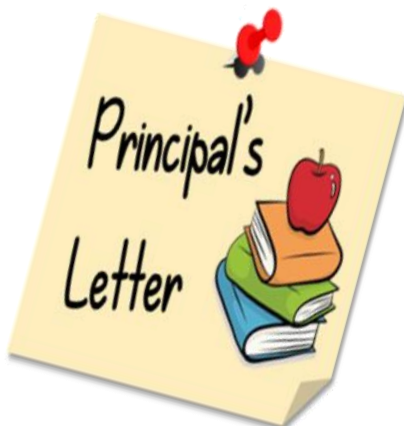




February 2025

Happy February!

We just finished celebrating Catholic Schools Week and are looking forward to Steps for Students, Valentine's Day and so much more! There is always something to do around SMCS, whether it's a club, sport, or service project, there is no shortage of activity! This time of year, it is always very busy with celebrations and activities, as well as many visitors looking at our school. One of my favorite things to do is to give tours because it is such a blessing to walk the halls and show others what Catholic education at SMCS is all about. I have often been asked, "Why work in a Catholic school?" My answer is simple; I see Jesus in the words, actions and service of our students, families and staff. I am blessed that I get to work with future saints! It is a privilege to serve as principal that not only promotes academic, physical and emotional growth, most importantly our faith is at the center of what we do here at SMCS.



Mrs. Halbardier



UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Activity
Feb. 1		New Student Enrollment Opens
Feb. 4	10:15 am	Advisory Council Meeting -closed meeting
Feb. 8		Steps for Students
Feb. 14		Valentine's Class Parties and Steps for Students Celebration—students may wear Valentine's Day themed clothing
Feb. 17		No School— Teacher Inservice
Feb. 21		Picture Day— Sport/ Make-up/Retakes
Feb. 28	5:30-7:30 pm	Jr. High Social
Mar. 1-2	All	First Weekend Mass Masses
Mar. 4	10:15 am	Advisory Council Meeting
Mar. 5		Ash Wednesday— Full Dress

FIRST SUNDAY MASS



Students who attend any Mass in person wearing full dress uniform will earn **free dress the following Monday.** [Sign up](#) to volunteer your family to be gift bearers.

ENROLLMENT



The re-enrollment process for current students who will be returning for the 2024-2025 school year is open, students need to be re-enrolled to be placed in classes for the next school year. Don't miss St. Mary's Early Bird incentives. It is important that you complete the online re-enrollment as soon as possible so plans can be made for classes for next year.

- ⇒ **Before Feb. 21, 2025** **\$175/ student will be deducted from the registration**
- ⇒ **Before March 28, 2025** **\$100/student will be deducted from the registration**
- ⇒ **Before April 25, 2025** **\$75/student will be deducted from the registration fee.**
- SMCS will continue to offer sibling discounts, \$700 per year, for every child enrolled full time after the first child. Tuition is calculated from the oldest to the youngest child.
- Financial Aid • [Tuition Assistance Program - Choose Catholic Schools - Houston](#), or at [Tuition Assistance Program - Choose Catholic Schools - Houston, TX](#) by February 7.

PICTURE DAY

Friday, February 21 will be picture day for all students who need portrait retakes or make-ups, or athletes on SMCS sports teams or the Spirit Squad. Class photos will be handled differently this year, as a composite of all the students' individual portraits arranged in class groups. This worked wonderfully for SMCS sport team photos last year and saved a lot of time and hassle on picture day. If you have any questions about your child's participation in this upcoming picture day, please email their teacher.



STEPS FOR STUDENT CELEBRATION

St. Mary Catholic School will celebrate our community's participation in the [Steps for Students](#) 5k and all the benefits we receive from this fundraiser at our annual Steps for Students Celebration! The celebration will include the Color Run/Walk, Critter Races, and other outside activities. This will take place on Friday, February 14. Email your child's teacher with any questions.



JR. HIGH SOCIAL

Let's dance and party together at the SMCS February Jr. High Social! The social will be in Annunciation Hall on February 28 from 5:30-7:30 pm. The cost is \$15 per student and it includes pizza, drinks, and desserts. FACTS accounts will be charged on March 1. Please RSVP to [Mrs. Ellison](#) by February 25 at 3:00 pm.



GALA SAVE-THE-DATE

Please mark your calendars and save the date for the annual SMCS Blue and White Gala, to be held on Saturday, May 3 at 6:30pm in St. Mary Catholic Church's Annunciation Hall. The theme this year is Starry Night, and the evening will feature a Live Auction, Silent Auction, Dessert Auction, Dinner, Drinks, Wine Pull, Liquor Pull, and Music! Numerous volunteer opportunities are available, so please contact [Mrs. Halbardier](#) to help us host this magical fundraising event!



MASS INFORMATION

Mass day	Class serving as Altar Servers	Class Serving as Gift Bearers	Class Serving as Lectors	Class Singing in Choir
Feb. 7	4 th grade and 7 th grade	Mrs. Mellado's 2 nd grade and 8 th grade	5 th grade	Mrs. McCarthy's 3 rd grade
Feb. 14	4 th grade and 6 th grade	Ms. Gonzalez's 1 st grade and 8 th grade	8 th grade	Mrs. Lopez's 2 nd grade
Feb. 21	3 rd grade and 7 th grade	Mrs. Soileau's 1 st grade and 8 th grade	7 th grade	Mrs. Thomas' 6 th grade
Feb. 28	3 rd grade and 8 th grade	Mrs. Ovalle's Kindergarten and 8 th grade	6 th grade	Mrs. Little's 6 th grade

MORNING PRAYER

Feb. 3-7	Mrs. Mathews' 7 th grade
Feb. 10-14	Mrs. Thomas' 6 th grade
Feb. 17-21	Mrs. Little's 6 th grade
Feb. 24-28	Mrs. Keaten's 5 th grade

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Mrs. Richards

Feb. 15



THANK YOU

... *The volunteers and supporters of the 8th Grade Spaghetti Dinner*
 ... *Mrs. Springrose and the Teacher Appreciation committee for the hot chocolate*
 ... *The Knights of Columbus*
 ... *The Thomas family, Jeremy Osterberger, and Mike Gremillion for speaking at Masses*
 ... *The Steps for Students team*
 ... *The Spirit Squad for leading the Pep Rally*

SPREAD THE WORD

Please help us spread the word about how great it is to be St. Mary Bobcat.

- Like, comment and share our social media posts.
- Leave us a google review.
- Help us share all of the wonderful things our students are doing in the community. Email [Autumn White](#) pictures of your bobcat's achievements and service.



SMCS PRAYER GROUP



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



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 24, 2025

South Shore Harbour Country Club

4300 South Shore Blvd.

League City, TX 77573

DEADLINES

Sponsorship: 3/3/2025

Registration: 3/10/2025

INFORMATION

Time: 7:00 AM Check in and Breakfast

8:30 AM Shot Gun Start

2:00 PM Awards

Fees: \$150 Per Player

\$600 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

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