



# BOBCAT BUZZ



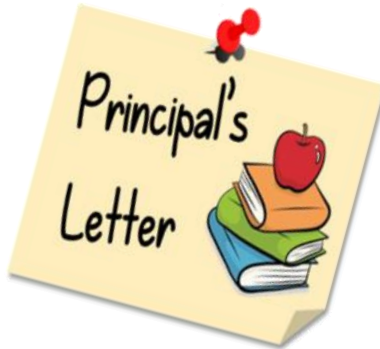
January 2023



Hello families,

Happy New Year! Thank you for supporting our partnership with Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health.

This week we received a wonderful thank-you card from the center. Your generosity made it possible for children to celebrate this season while away from home!



I can't believe we are at the halfway point for this school year! Students continue to grow in mind, heart, and spirit each day!

Enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year is coming up later this month. There are great incentives for early enrollment! Don't forget to enroll your SMCS Bobcat!



Mrs. Halbardier



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Activity
Jan 7-8	All	First Sunday Mass Masses
Jan 12	5:45-6:45 pm	5th Grade Parent Meeting
Jan 13	12:00pm	Early Dismissal—Parent/Teacher Conferences
Jan 14	8:00am	KC Free Throw Competition
Jan 16		No school—MLK Day
Jan 17		Re-enrollment opens
Jan 19	6:00-7:15 pm	Classroom Discovery Night
Jan 27		ARCHGH 6th-8th Science Fair
Jan 28-29	All Masses	Catholic Schools Week Mass- students speaking at all masses
Jan 30-Feb 3		Catholic Schools Week
Jan 30		7th Grade Retreat—CRC
Jan 30		Danza Azteca Splendor
Feb 1		100th Day of School
Feb 2		Move Up Day
Feb 3		Parent Pizza Lunch

## 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.

# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Get ready to bring your St. Mary Catholic School spirit because January 30<sup>th</sup> through February 3<sup>rd</sup> is National Catholic Schools Week!



Monday Jan 30 "Learn"	Tuesday Jan 31 "Family"	Wednesday Feb 1 "Lead"	Thursday Feb 2 "Succeed"	Friday Feb 3 "Serve"
In School Field Trip	Special Surprise!	100 <sup>th</sup> Day of School & Spirit Dress	Move Up Day & Spirit Dress	Parent Pizza Lunch

## CLASSROOM DISCOVERY NIGHT



St. Mary Catholic School will be hosting a Classroom Discovery Night on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:15pm. The school will be open and the teachers will be happy to talk to you about your child(ren) and what's coming up in their classes this semester.

## DANZA AZTECA SPLENDOR

All SMCS students will get to experience an in-school field trip provided by Danza Azteca Splendor! On Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> the performance group will demonstrate traditional Aztec dance and music, and introduce the students to Aztec history and culture. Each student will be billed \$4 through their FACTS account to cover the cost of the performance.



## PARENT PIZZA LUNCH

Come and have lunch with your child on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> in Cargill Hall to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. There will be pizza and a photobooth. You can order your pizza with your child's regular Friday lunch order.



## 5TH GRADE PARENT'S MEETING

Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:45-6:45pm SMCS will host the annual 5th grade parent meeting in the school library. All parents and guardians of current SMCS 5th graders are encouraged to attend to learn about what St. Mary Catholic School has to offer in the Jr. High levels. Meet the Jr. High teachers, get your questions answered, and learn all about the expectations as your students prepare to make the next step in their education.



## FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Free Throw Championship at True Cross Catholic School on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>.

- Open to boys and girls Ages 9 to 14
- Fifteen free throws after warming up
- Winners advance to District Tournament February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Birth certificate or other proof of age required at registration



Registration begins at 8:00am. For more information, please contact [Mark Quagliotti](#) or Mike Fanders at 832-561-5260.

# PRAYER AND MASS INFORMATION

Week	Class Leading Morning Prayer	Class Serving at Mass	Class Singing at Friday Mass
Jan. 3-6	Mrs. Brummet's pre-k 4	Middle school	6 <sup>th</sup> and Mrs. Castillo's 5 <sup>th</sup> grade
Jan. 9-13	Mrs. Wright's pre-k 3	Middle school	6 <sup>th</sup> and Mrs. Davila's 5 <sup>th</sup> grade
Jan. 16-20	Mrs. Pate's 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Mrs. Pray's 4 <sup>th</sup> grade	6 <sup>th</sup> and Mrs. Castillo's 5 <sup>th</sup> grade
Jan. 23-27	Mrs. Rios' 7 <sup>th</sup> grade	Mrs. Keaten's 4 <sup>th</sup> grade	6 <sup>th</sup> and Mrs. Davila's 5 <sup>th</sup> grade
Jan. 30- Feb. 3	Mrs. Little's 6 <sup>th</sup> grade	Mrs. Mellado's 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	6 <sup>th</sup> and Mrs. Castillo's 5 <sup>th</sup> grade

## 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](#).



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jan. 17

Mrs. Ellison



## THANK YOU

... *Mrs. Deidart and Mrs. Shipley for their work on the Christmas float*

... *PSA for the cookie exchange and teacher luncheon*

## 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)

Bobcat Buzz Archives

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

## SAFE HAVEN ONLINE TRAINING

CMG  
CONNECT

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](#).