

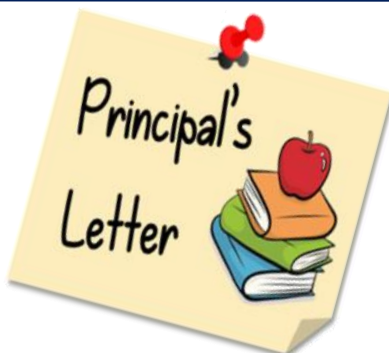


September 2025

It's the most wonderful time of the year.....Back to School! I love having students back in the hallways, classrooms, playground, and hearing their laughter and chatter! I walk through the halls and hear students learning, praying, playing and growing in mind, heart, and spirit each day!

There are lots of events planned for September! Please review the Upcoming Events Section and mark your calendar! I can't wait to see you at Popsicles with Parents, Roller Skating Night, Open House, Volleyball Games, SMART Families-Family Code and so much more!

Thank you for choosing SMCS! It's going to be a fabulous year! Go Bobcats!



Mrs. Halbardier



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Activity
Sept. 1		No School— Labor Day
Sept. 3		IWA/St. Thomas 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Visit
Sept. 5	1:30-2:30 pm	Popsicles with Parents
		Mid Term
Sept. 6-7	All Masses	First Weekend Masses
Sept. 9	6:00-7:00 pm	Open House— No Aftercare
Sept. 11	2:15pm	Early Dismissal—No Aftercare
		6 <sup>th</sup> Grade lunch with Mrs. Halbardier and Father Rooney
Sept. 15		After School Clubs Start
Sept. 16	5:45pm	Smart Families— Family Code
		7 <sup>th</sup> Grade lunch with Mrs. Halbardier and Father Rooney
Sept. 18	5:45pm	Parent Meeting Grades 5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> – Annunciation Hall
Sept. 25	5:30-7:30 pm	SMCS Skate Night
Sept. 26	5:30-7:30 pm	Jr. High Games Night
Oct. 2	7:45am	Blessing of the Animals
		8 <sup>th</sup> Grade lunch with Mrs. Halbardier and Father Rooney

## FIRST SUNDAY MASS



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

# FALL SEMESTER CLUB SCHEDULE

After school clubs begin the week of Monday September 15<sup>th</sup>. Most clubs dismiss out the back of the school at 4:30pm, but please confirm your child(ren)'s club information online [here](#). Clubs this year will be run for one semester, unless otherwise noted.

\*denotes year-long clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choir Club	Beginner Orchestra*	Art Club	Crochet Crew	Pickleball Club
Game & Puzzle Club		Chess Club	Musical Theater Club	
Spirit Squad*		Guitar Club	Advanced Orchestra*	
Lego Club		Lego, Jr. Club		

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

St. Mary Catholic Church and School community will celebrate the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi with the annual Blessing of the Animals on Thursday, October 2 at 7:45am at the front of the school. Please bring your pets on a leash or otherwise safely contained. Children are also welcomed to bring a photo of their pet or a small toy to represent their pet for the blessing. St. Francis, pray for us!



## OPEN HOUSE

St. Mary Catholic School will host an Open House on Tuesday, September 9 from 6:00-7:00pm. Come in to see your child(ren)'s classrooms, chat with their teachers, and explore what they've been working on so far this school year! Librarians from Helen Hall Library will be in attendance to share information about their library programming.



## NEW CONDUCT POLICY

St Mary has modified its conduct policy for the new school year.

Every student's conduct grade begins with 100.

- 1) At the first infraction the student will be given a redirection.
- 2) The second will result in a demerit given and recorded on FACTS with parents being notified.
- 3) The third will result in Lunch Detention, recorded on FACTS and parents notified.

\*Lunch Detention for middle school only



## ST. MARY BAZAAR

St. Mary Catholic Church will host its annual Bazaar on October 12 from 10:00am-5:00pm. Donations are needed for the Spin-A-Toy booth. New or gently used toys may be brought to the school office ASAP. The Bazaar committee is also looking for someone to sponsor and run the Corn Booth and Snow Cone Booth. Contact the church office if you are interested. Students will be able to sign up to volunteer and earn service hours.



# MASS INFORMATION

Mass day	Class Serving as Altar Servers	Class Serving as Gift Bearers	Class Serving as Lectors	Class Singing in Choir
Sept. 5	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Mrs. Keaten's 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Sept. 12	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Mrs. Pray's 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Sept. 19	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Mrs. Davila's 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Mrs. Mathews' 1 <sup>st</sup> grade
Sept. 26	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Mrs. Pray's 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Mrs. Davila's 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade

## MORNING PRAYER

Sept. 2-5	Mrs. Otero's 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Sept. 8-12	Mrs. Thomas' 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Sept. 15-19	Mrs. Keaten's 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Sept. 22-26	Mrs. Davila's 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Sept. 29– Oct. 3	Mrs. Parker's 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

## THANK YOU

- ... **Knights of Columbus Women's Auxiliary** for their donation for Tuition Assistance
- ... **Belles of St. Mary** for their donation for Tuition Assistance
- ... **Emily Danies** for leading the St. Mary Prayer Group
- ... **Donna Devito** for donating classroom and playground toys
- ... **Parents** for choosing SMCS, I am blessed to have such wonderful families, teachers, and staff to support our community growing in mind, heart, and spirit.

## MY HOT LUNCHBOX

Starting September 16, St Mary will begin using My Hot Lunch Box for lunch ordering. Parents will be able to use the link below to access the [website](#) and create an account. There is also a convenient app available to download. Add, edit, or cancel lunch orders up to 12:00pm the day before delivery. A variety of restaurants will be included.



## ANNUAL FUND

SMCS will kick off the 2025-2026 Annual Fund Fundraiser September 2. The [Annual Fund](#) supports all of St. Mary's activities and operations including salaries, facility costs, scholarships and more. All donations are tax-deductible and may be matched by employers.





SEPTEMBER

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SMCS



# JR. HIGH GAMES NIGHT



LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

5:30-7:30

\$15/STUDENT

RSVP BY: 9/24

GAMES & MUSIC

CHICK-FIL-A  
NUGGETS

RSVP TO MRS. ELLISON BY 9/24

CARCILL HALL

