

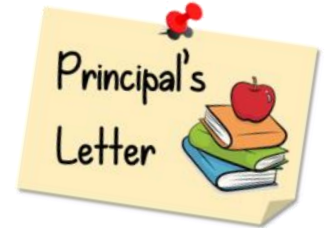
# BOBCAT BUZZ



September 2021



## WELCOME BACK!



Wow, how time flies! We have been in school for two weeks and have started two sports, soccer and volleyball, 8<sup>th</sup> graders visited IWA and St. Thomas High School, we are prepping for clubs to begin.....most importantly WE ARE IN SCHOOL, IN PERSON & CONTINUE TO GROW IN MIND, HEART AND SPIRIT!

It is wonderful to have our classrooms, hallways and playgrounds full of learning, praying and laughter! I am so proud that we continue to work together to ensure student and staff health and wellness. It's a blessing to be a part of this wonderful community!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Activity
Sept 1	2:00 PM	Early Dismissal (Aftercare available)
Sept 3		Mass Day - Full Dress
Sept 5	All Masses	First Sunday Mass KofC Coffee and Donuts
Sept 6		No School
Sept 7	3:35 PM	Tutoring Begins
	3:35 PM	Clubs Begin
Sept 10		Mass Day - Full Dress Individual Picture Day
Sept 17		Mass Day - Full Dress
Sept 24		Mass Day - Full Dress
Sept 28	6:00 PM	SMCS Board Meeting
Oct 1		Mass Day - Full Dress
Oct 3	All Masses	First Sunday Mass
Oct 8		Parent/Teacher Conferences—No School

See [Page 3](#) for the Athletics and Clubs Schedules

*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.*

It's going to be an AWESOME year at SMCS!

Blessings,



Mrs. Halbardier



## FIRST SUNDAY MASS



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.

# ANNUAL FUND

SMCS is restarting the Annual Fund. The Annual Fund helps fund all of St. Mary's activities and operations including salaries, facility costs, scholarships and more. All donations are tax-deductible and may be matched by employers. Contact [Mike Gremillion](#) for more information.

## FUNDRAISING



SMCS has several easy fundraising opportunities for you:

- [Amazon Smile](#) (set SMCS as your charity and use the link for your orders)
- [Kroger Community Rewards](#) (Connect your Kroger Plus Card with Organization Number UV373)
- [Box Tops® for Education](#) (App available on Google Play or the App Store, set SMCS as your school and scan your receipts)
- Cafeteria Fundraisers (Friday lunches, treat sales)

## PARENT VOLUNTEERS

The SMCS Parent-Staff Association (PSA) is looking for volunteers to help with school fundraisers and activities this year. Opportunities include:

- Restaurant Fundraiser Team
- Room Parents (sign up [here](#))
- Gala Planning

Contact [Patricia Richards](#) for more information.



## CUB SCOUTS



[Pack 554](#) invites all boys AND girls Kinder—5<sup>th</sup> grade to join the pack! Meet the leadership and members of the pack and learn about Cub Scouts. Meet at [Parr Elementary Auditorium](#), **September 7 at 6:30 PM**. Masks requested.

## ST. MARY BAZAAR



On October 10<sup>th</sup> the St. Mary's Annual Bazaar returns! SMCS is running the Cake Wheel and Spin-a-Toy booths. **We need gently used or new toy donations as well as volunteers to run both booths.** Contact [Mrs. Ellison](#) to sign up for a time slot. This is a fun way to serve our parish community and for students to earn service hours!

## SOCCER SHOTS

SMCS and Soccer Shots are offering soccer lessons after school on Wednesdays for SMCS students ages 3—8. Session runs Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> to Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. Sign up at [soccershots.com](http://soccershots.com).



## RECESS

The playground will be up soon! A crosswalk has been painted so that students may safely access the green space. The Annual Fund is financing a fence around the green space.



## SAFE HAVEN ONLINE TRAINING



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 it at [CMG Connect](#).

## UNIFORM REMINDERS



Belts must be worn by all 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders if their shorts/pants have belt loops. Only SMCS sweaters are allowed in the classrooms. More details on the uniforms are available on the [school uniform page](#).



## SMCS SCHOOL BOARD



All are welcome to attend the SMCS School Board Meetings. Please email your questions to [Mrs. Halbardier](#) in advance.

## CHILDREN'S ROSARY GROUP



SMCS families are invited to join the parish Children's Rosary Group. Meet at the [SMCS School Library](#), on the first Saturday of every month at 3 PM. Contact [Sarah Ramero](#) for information.

# CLUBS



Registration for after-school clubs is open. Forms are available on the school clubs [website](#) and must be printed out and returned to the front office. Clubs have a capacity limit and will be filled on a first-come basis.

## Club Schedule

**Monday** Musical Theater, Orchestra  
**Tuesday** Tutoring (no clubs)  
**Wednesday** Chess, Musical Theater, Orchestra  
**Thursday** Crochet, Engineering, Sign Language, Spirit Squad

## Grade Levels

**1<sup>st</sup> & up** Orchestra, Sign Language  
**2<sup>nd</sup> & up** Chess, Spirit Squad  
**3<sup>rd</sup> & up** Crochet, Engineering, Musical Theater



# MORNING PRAYER

Aug. 30—Sept. 3	Mrs. Donaldson's 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Sept. 7—10	Mrs. Croniser's 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Sept. 13—17	Mrs. Little's 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Sept. 20—24	Mrs. Castillo's 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Sept. 27—Oct. 1	Mrs. Keaten's 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade

# SMCS ATHLETICS

## Volleyball

Sept 1	4:30 PM	@ Queen of Peace Richwood
Sept 8	4:30 PM	vs. St. Clare
Sept 13	4:30 PM	vs. True Cross
Sept 15	4:30 PM	vs. St. Mary Purification
Sept 20	4:30 PM	vs. St. Helen
Sept 22	4:30 PM	vs. St. Augustine
Sept 27	4:30 PM	vs. St. Christopher
Sept 29	4:30 PM	vs. Queen of Peace Richwood



## Cross Country

Sept 4	Bellaire Invitational
Sept 11	Trinity Klein Lutheran XC Classic
Sept 18	Second Baptist Soaring Eagle XC
Sept 25	Westbury Cross Country Classic



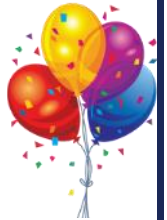
## Soccer

Sept 14	5:00 PM	vs. True Cross
Sept 16	4:30 PM	vs. St. Clare
Sept 21	4:30 PM	vs. St. Helen
Sept 23	4:30 PM	vs. St. Augustine
Sept 28	4:30 PM	vs. St. Christopher
Sept 30	4:30 PM	vs. Queen of Peace Richwood



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

August 2	Mrs. Gilmore
August 18	Mrs. Rios
August 27	Mrs. Whatley
September 4	Mrs. Little
September 29	Mrs. Gonzalez
September 30	Mrs. Shipley



# THANK YOU

...**All the parents** that donated bottled water  
 ...**All the families** that attended Meet the Teacher  
 ...**Mary Kandall** for donating school supplies  
 ...**The Romero family** for donating books to the SMCS Library  
 ...**Father Rooney and Mike Gremillion** for their help with the playground  
 ...**St. Mary Church** for donating Miraculous Mary medals to all students

# RESOURCES

ParentsWeb (FACTS, grades, lunch ordering)  
[stmy-tx.client.renweb.com/pwr](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/stmarylc)