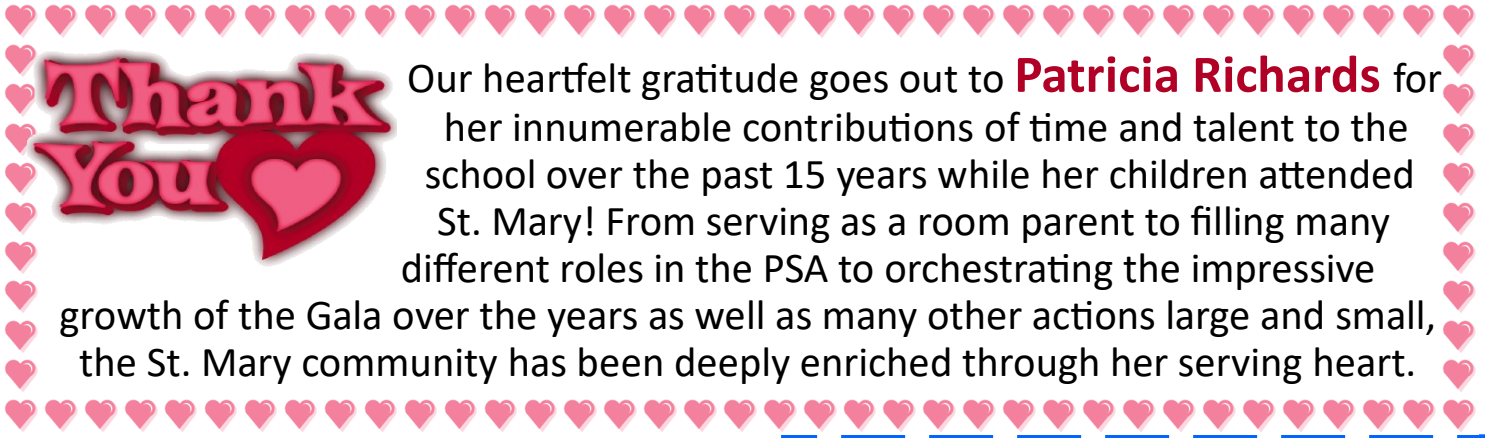
**2020-2021 YEARBOOKS
ON SALE NOW!**

- ⇒ Yearbooks will be printed in the summer and distributed shortly after school begins.
- ⇒ \$40 for a hard cover, full color book.
- ⇒ Pre-K3 through 8th grade will be represented.
- ⇒ Order through www.balfour.com and contact [Mrs. Neschich](#) for any questions!



- **Have a Summer Birthday?** Contact Mrs. Halbardier to schedule your Birthday Blessing before school is out!
- **Awards and Honor Roll Certificates** will be awarded the last week of school in the library. No visitors are allowed due to COVID-19 precautions.





Thank You

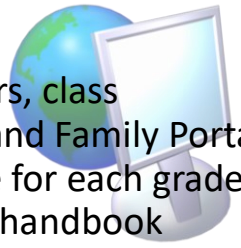
Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to **Patricia Richards** for her innumerable contributions of time and talent to the school over the past 15 years while her children attended St. Mary! From serving as a room parent to filling many different roles in the PSA to orchestrating the impressive growth of the Gala over the years as well as many other actions large and small, the St. Mary community has been deeply enriched through her serving heart.



Check out the school's REDESIGNED WEBSITE! Same URL, new look!

New features include:

- ◆ Quick Links to calendars, class newsletters, lunches, and Family Portal
- ◆ Upcoming Events page for each grade
- ◆ Bobcats Now page for handbook updates, SMCS merchandise, and the latest Bobcat Buzz



www.stmarylc.org

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.



Happy Birthday

May 17	Mrs. Ovalle
May 30	Ms. Richardson
June 8	Mrs. Field
June 8	Mrs. Wright
June 21	Mrs. Santiago
June 27	Mrs. Pate
June 29	Mrs. White
June 29	Mrs. Carr
July 9	Mrs. Neschich
July 26	Ms. Matthews
August 2	Mrs. Gilmore

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Thanks to all who have supported the school's fundraising events! Here are the results:

Steps for Students	\$20,812
Blackbaud Giving Fund (Marathon)	\$778
Kroger Community Rewards	\$540
Blingo (March 7)	\$482
Amazon Smile	\$179
Fuddruckers Spirit Night (on 1/28/2020)	\$83
Randalls' Good Neighbor Program	\$31
Box Tops for Education	\$8

TOTAL: \$22,413

THANK YOU

- ... **All SMCS Parents** for a fantastic year following our new COVID-19 requirements. You helped make this year a success!
- ... **Chaperones and Drivers** for Camp Kappe and STARBASE
- ... **All Donors and Sponsors for the SMCS Gala**
- ... **Families and businesses** that have purchased SMCS Gala Raffle Tickets and Dinners
- ... **Fr. John, Deacon Russ, Deacon Fritz, and Deacon Andy** for distributing the Eucharist and blessings to all students.
- ... **Mrs. Cordeiro** for filming students and teachers for the Gala video and new website.
- ... **SMCS Board Members, Mike Gremillion and Tami Kilbert** for speaking at Masses the weekend of 5/8



Risse Brothers Pop-Up Sale!



June 16 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm

June 17 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

SMCS is hosting a Risse Brothers Pop-Up sale in Cargill Hall. Come to browse, try on, and purchase new uniforms for the 2021-2022 School Year.

Outgrown uniforms? Donate them!

Please drop off clean (unstained) uniform donations in the office. Donated uniforms are used as extras in the office and SMCS also distributes these donations for those in need. Contact [Mrs. Ellison](#) for more information.



Used Uniform Distribution:

June 14 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

June 15 9:00 am - 2:30 pm

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

Mark Your Calendar For A

TEXAS SIZED GALA



2021 Spring Gala

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
VIRTUALLY,
BOOT STOMPIN'
GOOD TIME!

St. Mary Catholic School
Gala & Fundraiser

ORDER TASTY DINNER

32auctions.com/SMCSGALA2021
BY MAY 12, 2021

BUY RAFFLE TICKETS

ONLY 100 SOLD!
GIVE THE OFFICE A RING BEFORE THEY SELL OUT!
281.332.4014
THREE LUCKY WINNERS
announced via LiveStream
SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2021

VIRTUAL SILENT AUCTION

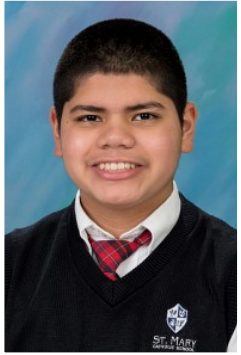
32auctions.com/SMCSGALA2021
OPENS MAY 10, 2021
ENDS MAY 22, 2021 @ 11PM

100% OF PROCEEDS BENEFIT ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL.

Thank you for your support!

Congratulations, Class of 2021!

WALTER CEDILLOS



Years at St. Mary: pre-K 4-8th

High School: Clear Brook HS

Following graduation from SMCS, Walter looks forward to the experiences of high school. He will miss seeing his St. Mary friends and teachers in person and doing

video projects at school. Walter says his favorite memory of St. Mary Catholic School is attending Camp Kappe in 5th grade. Thinking of our school motto, "Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve," Walter intends to gain new knowledge to pursue his dreams, become a more productive family member, and a better person into adulthood.

JULIA ROMERO



Years at St. Mary: 8th

High School: undecided

When she leaves SMCS, Julia looks forward to high school and growing up. She says she will miss St. Mary Catholic School, the new friends she made here, her teachers, and our principal Mrs.

Halbardier. Julia's favorite memories include dressing up for the school Halloween carnival and getting lots of candy, how nice all of her classmates were to her all of the time, and going to STARBASE. Julia will continue to live our school motto after graduation by taking what she learned at SMCS and continuing to be helpful to her new friends and teachers and serving others.

REBECCA PETERSON

Years at St. Mary: pre-K 4-8th

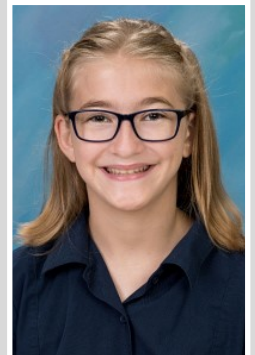
High School: Incarnate Word Academy

After graduation, Rebecca looks forward to making new friends and learning new things in high school and learning to drive. She says she will miss participating in the science

fair and her amazing teachers that were always so willing to help her. Rebecca finds it difficult to choose a favorite memory of her time at SMCS, but the first day of each school year, with new teachers, new school supplies, and new classmates always brought her joy.

As she moves on to high school, Rebecca recalls how she "Entered to Learn" so much during her years at St.

Mary, and will "Leave to Serve" her community by volunteering with her Scout's BSA troop and doing community service hours in high school.



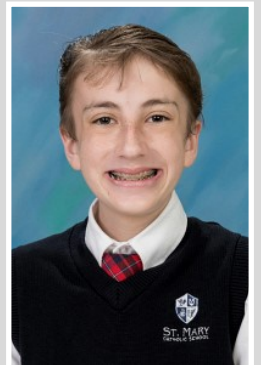
MICHAEL RICHARDS

Years at St. Mary: pre-K 4- 8th

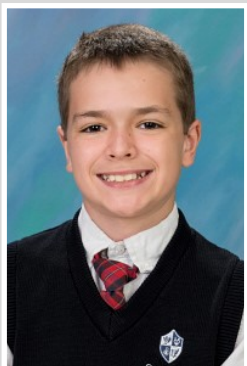
High School: St. Thomas HS

Michael looks forward to meeting new people and making new friends after graduation from SMCS. He says he will miss the small class sizes at St. Mary Catholic School

and our kind teachers. Michael's favorite memory of his time at school is breaking his thumb while playing soccer with his friends during P.E. The school motto will stay with Michael as he moves on to high school and plans to serve his new classmates by helping them with their studies.



EWAN SCHWANBECK



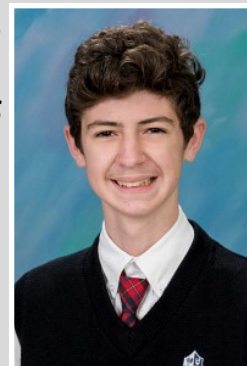
Years at St. Mary: K-8th

High School: Lutheran South Academy

Looking forward to life after graduation, Ewan says he is excited to go to high school and later working towards his dream of

becoming a veterinarian. Ewan will miss spending time with his friends and his teachers at school daily. His favorite memory of St. Mary Catholic School is science class and performing the trials of their experiments. Ewan will continue to live the school motto, "Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve" by praying for those in need.

OWEN SUGGS



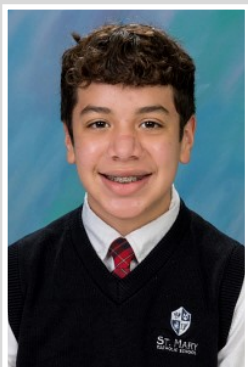
Years at St. Mary: 7th-8th

High School: Clear Creek HS

Owen looks forward to college and the NBA in his future after SMCS. The thing Owen will miss the most about his time at St. Mary Catholic School is the great

group of friends that he made. His favorite memory is of a field trip his class took to a ranch and him falling off a mechanical bull there. Owen will continue to live the school motto by studying hard in high school and helping others.

PRESTON UNDERBRINK



Years at St. Mary: 3rd-8th

High School: St. Thomas HS

After graduation from St. Mary, Preston looks forward to receiving a good education in high school. He says he will miss the fun times he had at SMCS and the teachers and

students. Preston's favorite memory is of his 5th grade class going to Camp Kappe and staying up late to tell scary stories. Preston intends to live out the school motto by working and studying hard in high school while still continuing to serve everyone with Christ's intent in his heart.



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