

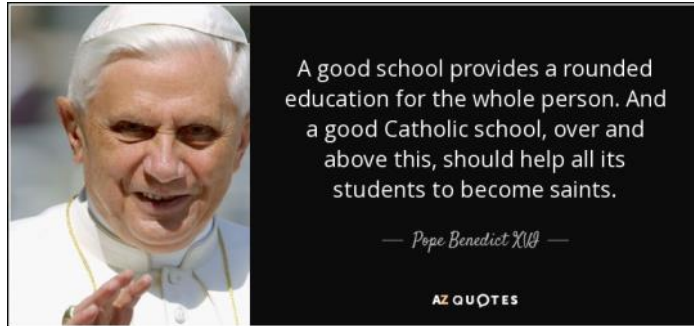


# BOBCAT BUZZ



February 2023

Catholic Schools Week is always one of my favorite weeks. Whether students are speaking at Masses, helping younger students, serving, learning in classes, it is such a joy to be a part of Catholic education! I know supporting growth in mind, heart, and spirit is the best way to ensure that our future leaders will be thoughtful, faithful, and compassionate. Over the past couple of weeks I have spoken with several alumni families. Alumni are making a difference in their communities and have told me that attending SMCS supported critical thinking, caring and community service. I cannot wait to see what our current students accomplish in the future! I know they will have a positive impact on those around them.



I love this quote from Pope Benedict. We are all called to be saints and the hands and feet of Jesus! I see the signs of this every day in the hallways, classrooms, playground, and throughout the SMCS campus.

Mrs. Halbardier 



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Activity
Feb 7	10:30 AM	School Council Meeting
Feb 8	8:00 AM	Prayer Group & Coffee
Feb 10		1 <sup>st</sup> Round of Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Ends
Feb 11	7:00 AM	Steps for Students Run/Walk Downtown
Feb 14	9:00 AM	SMCS Steps for Students Tailgate
	2:00 PM	Class Valentine's Day Parties
		1 <sup>st</sup> Registration Incentive Ends
Feb 20		No School—Teacher Inservice
Feb 22		Ash Wednesday—Full Dress
Feb 24		KofC Lenten Fish Fry Begins
Mar 1-3		Book Fair
Mar 1	2:00 PM	Early Dismissal
Mar 3		Class, Sports, and Make-up Pictures—Full Dress
Mar 5	All Masses	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Mass
Mar 7		2 <sup>nd</sup> Registration Incentive Ends
Mar 10	12:00 PM	Early Dismissal
Mar 13-17		Spring Break

## FIRST SUNDAY MASS



Students who attend any Mass in person wearing full dress uniform will earn **free dress the following Monday.**

# 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2023-24 School Year is now open to all new and returning students. SMCS is offering [registration incentives](#) throughout the spring. Complete registration and create your FACTS payment plans by:

- Feb 14<sup>th</sup> — \$125/Student discount off registration fees and no FACTS enrollment fees.
- Mar 7<sup>th</sup> — \$75/Student discount off registration fees and no FACTS enrollment fees.
- Apr 12<sup>th</sup> — \$50/Student discount off registration fees and no FACTS enrollment fees.

All registration fees due by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Visit the [Registration Page](#) for more details and instructions.

## STEPS FOR STUDENTS



Mark your calendars for Feb. 11th, 2023! 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 100% student participation. [Register now!](#)

## STEPS FOR STUDENTS TAILGATE



SMCS's annual Steps for Students celebration is on Feb 14, including games and a color walk. Safe Haven trained parents are welcome to attend the color walk outside the school. PreK3-3rd will go from 1:30-1:45pm and 4th-7th will go from 1:45-2:00pm. Please contact [Coach DeLeon](#) for more information.

## UNIFORM REMINDERS



Belts must be worn by all 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders if their shorts/pants have belt loops. Extra large headbands with ears, unicorn horns, etc. are not part of the SMCS uniform. Only SMCS sweaters are allowed in the classrooms. More details on the uniforms are available on the [school uniform website](#).



## LENTEN FISH FRY

The locally famous meals from our Knights of Columbus fish fry are almost ready to be your dinner! Freshly fried catfish filets, crisp coleslaw, warm hush puppies, and perfectly seasoned fries, plus your choice of drink and dessert, not to mention fun and fellowship with our community. Money from the fish fry helps us support our church, catholic school programs, victims of various major disasters,



coats for kids, wheelchairs for veterans and ultrasound machines for pro-life clinics. K of C Annual Fish Fry is every Friday from February 24 to March 31, 2023.

## SMCS GALA

**April 22, 2023 at 6:30 PM**  
*Dinner, Drinks, Raffle, Live Auction, Dessert Auction, Silent Auction*

Join us at Annunciation Hall for the Jewels and Jazz Gala! Call the front office or visit the [Spring Gala](#) page to purchase your tickets. Donations are needed for class baskets, silent auction, and live auction items. Volunteers are needed for the Catering/Bar Committee and Class Baskets. Please contact [Patricia Richards](#) if you are interested.



# 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](#).

**THANK YOU**

... **DeLaRosa and Retif Families** for supporting our goal of 2 Bottle Filling Stations! Students should bring refillable bottles so they can refill them at 1 of our 2 stations

... **Dr. Tambling** for helping with Archery Club

... **Knights of Columbus and Mrs. Pate** for organizing the Spaghetti Dinner for the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade DC Trip

... **Cheney, Quinones, Moore, and DeLaRosa families** for speaking during Masses for Catholic Schools Week

# SMCS PRAYER GROUP



Come join the SMCS Prayer Group! The group meets every Wednesday after car line. Contact [Mrs. Howes](#) for more information.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

February 15	Mrs. Richards
February 24	Ms. DeLeon
March 2	Mrs. Mellado
March 5	Mrs. Keaten

**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)

# PRAYER AND MASS INFORMATION

Week	Class Leading Morning Prayer	Class Serving at Friday Mass	Class Singing at Friday Mass
Feb 6—10	Mrs. Castillo's 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Mrs. Lederer's 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade and Mrs. Castillo's 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Feb 13—17	Mrs. Davilla's 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Mrs. Lopez's 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade and Mrs. Davila's 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Feb 20—24	Mrs. Pray's 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Mrs. Rivet's 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade and Mrs. Castillo's 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Feb 27—Mar 3	Mrs. Keaten's 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Ms. Richardson's 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade and Mrs. Davila's 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Mar 6—10	Mrs. Mellado's 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Mrs. McCarthy's 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade and Mrs. Castillo's 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade