



BOBCAT BUZZ

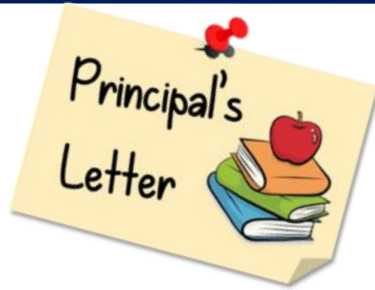


September 2024



Hello families,

It's been a great start to the year! We have already hosted a few events, Meet the Teacher, Chuck E. Cheese, and Smart Families -Parent Education Night! What a way to start the year! Thank you to everyone that makes our events possible, teachers, volunteers and families! SMCS is more than just a school, it's a community!



I am looking forward to seeing families serve as gift bearers 9/7 and 9/8 and every first weekend of the month following. Have you [signed up](#) yet? Please consider signing up!

Save the date! SMCS and Smart Families are hosting a Family Dinner Night Tuesday, October 29 @ 6:00P.M. Dinner will be provided! Children 7 and up are welcome! Child watch will be available for children 6 and under. See the flyer on the last page of the Buzz for details and to RSVP.

The hallways and classrooms are bursting with laughter and learning once again!

It is wonderful to be a part of such a wonderful community that is focused on faith, fellowship and the growth of mind, heart, and spirit of our children!

Thank you for choosing SMCS!

Blessings,

Mrs. Halbardier



UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Activity
Aug. 30	2:00-2:30pm	Popsicles with Parents
Aug. 31	All Masses	First Weekend Masses
Sept. 1		
Sept. 2		Labor Day holiday – No School
Sept. 3	10:15am	SMCS Advisory Council in the SMCC ministry building
Sept. 3– 27		MAP Testing
Sept. 5	2:15pm	Early Dismissal – No aftercare
Sept. 9		Clubs Start
Sept. 10		The App Trap: Student Presentation by Smart Families (grades 4-8)
Sept. 16	6:00-7:00pm	Open House – No aftercare
Sept. 20		Picture Day – Individual portraits
Sept. 27	5:30-7:30pm	Jr. High Social
Oct. 3	7:30am	Blessing of the Animals S.T.R.E.A.M. Fair
Oct. 5-6	All Masses	First Weekend Masses
Oct. 11		No School – Teacher In-Service
Oct. 13		St. Mary Church Bazaar
Oct. 14		No School – Parent-Teacher Conferences

FIRST SUNDAY MASS



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

POPSICLES WITH PARENTS

Join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. Parents are invited to enjoy popsicles with their St. Mary student(s) on August 30 from 2:00-2:30 pm in Cargill Hall.



SMCS PRAYER GROUP



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

BACK TO SCHOOL JR. HIGH SOCIAL

All Jr. High students are invited to a night of fun on September 27 from 5:30-7:30 pm in Annunciation Hall. There will be pizza, drinks, and dessert. The price is \$15 per student to attend.



Please RSVP to [Mrs. Ellison](#) by September 24.

BOBCAT BUZZ VOLUNTEERS

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



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Bring your pets, photos of pets, or favorite stuffed animal to the Blessing of the Animals on October 3. Carline will end at 7:45 am and the Blessing will begin in the front parking lot at 7:50 am. Parents are welcome to stay for the Blessing and all pets must go home after.



CLUBS

Afterschool clubs at St. Mary begin September 9. For more information, visit the [Clubs and Activities](#) page at [stmarylc.org](#).

- Chess Club – Mondays 3:45-4:30 pm
- Game and Puzzles Club – Mondays 3:45-4:30 pm
- Curious Minds Club – Wednesdays 3:45-4:30 pm
- Crochet Club – Thursdays 3:45-4:30 pm
- Musical Theater – Mondays and Thursdays 3:45-4:45 pm (rehearsal times and days subject to change closer to performance)
- Symphony Orchestra -Tuesdays 3:45-4:30 pm
- Philharmonic Orchestra Thursdays 3:45-4:30 pm



SMCC BAZAAR

St. Mary Catholic Church will host its annual Bazaar on October 13 from 10:00 am-6:00 pm. 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.



S.T.R.E.A.M. FAIR

SMCS is hosting our STREAM fair on Oct. 2 from 8:30 am – 2:30 pm. Safe Haven trained parents are welcome to come and see the hard work of our students.




PRAYER AND MASS INFORMATION

Week	Morning Prayer Leaders	Gift Bearers	Lector and Greeter	Altar Servers	Choir
Aug. 26-30	Mrs. Mathews' 7th grade	Mrs. Mathews' 7th grade	Mrs. Mathews' 7th grade	Mrs. Mathews' 7th grade	Mrs. Little's 6th grade
Sept. 2-6	Mrs. Thomas' 6th grade	Mrs. Little's 6th grade	Mrs. Thomas' 6th grade	Mrs. Thomas' and Mrs. Little's 6th grade	Mrs. Cheney's 8th grade
Sept. 9-13	Mrs. Little's 6th grade	Mrs. Thomas' 6th grade	Mrs. Little's 6th grade	Mrs. Thomas' and Mrs. Little's 6th grade	Mrs. Davila's and Mrs Keaten's 5th grade
Sept. 16-20	Mrs. Keaten's 5th grade	Mrs. Keaten's 5th and Mrs. Cheney's 8th	Mrs. Cheney's 8th grade	Mrs. Cheney's 8th grade	Mrs. Mathews' 7th grade
Sept. 23-27	Mrs. Davila's 5th grade	Mrs. Davila's 5th and Mrs. Cheney's 8th	Mrs. Mathews' 7th grade	Mrs. Mathews' 7th grade	Mrs. McCarthy's 3rd grade
Sept. 30-Oct. 4	Mrs. Pray's 4th grade	Mrs. Pray's 4th and Mrs. Cheney's 8th	Mrs. Thomas's 6th grade	Mrs. Thomas' and Mrs. Little's 6th grade	Mrs. Otero's 3rd grade

THANK YOU

- ... **Kelley Neschich** for getting our school up and ready for the new year!
- ... To all that have **donated to the classrooms** at the beginning of the year!
- ... Thank you to all who **stocked the teachers' lounge** with snacks and treats!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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| August 2 | Mrs. Gilmore |
| August 27 | Mrs. Whatley |
| September 4 | Mrs. Little |
| September 8 | Mrs. Bennington |
| September 29 | Mrs. Gonzalez |
| September 30 | Mrs. Shipley |
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RESOURCES

- ParentsWeb (FACTS, grades, lunch ordering)
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- Teacher's Friday Letters
<https://www.stmarylc.org/academics/newsletters.cfm>
- St. Mary Facebook Page
www.facebook.com/stmarylc
- Bobcat Buzz Archives
<https://www.stmarylc.org/bobcats-now!/bobcat-buzz.cfm>

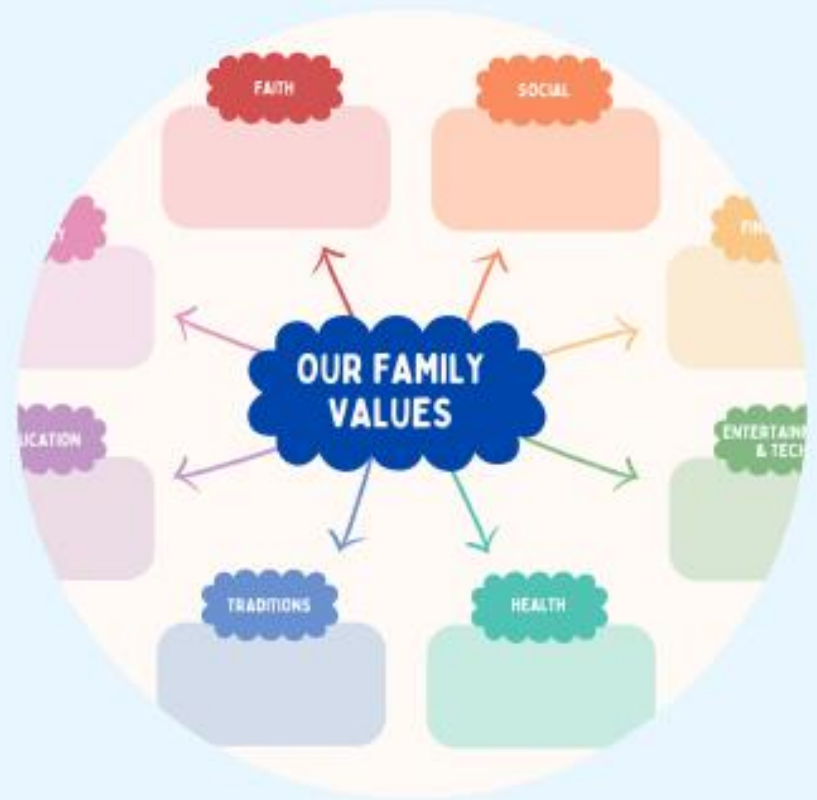
SAFE HAVEN ONLINE TRAINING

CMG
CONNECT

All adults who have regular contact with students including those eating lunch on campus, visiting the classroom, volunteering at school, driving for field trips, etc. are required to have Safe Environment training every 5 years. Access it at [CMG Connect](#).

Family Night!

What are
YOUR
Family
Values?



Join us for a free dinner and time to explore what is important to your family.

Dinner provided by Smart Families
Shaping Souls

St. Mary Catholic School
Tuesday, October 29
6:00 pm



RSVP Required!

www.Smart-Families.org/Events

