



BOBCAT BUZZ



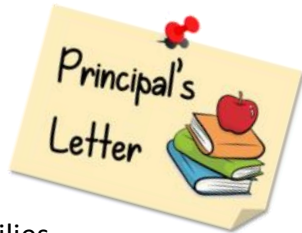
Summer 2023



Hello,

I can't believe we are wrapping up another year! I am thankful for the work of heart of the teachers in partnership with families.

SMCS students have grown in mind, heart, and spirit this year! I pray your family has a wonderful summer with lots of memory-making moments. SMCS is a quiet place in summer! Please share your summer adventures with our community through Facebook. Don't forget SMCS Prayer Group will meet throughout the summer. I can't wait to see your family for the 2023-2024 school year. Plans, schedules and events are all in progress to support growth in mind, heart, and spirit as well as our partnerships with our families! May God bless your family!



Dear God,

We give thanks for the grace of your loving embrace. Thank you for the gift of summer and the privilege to grow in our understanding of you calling to be salt for the earth. Thank you for the gift of Catholic education and our sacramental lives. We pray for new families that will enter our doors for next year as well as those that will enter high school in the fall! We pray for your blessings on all members of the St. Mary of the Expectation Catholic community for a peaceful time of prayer and reflection in the summer. Our rest and play will be rooted in proclaiming your glory as we serve others in love.

Amen

Mrs. Halbardier



UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Activity
May 23	2:00 PM	End of Year Awards—Cargill Hall
May 25	12:00 PM	Last Day of School— <i>Noon Dismissal Class Parties</i>
May 29 - June 2		School Office Closed
SMCS Summer Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM		
June 19 - 23		Vacation Bible School—School Office Closed
June 26		Diocesan Tuition Assistance Round 2 Ends
June 26	9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Used Uniforms Swap—Library
June 27	9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Used Uniforms Swap—Library
June 28	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Risse Brothers Pop Up Shop—Cargill Hall
June 29	1:00 - 6:00 PM	Risse Brothers Pop Up Shop—Cargill Hall
July 1		Last Day to Order School Supply Kits
July 2 - 7		School Office Closed
Aug 16		First Day of School!

THANK YOU

... Father John, The Teacher Appreciation Committee, Knights of Columbus, and the Gala Committee for all of your support and hard work this year!

RESOURCES

St. Mary School Website

<https://www.stmarylc.org/>

ParentsWeb (FACTS, grades, lunch ordering)

stmy-tx.client.renweb.com/pwr

St. Mary Facebook Page

www.facebook.com/stmarylc

2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2023-24 School Year is now open to all new and returning students. Registration fees are due upon registration. Visit the [Registration Page](#) for more details.

SUMMER BOBCATS



Let's celebrate Bobcats all summer! Share your summer adventures with the SMCS Facebook page by sending them to [Mrs. White](#).

'23-24 SUPPLY KITS



Updated Supply lists for the 2023-24 school year are available on the [supplies website](#).

Consider ordering a Supply Kit!

1st Day School Supplies make back-to-school shopping quick and easy while raising money for the school. Order directly from their [website](#). Orders are delivered directly to the school. The last day to order is July 1, so be sure to order your kits soon!

SMCS PRAYER GROUP



Meet with the SMCS Prayer Group Wednesdays in the library, children welcome. Please contact [Mrs. Howes](#).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May 8	Mrs. Croniser
May 17	Mrs. Lopez
May 17	Mrs. Ovalle
May 30	Ms. Richardson
June 8	Mrs. Wright
June 13	Mrs. McCarthy
June 27	Mrs. Pate
June 29	Mrs. White
June 29	Mrs. Carr
July 21	Mrs. Smith
July 26	Mrs. Lederer



FUNDRAISING



Thank you to all the SMCS supporters! Our 2022-23 Fundraising efforts brought in over \$192,000!

• SMCS Spring Gala	\$115,000
• Church Envelopes	\$21,929
• Annual Appeal	\$19,734
• Steps for Students	\$12,181
• Advent and Christmas Shop	\$3,400
• Risse Brothers	\$2,037
• Restaurant Fundraisers	\$1,856
• Kroger Rewards	\$977
• Birthday Bear	\$500
• Amazon Smile	\$450
• Free Dress Days	\$431
• Other Donations	\$14,003

Fundraise through the summer break!

- [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)

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Get ready for next school year with new uniforms! There are three ways to shop:



- The Used Uniform Swap will be on June 26-27 from 9:00-1:00pm in the school library.
 - Risse Brothers will do a Uniform Pop-Up Shop on June 28 from 1:00-6:00 PM and June 29 from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM in Cargill Hall.
 - Order online at www.rissebrothers.com
- Visit the [school uniform website](#) for details on uniform requirements for each grade.

Congratulations, Class of 2023!

MIRANDA AGUIRRE



Grades Attended at St. Mary:
7th—8th

Planned High School: O’Connell
College Prep School

In high school I am looking forward to studying harder and learning new things, making new friends, and learning new languages like Korean. I will miss everyone and everything at St. Mary Catholic School, especially Mrs. Halbardier and her cheering, music, and birthday blessings. My favorite memories from my time at St. Mary are Field Day and helping with the younger classes, like being a Mass buddy for the kindergarten and first grade students. I will live by the SMCS motto “Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve” by learning and having new experiences through my life, and I will always fight hard to help others and give support to others that need it. I would like to come back to St. Mary as a volunteer.



ST. MARY
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

INGRID DANIELS



Grades Attended at St. Mary: 8th

Planned High School: Incarnate
Word Academy

I look forward to summer break and finding the right high school to attend. I will miss my teachers, the counselor, and my friends that I made here at SMCS. My favorite memory from St. Mary Catholic School is Field Day.

I will live the motto “Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve” by being kind to others.

JULIET DELAROSA



Grades Attended at St. Mary: PreK
4—8th

Planned High School: Highlands
Latin School

After graduation, I look forward to having more free time to spend with my friends in the St. Mary Church youth group. The things I will miss the most about St. Mary Catholic School are my friends that I have known since I was four years old and being on the track team. From my decade at SMCS, my favorite memory would probably be either writing letters in 3rd grade to our 2nd grade pen-pals before their First Communions (which is how I met my current best friend), or our middle school 2022 epic Christmas party. As I move on to high school, I will live the motto “Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve” by focusing hard on both academics and on being an unashamed and willing-to-serve Catholic Christian.

HEIDI EREKSON

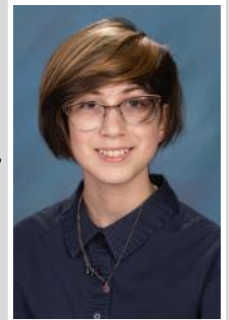


Grades Attended at St. Mary: 8th

Planned High School: Clear Springs High School

I am looking forward to being in theater in high school. I will miss the current SMCS 6th and 7th graders (who will be 7th and 8th graders next year) because they are fun, smart, talented, and fun to be with. My favorite memory of St. Mary Catholic School will be the field trips. I will live the motto "Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve" by working hard and making new friends.

AIBHILIN JONES



Grades Attended at St. Mary: 2nd—8th

Planned High School: Clear Springs High School

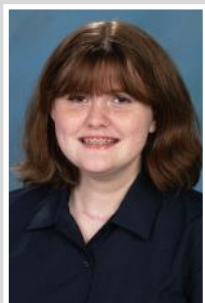
In high school I'm looking forward to making new friends and getting to chose my own classes. What I will miss about St. Mary Catholic School is knowing the format of my school and knowing the schedule. I will also miss my teachers and friends, and just the school in general. My favorite memory is from my 7th grade science class—we did a lab of the digestive system and I did most of the work, so I got my hands really messy and my glasses were falling off. It was really funny though. I will live our school motto by doing my best to learn as much as I can and helping others to learn as well.

Enter to Learn



Leave to Serve

TRENITI KELLY



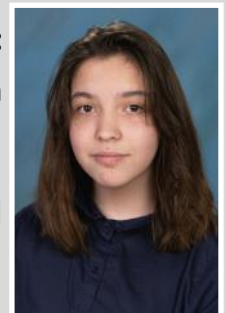
Grades Attended at St. Mary: 8th

Planned High School: Dickinson High School

I am looking forward to becoming a child of God that helps others.

What I will miss the most about SMCS is the teachers. My teachers are amazing and I love them. They are underpaid but they don't care; their main focus is the kids and I love it. My favorite memory from St. Mary Catholic School was Theology of the Body when Father John said I would marry Mike Wosowski. I will live the motto "Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve" because I learned a lot at SMCS and I will leave blessed to serve and teach the word of God.

KAYLEE LOPEZ



Grades Attended at St. Mary: Kindergarten—8th

Planned High School: Clear Lake High School

After graduation I don't know if I want to work or if I want to go to college, but I hope to be able to be able to move to California. The thing I will miss the most about St. Mary Catholic School is going on field trips. My favorite memory from SMCS was in fourth grade, I got to raise monarch butterflies and feed them when they were caterpillars. We released them when they grew up. I will live the motto "Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve" by attending high school to learn and leave it to serve other people.

ANTHONY MITCHELL



Grades Attended at St. Mary: 8th

**Planned High School: Strake
Jesuit College Preparatory**

The thing I am looking forward to the most after graduation is learning about God and the world

at the community of Strake Jesuit. I am also looking forward to sleeping. What I will miss the most about SMCS is being with my friends. My favorite memory from St. Mary's is probably Field Day. I got put in charge of the water relay games, and more importantly the water hose. As Mrs. Halbardier said, I have a calling for enthusiastically spraying children with a hose (they had fun). I will live the SMCS school motto because Strake Jesuit's motto is "Men for Others" which falls under the same idea of serving others, and they also have a requirement for service hours.

LAUREN WEBER

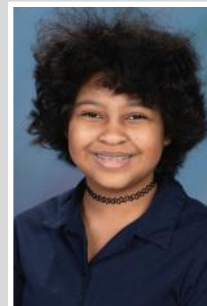


**Grades Attended at St. Mary:
6th—8th**

**Planned High School: Clear Lake
High School**

I don't know what I am looking forward to after graduating from St. Mary Catholic School. The things I will miss the most about my time here are the students and teachers. My favorite memory is being with my friends. I am not sure how I will live the motto "Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve".

SOPHIE MONTHY-MOORE



**Grades Attended at St. Mary:
Kindergarten—8th**

**Planned High School: Highlands Latin
School**

After graduating from SMCS I am looking forward to high school at Highlands Latin School. What I will miss the most about St. Mary's is Field Day. My favorite memory was going to the Spy Museum in Washington DC with my 8th grade class. I will live the motto "Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve" by helping cats in need.



KEVIN WORK



**Grades Attended at St. Mary:
1st—8th**

**Planned High School: O'Connell
College Prep School**

The thing I am looking forward to the most after graduation is summer break and O'Connell. What I will miss the most about SMCS is the teachers, P.E., Mrs. Halbardier, and the kids. My favorite memories from St. Mary's Catholic School are the field trips like Austin. I will live the school motto by entering O'Connell to learn and leave to continue to serve.

Congratulations, Class of 2023!