

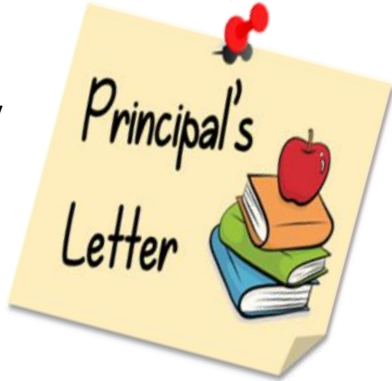


# BOBCAT BUZZ



February 2024

Happy February!  
 There are always so many things going on! This month many students will be participating in First Reconciliation. As a school we are preparing for Lent through service learning, prayer, reconciliation, and junior high will present Living Stations on Holy Thursday. We are all excited for Steps for Students, 2/10! Our theme will be celebration. SMCS will have a tent, snacks, and other fun surprises ready at the Catholic Village! I can't wait to have fun and fellowship while celebrating Catholic education on race day! Tuesday 2/13, we will celebrate Fat Tuesday, Valentine's Day, and Steps participants will participate in the SMCS Color Run! The SMCS S.T.R.E.A.M. Committee is currently planning our SMCS S.T.R.E.A.M. Night. All grade levels will participate in a lab and further their understanding of the Scientific Method! SMCS S.T.R.E.A.M. Night is scheduled for April! You will hear more from teachers about the S.T.R.E.A.M Night this month. I am looking forward to watching students grow in mind, heart, and spirit this month!



Mrs. Halbardier



## FIRST SUNDAY MASS



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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Activity
Feb. 3	After 4:30	Belles Bingo Mass
Feb. 3-4	All	First Weekend Mass Masses
Feb. 5		New Student Open Enrollment
Feb. 6		6 <sup>th</sup> Grade eats lunch with Father John
Feb. 9		FACTS Tuition Assistance Round 1 Deadline
Feb. 10		Steps for Students
Feb. 10		Father/Daughter Dance at IWA
Feb. 13	2:00 pm	Class Valentine's Day Parties and Color Run
Feb. 14		<i>Ash Wednesday—Full Dress</i>
Feb. 15	6:00-7:00 pm	Internet Safety Presentation
Feb. 19		<i>Teacher In-Service—No School</i>
Feb. 20		Last day for 1 <sup>st</sup> registration fee discount
Feb. 22		Go Texan Day
Mar. 1-8		Spring Book Fair
Mar. 2-3	All	First Weekend Mass Masses

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY



Our locally famous St. Mary KC Lenten Fish Fry begins February 16 and runs every Friday until March 22. Dinner will be served from 5:00– 8:00pm. Cost of a large plate is \$12, small plate is \$7, and cheese pizza is available for \$6. Come for great food and fellowship; and support the ministries of St. Mary Catholic Church!

## GO TEXAN DAY

February 22 is SMCS's day to celebrate everything Texas! Students may dress up in their favorite western clothing to celebrate Go Texan Day. The classes also will be participating in our Annual Chili Cookoff. Teachers and Room Parents will contact you if supplies are needed for their classes.



## STEPS FOR STUDENTS COLOR RUN

The annual SMCS Color Run will be held the February 13 in conjunction with the St. Valentine's Day celebrations.

The color run is open to students that are registered for Steps for Students. Students participating in the color run may bring their white Steps shirt or another white shirt that can get dirty.



## EARLY ENROLLMENT INCENTIVES



Enrollment for the SMCS 2024-2025 school year is open! Register early to earn incentives.

- Families will receive a **\$175/student discount** off their registration fees if they are paid by **February 20**. SMCS will pay the FACTS enrollment fee for families that create their FACTS 2024-2025 payment plans before **February 20**.
- Families will receive a **\$100/student discount** off their registration fees if they are paid by **March 21**. SMCS will pay the FACTS enrollment fee for families that create their FACTS 2024-2025 payment plans before **March 21**.
- Families will receive a **\$75/student discount** off their registration fees if they are paid by **April 19**. SMCS will pay the FACTS enrollment fee for families that create their FACTS 2024-2025 payment plans before **April 19**.

## INTERNET SAFETY PRESENTATION

The Texas City Police Department's Electronic Forensic Team will present an Internet Safety Presentation for parents and students on February 15 from 6:00– 7:00 pm in Cargill Hall. All are welcome.



## TUITION ASSISTANCE

The FACTS Tuition Assistance Program is open. Applications for financial aid will not be considered complete and reviewed until all required documentation has been submitted. The first round of financial aid closes February 9, 2024. Click here:

[Tuition Assistance Program - Choose Catholic Schools - Houston, TX](#) for information.



# PRAYER AND MASS INFORMATION

Week	Class Leading Morning Prayer	Class Serving as Lectors	Class Serving as Gift Bearers
Feb. 5– 9	Mrs. Davila's 5 <sup>th</sup> grade	8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Mrs. Lopez's 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade
Feb. 14	Ash Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup> grade	Mrs. Mellado's 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade
Feb. 12– 16	Mrs. Keaten's 5 <sup>th</sup> grade	No Mass	No Mass
Feb. 19– 23	Mrs. Parker's 4 <sup>th</sup> grade	6 <sup>th</sup> grade	Ms. Gonzalez's 1 <sup>st</sup> grade
Feb. 26- Mar. 1	Mrs. Pray's 4 <sup>th</sup> grade	No Mass	No Mass

## DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

Incarinate Word Academy's Impact Dance Team is hosting a Daddy Daughter Dance for Pre-K through 6th Grade students in the Houston Area. Join us on February 10th 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM for an unforgettable evening. Entrance fee is \$40 per couple, and \$10 for each additional daughter. Visit their [website](#) and scroll down to the Upcoming Event for more details and to purchase tickets.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Feb. 4 Ms. LaRocca

Feb. 15 Mrs. Richards



## THANK YOU

- ... *The Golf Committee* for planning the Golf Tournament
- ... *Mr. Campos* for leading Steps for Students planning
- ... *Ms. Steinberg and Mrs. Devito* for helping out in classes
- ... *The Knights of Columbus* for partnering with the 8th graders for the Spaghetti Luncheon Fundraiser for the D.C. trip

## SPRING BOOK FAIR

Friday, March 1 the Scholastic Book Fair begins! Open each day 8:00am– 4:00pm, with students visiting during their class Library time. Cash, checks, credit cards, and [E-Wallet](#) (Scholastic's online account option) will be accepted. Contact [Mrs. Shipley](#) with any questions or if you wish to volunteer.



## 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)

FAIRWAY TO HEAVEN  
St. Mary of the Expectation  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
**GOLF CLASSIC**  
Benefitting  
 **ST. MARY**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

### PURPOSE

St. Mary of the Expectation Catholic Church invites you to join us for a fun day of golf and fellowship for the benefit of St. Mary Catholic School.



### MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024

South Shore Harbour Country Club  
4300 South Shore Blvd.  
League City, TX 77573

### DEADLINES

Sponsorship: 3/2/2024  
Registration: 3/15/2024

### INFORMATION

Time: 7:00 AM Check in and Breakfast

8:30 AM Shot Gun Start

2:00 PM Awards

Fees: \$125 Per Player

\$500 for a Team of 4

Format: Shot Gun Start/4 person teams

Registration includes Tee Time, Breakfast, Lunch, Snacks, and Gift Bags.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

### INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM

### REGISTRATION



**Sponsorship  
Opportunities**

