



May 2025

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. I can't wait to see your family for the 2025-2026 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!



Mrs. Halbardier



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Activity
May 7	6:00pm	Orchestra concert
May 10-13		8th grade Washington D.C. trip
May 13-16		5th grade Camp Kappe trip
May 16	5:30-7:30pm	Jr. High Social
May 22		End-of-Year Awards for 6th and 7th grade
May 21	8:30am	School Mass— <i>full dress</i>
		8th grade graduation
May 22	12:15pm	Early dismissal—Last Day of School, No aftercare

YEARBOOKS



The deadline to order the SMCS 2024-25 yearbook is Friday May 9th. Flyers went home with the students for ordering details. If you have questions, please contact the front office or S&A Photo at 281-455-0734 or marissastidham@yahoo.com

SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS

We've all been there! Back-to-School sneaks up on us, and suddenly we're running from store to store trying to find supplies. But what if you could check it off your list today? School supply kits are on sale. Use the [link](#) to purchase your kit from 1st Day School Supplies.



END-OF-YEAR AWARDS

SMCS will hand out student awards differently this year.
8th grade 4th quarter and end of year awards will be given during graduation.
Club awards will be given during each club "end of year" party.
Sports awards were given at the end of each sport season.
6th and 7th 4th quarter awards will be given in their home room
6th and 7th end of year medals will be given on May 22nd during morning prayer.
Contact your child's teacher for more details.



LIBRARY NEWS



Thank you to everyone for your support during the Read-A-Thon! We raised \$11,000 for our school library. We were able to purchase a 3D Printer, Sphero Coding Robots, Bee Bots, library supplies and books! The kids are so excited about all the new additions! We will have a virtual author visit with Ben Clanton on May 14th. He is famous for his Narwal and Jelly Books and much more. Summer Reading logs will be going out towards the end of May to track your child's reading through the summer. They can be turned in the first week back next school year.

UNIFORMS



Risse Brothers School Uniforms, our uniform company, is changing locations. They are opening a larger store at 10516 Old Katy Rd. in Houston. They will no longer offer pop-up sales during the summer. They will, however, offer items at a 10% discount [online](#) and in-store from now through June. St. Mary will host its annual Used Uniform Exchange July 14-17 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm in the school library. All SMCS families are invited to shop and/or donate used uniforms.

LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL



Get ready for the last week of the 2024 – 25 School Year! This is a busy week with changes to the school and dress schedule:

May 19 & 20 (Monday and Tuesday) – Spirit Dress
May 21 (Wednesday) – Full Dress for School Mass and 8th Grade Graduation
May 22 (Thursday) – Spirit Dress. Last Day of School! Class Parties start at 11 AM and Early Dismissal is at 12:15 PM.
Please pick up all medications by Thursday, May 22 from Nurse Michelle.

IXL LEARNING

IXL is an online learning platform that provides students with personalized learning resources in many subjects. IXL will be tailored to a child's specific needs by inputting their NWEA test scores into the program. With that information the platform makes a learning path specifically for each child. Teachers will be able to assign supplemental lessons to support what is being learned in the classroom, or areas the student may need additional support. IXL provides a variety of resources like games, videos, and examples that aim to support the child's academic growth.

What is IXL?

DIAPERS FOR DENIM

SMCS is supporting Anchor Point with their Diaper Drive. Any student who brings in a pack of diapers to their homeroom can wear jeans to school on May 9th and May 16th. Thank you for supporting our local League City Family and Pregnancy Center!



SPREAD THE WORD

Please help us spread the word about how great it is to be a 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.



MORNING PRAYER

May 5-9	Ms. Gonzalez's 1st grade
May 12-16	Both Kindergarten classes
May 19-22	All pre-K classes

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May 9	Mrs. Parker
May 17	Mrs. Ovalle
May 17	Mrs. Lopez
May 19	Mrs. Thomas
May 27	Ms. Garza
June 8	Mrs. Wright
June 13	Mrs. McCarthy
July 8	Mrs. Soileau



BOBCAT BUZZ VOLUNTEERS



Our Bobcat Buzz team is looking for volunteers interested in contributing to the monthly newsletter. Please contact [Sarah DeLaRosa](#) for more details.

THANK YOU

... **The Retif Family** for their S.T.R.E.A.M. donation
 ... **The volunteers** that made the Easter parties possible
 ... **The Gala Committee**
 ... **Patricia Richards, Miss Cathy, Miss Devito, Mrs. Sumcad** and all of our classroom volunteers!

MASS INFORMATION

SUBJECT TO CHANGE—PLEASE VERIFY WITH YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

Mass Day	Class serving as Altar Servers	Class Serving as Gift Bearers	Class Serving as Lectors	Class Singing in Choir
Friday May 2, 9, 16	No Mass	No Mass	No Mass	No Mass
Wednesday May 21	8 th grade	8 th grade	8 th grade	8 th grade