

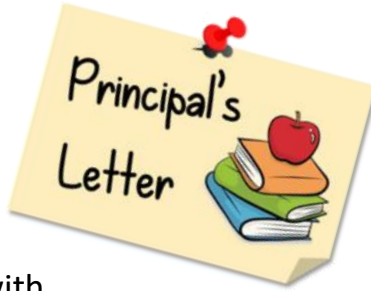


BOBCAT BUZZ



September 2022

Hello SMCS Families!
It's the most wonderful time of the year....school time! Our halls have been bursting with laughter and learning! It is going to be a fantastic year for growth in mind, heart, and spirit!



Prayer for a New School Year

*God of wisdom and might,
we praise you for
the wonder of our being
for mind, body, and spirit.
Be with our children
as they begin a new school year.
Bless them and their teachers
and staff. Give them strength and
grace as their bodies grow;
wisdom and knowledge to their minds
as they search for understanding;
and peace and zeal to their hearts.*

*We ask this through
Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

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ST. MARY'S BAZAAR

Our annual parish bazaar is a fun festival for the whole community held on October 9th from 10am-6pm. Donations are needed for the Cake Wheel and Spin-A-Toy booths. Cakes and new or gently used toys may be brought to the school office October 7th.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Activity
Sept. 3-4	All	First Weekend Masses
Sept. 5		No School—Labor Day
Sept. 6	10:15am	School Council Meeting <i>Luke & John rooms in Ministry Building</i>
		Clubs and Tutoring begin
Sept. 7	2:00pm	Early dismissal <i>Aftercare available</i>
Sept. 14	6:30-7:30pm	Open House
Sept. 23		School individual portraits
Oct. 1-2	All	First Weekend Masses

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

SMCS will offer new clubs this year including Art Club, Archery Club, Lego Club, and Yearbook. After-school clubs begin September 6th. For more information on all clubs including times and registration, check out the [Clubs and Activities](#) page on the school website.



FIRST SUNDAY MASS



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

FAITH FORMATION

[Registration](#) for Elementary Faith Formation and EDGE ends August 31st. Edge is the Faith Formation Program for 6th-8th grade and meets regularly on Wednesdays 6:00-7:30pm in Annunciation Hall during the academic year. All 2nd and 3rd grade SMCS students who have not received their First Reconciliation or First Communion will receive a packet with information about Sacrament Prep registration. Please contact [Cindy Newman](#) for more details.



CARLINE

Morning Carline runs from 7:35 – 7:50am in the back parking lot. Students arriving after 7:50am must be dropped off at the front of the school. Afternoon Carline runs from 3:15 – 3:35pm. Any students remaining at the end of Carline will be sent to Aftercare. **Cell phone use is prohibited in Carline.**



Help avoid Carline headaches! Visit the [school maps](#) to review instructions for morning and afternoon carline. Be sure to share the instructions with anyone who will drop off or pick up your child.

We would love to have parent volunteers help with morning car line. Contact [Mrs. Ellison](#) if you are interested.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

The SMCS Parent-Staff Association (PSA) is looking for volunteers to help with school fundraisers and activities this year. All volunteers must be [Safe Haven](#) trained. Opportunities include:

- Carline Helpers
- Restaurant Fundraiser Team
- Room Parents
- Gala Planning

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



WATCH D.O.G.S

SMCS is excited to invite “Dads of Great Students” for our WATCH D.O.G.S. program! We are looking for Safe Haven trained fathers, grandfathers, and uncles to spend all or part of a school day working alongside teachers and staff and actively engaging with students. Contact [Mrs. Halbardier](#) for more information.



NEW LUNCH ORDERING PROCEDURE



School lunches are now catered by Pomodoro's and are served Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday by pre-order only through their [website link](#) on the St. Mary website.

- Orders must be placed by 5:00pm the day prior to receive a lunch for the following day.
- Cancellations must be made by 11:45pm the day prior to the scheduled lunch. A credit for cancelled meals will remain on your account for the following year.

Friday lunches are fundraisers and must be ordered through your Family Portal Account on FACTS or a paper order form.

SMCS PRAYER GROUP



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

RESOURCES

ParentsWeb (FACTS, grades, lunch ordering)
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

THANK YOU

... *Susie Springrose and the volunteers* who contributed to the Teacher Back to School Bags
 ... *AJ Rodrigue* for the professional development of our faculty
 ... *SMCS School Council members* for volunteering your time and talents to support our school

UNIFORM REMINDERS



Belts must be worn by all 1st - 8th 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!

Aug. 2	Mrs. Gilmore
Aug. 18	Mrs. Rios
Aug. 27	Mrs. Whatley
Sept. 4	Mrs. Little
Sept. 29	Mrs. Gonzalez
Sept. 30	Mrs. Shipley



PRAYER AND MASS INFORMATION

Week	Class Leading Morning Prayer	Class Serving at Friday Mass	Class Singing with 6 th grade at Friday Mass
Aug. 29-Sept. 2	Mrs. Rios's 7 th grade	Mrs. Rios's 7 th grade	Mrs. Castillo's 5 th grade
Sept. 5-9	Mrs. Little's 6 th grade	Mrs. Castillo's 5 th grade	Mrs. Davila's 5 th grade
Sept. 12-16	Mrs. Castillo's 5 th grade	Mrs. Davila's 5 th grade	Mrs. Castillo's 5 th grade
Sept. 19-23	Mrs. Davila's 5 th grade	Mrs. Pray's 4 th grade	Mrs. Davila's 5 th grade
Sept. 26-30	Mrs. Keaten's 4 th grade	Mrs. Keaten's 4 th grade	Mrs. Castillo's 5 th grade