

BOBCAT BUZZ



March 2024

Principal's

Letter

Lent has started and SMCS is practicing fasting, prayer and almsgiving! Each grade level is focused on a Lenten project to serve our community. Our first school project was collecting cereal and boxed goods for the St. Mary Food Pantry. Early ch students are earning cans, boxed, and dry g acts of service at home. They bring the cans

goods for the St. Mary Food Pantry. Early childhood students are earning cans, boxed, and dry goods through acts of service at home. They bring the cans and collect them in their rooms. At the end of Lent, they will visit the St. Mary Food Pantry and stock the shelves. First graders are putting together bags to give to the homeless,



including toiletries, hand sanitizer, and other necessities. Second and third graders have a calendar that includes daily acts of prayer, and kindness they complete. Fourth graders are collecting items to donate to the Gabriel project. Fifth graders are praying the rosary more often and completing Lenten reflections.

Junior High students are practicing Living Stations. They will present this holy program, Wednesday, 3/27 @ 6:30 PM in the church, and 8:30 AM Thursday, 3/28. Students, kindergarten through 5^{th} grade, will attend the Thursday morning presentation.

Students will also participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the school day with Fr. John to celebrate Lent.

It is truly a blessing to celebrate our faith through acts of prayer, fasting, and alms giving this Lenten Season. Thank you for being a part of the SMCS family!



Mrs. Halbardier



FIRST SUNDAY MASS

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

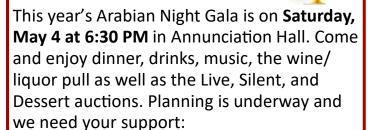


openings for gift bearers. Check the <u>Sign Up Genius</u> to volunteer your family to bring up gifts at Mass.

UPCOMING EVENTS

| Date | | Time | Activity | |
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| Mar | 1— | 8 | SMCS Book Fair | |
| Mar | 2 | 8:00 AM | First Communion Family | |
| | | | Festival—Annunciation Hall | |
| | | 10:00 AM | Altar Server Training | |
| Mar | 2— | -3 | First Weekend Mass | |
| Mar | 4 | 6:00 PM | Internet Safety | |
| | | | Presentation—Cargill Hall | |
| Mar | 6 | 6:00 PM | Father/Daughter Night | |
| Mar | 6 | 9:00 AM | Belles of St. Mary Lenten | |
| | | | Day of Prayer | |
| Mar | 8 | 12:00 PM | Early Dismissal—No Aftercare | |
| Mar | 11- | -15 | Spring Break—No School | |
| Mar | 18 | 7:00 AM | Fairway to Heaven Golf Tournament | |
| Mar | 25—31 | | Holy Week | |
| Mar | 27 | 7:00 PM | Way of the Cross | |
| Mar | 28 | | Holy Thursday | |
| | | 8:30 AM | Way of the Cross | |
| | | 12:00 PM | Early Dismissal | |
| Mar | 29 | | Good Friday—No School | |
| Mar | 31 | | Easter Sunday | |
| Apr | 1 | | Easter Monday—No School | |
| Apr | 2 | 2:00 PM | Class Easter Parties | |
| Apr | 4 | 2:00 PM | Early Dismissal—No Aftercare | |
| Apr | 5 | | Class/Sport/Makeup Photos | |
| Apr | 6- | -7 | First Weekend Mass | |

SMCS 2024 GALA



- Volunteer! All of the planning committees need help! Contact <u>Patricia Richards</u>
- Donate an item to the auction
- Purchase your dinner and raffle tickets
- SPONSORSHIP—advertise your business or give your family a shout out!

REGISTRATION





- March 21—\$100/student discount off registration fees
- April 19—\$75/student discount off registration fees

SMCS will cover the FACTS enrollment fee for families that create their FACTS 2024—25 payment plans by **April 19**. Visit the Enrollment page for details on fees, tuition, and more.

READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK



March 1—7 SMCS will celebrate Read Across America Week in honor of the pioneering children's author, Dr. Seuss!

- March 1 Dress like your favorite Dr.
 Seuss character or SMCS spirit dress
- March 4 Dress like an animal or wear animal print to show you're "wild" about reading
- March 5 Drop everything and read from 2:00-2:30 for Read Out Day
- March 7

 Dress like your favorite book character

INTERNET SAFETY

Parents are invited to attend the Internet Safety Presentation on March 4 at 6:00 PM in Cargill Hall. The Texas City Police Department's Electronic Forensics Team will educate families on internet and smart phone safety. Jr. High students are encouraged to attend with parents.

LEGOS AND LYRICS



SMCS is hosting a Father and Daughter Event on March 6 from 6:00-8:00 PM in Cargill

Hall. Join us for a fun night of Lego building and karaoke. The price is \$10 for dads, \$15 for daughters, and \$10 for each additional child. This includes dinner and a Lego set for the daughters. Please contact Patricia Richards to reserve your spot.

FIRST COMMUNION FAMILY FESTIVAL

St. Mary Church will host a First Communion Family Festival on **March 2 from 8:00 AM— 4:00 PM** in the Ministry Building. There will be a First Communion exhibition, First



Communion dresses, suits, and accessories at great prices, refreshments, music, and a craft station for kids. Admission is free.

BOOK FAIR

March 1 the Scholastic Book Fair begins! Open each day 8



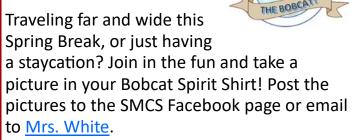
AM – 4 PM, students visit during their class Library time. Cash, checks, credit cards, and <u>E</u> <u>-Wallet</u> (Scholastic's online account option) will be accepted. Contact <u>Mrs. Shipley</u> with any questions or if you wish to volunteer.

PRAYER AND MASS INFORMATION

| Week | Class Leading | Class Serving as Gift | Class Serving as |
|-----------|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| week | Morning Prayer | Bearers | Ministers of the Word |
| Mar 4—5 | Mrs. Lederer's 3 rd Grade | Mrs. Keaten's 5 th Grade | 6 th Grade |
| Mar 11—12 | | No School—Spring Break | |
| Mar 18—22 | Mrs. Castillo's 3 rd Grade | Mrs. Davila's 5 th Grade | 8 th Grade |
| Mar 25—28 | Mrs. Mellado's 2 nd Grade No Mass—Good Friday | | |
| Apr 1—5 | Mrs. Lopez's 2 rd Grade | Mrs. Pray's 4 th Grade | 7 th Grade |

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WHERE'S THE BOBCAT?



SPRING SPORTS

This spring SMCS is offering a Jr. High Track and Field, Elementary Track, and a T-ball team for our 4-6 year old students! Track practices Monday - Thursday in the front parking lot of the school until 5 PM. T-ball games will be held on Mondays at 5:30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes in Hitchcock. Practice



details to come. Contact Ms.

Tolman with any questions
about SMCS track, and Coach
Butler about T-ball.

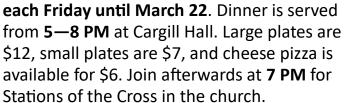
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 2 Mrs. Mellado
March 5 Mrs. Keaten
March 10 Mrs. Castillo
April 2 Mrs. Cheney

LENTEN FISH

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Our locally famous St. Mary KC Lenten Fish Fry continues



THANK YOU

- ... All Field Trip Drivers and Chaperones
- ... Mr. Allen for helping with the Color Run
- ... **Mr. Osterberger, Deacon Russ, and Mr. Campos** for speaking at Masses about the Golf
 Tournament
- ... **Mr. Pifer and William** for fixing the 3D printer
- ... Families that volunteered to be gift bearers at Mass
- ... **8**th **Grade** for serving as the Chili Cookoff Testers!

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



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!

REGISTRATION



Sponsorship Opportunities

