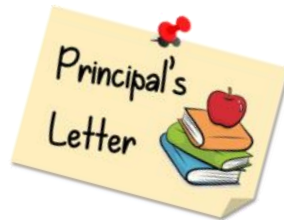




December 2025

Wow! It's (almost) the most wonderful time of the year! Students are ready to hear Christmas Carols during carline! They are busy practicing for their program, and the League City Parade is just around the corner!



I am really excited about students making cards and bringing gifts to residents that may not get out for Christmas! My first job was working at a local nursing home in the kitchen. I would often work on Christmas, Thanksgiving and Easter and there were some people that did not have many visitors, but they were always happy to see us coming with to deliver a meal and a smile. My favorite part of the job was visiting with people during mealtimes and stopping to visit whenever I got the chance. I know our students will spread cheer and smiles when they visit and drop off items! I bet it will be a blessing not only to the people they visit but it will be a blessing for our students as well!

December goes by so quickly, I hope everyone takes a minute to remember the reason for the season! May God bless you and your family!

Mrs. Halbardier



UPCOMING EVENTS

| Date | Time | Activity |
|--------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| Dec 5 | 5:00pm-7:00pm | SMCS Parents Night Out at La Brisa |
| Dec 6 | | League City Christmas Parade |
| Dec 6-7 | | First Weekend Masses |
| Dec 9-11 | | School Christmas Shoppe |
| Dec 10 | 6:30pm | Orchestra concert |
| Dec 15-16 | | Christmas T-shirt and school bottoms |
| Dec 16 | | No tutoring |
| Dec 17 | | Christmas pajamas day |
| Dec 18 | 9:00am | Christmas program |
| | 10:30am | Class Christmas parties |
| | 12:15pm | Early dismissal—No aftercare |
| Dec 19-Jan 5 | | Christmas Break |
| Jan 6-23 | | Map Testing window |
| Jan 14 | | Reenrollment begins |

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](#).

CHRISTMAS DRIVE

Starting December 2nd and ending December 10th, SMCS will collect cozy socks, blankets, word search books, hand cream, and lip balm to deliver to residents at local nursing care facilities. Students will make cards and deliver items the week before Christmas Break. We would like to deliver items to 200 residents! Items can be sent to school with your child or dropped off at the school office.



CHRISTMAS PARADE

St. Mary Catholic School will have a float in the League City Christmas parade on Saturday, December 6. This year's theme is "There's no place like home for the holidays." We need volunteers to help decorate the float and also walk/ride in the parade. Click [HERE](#) to sign up. All minors must have a parent attend. We hope to see you there!



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



The Christmas Program will be on December 18 at 9:00 am. Due to ongoing construction inside the church it will be held outside at the front of the school. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. Students in grades PK 3-5th will perform. In the event of rain we will move inside to Cargill Hall.

STEPS FOR STUDENTS

Registration is open for Steps for Students! This is one of the biggest fundraising events of the year for our school, and we would love for everyone to participate.

The event will take place on Saturday Feb. 14, with a special sunrise Mass at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart before the starting pistol opens the 5k/1k run/walk.

For those who want to support our school but don't want to participate in the race, you can register your family to "snooze" and still receive credit for all the registration incentives that will be coming up! Register [HERE](#)



TEXAS EDUCATION FREEDOM ACCOUNTS

For those families wishing to learn more about the new Texas Education Freedom Accounts please click [HERE](#). Now is the time to begin this process for the 2026-2027 academic school year.



WOULDN'T YOUR STUDENT LOVE FREE DRESS ONCE A WEEK?
YOUR STUDENT WILL THANK YOU AS WELL AS ALL SMCS SUPPORTERS FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION!



* VALENTINE'S DAY 2026 *

SMCS is a Community on the Move Running for Recreation!



Steps for Students 5K Run/Walk 2026



<https://runsignup.com/smcnumber1schoolleaguecitygobocats>

SMCS Free Dress Pass
\$125 student
\$250 maximum per family (2 students PLUS)

In recognition of Steps for Students 5K Run/Walk, SMCS is raising funds by selling a student favorite, the SMCS Free Dress Pass. This SMCS Free Dress Pass will allow those students the opportunity to wear Free Dress on every Monday starting on January 12th 2026, through the last Monday of school May 18th 2026.

Please either email Patricia Richards at prichard@stmarysc.org. Your FACTS account will be charged. All money raised for the SMCS Free Dress Pass will go towards the Steps for Students 5K Run/Walk Fundraiser that directly benefits SMCS's recreational programs. We continue to thank you for your support of SMCS!

PRAYER AND MASS INFORMATION

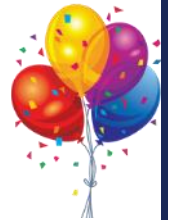
| Mass Day | Class Serving as Altar Servers | Class Serving as Gift Bearers | Class Serving as Lectors | Class Singing in Choir |
|------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Dec 5 | 6 th grade | Mrs. Mathew's 1 st grade and 8 th grade | 6 th grade | Choir Club |
| Dec 12 | 8 th grade | Mrs. Ovalle's kinder and 8 th grade | 8 th grade | Choir Club |
| Dec 18 | <i>Christmas</i> | <i>Program</i> | <i>No</i> | <i>Mass</i> |
| <i>Christmas</i> | <i>Break</i> | <i>Christmas</i> | <i>Break</i> | <i>Christmas</i> |
| Jan 9 | 7 th grade | Mrs. Whatley's kinder and 8 th grade | 7 th grade | Choir Club |

MORNING PRAYER

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| Dec 1-5 | Mrs. Whatley's kindergarten |
| Dec 8-12 | Mrs. Ovalle's kindergarten |
| Dec 15-18 | Mrs. Gilmore's PK 4 |
| Jan 6-9 | Mrs. Brummett's PK4 |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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| December 4 | Nurse Michele |
| December 10 | Ms. Diaz |
| December 15 | Mrs. Pray |
| December 31 | Mrs. Rivet |
| January 17 | Mrs. Ellison |



THANK YOU

- ... **Mrs. Soileau and Coach Kari** for organizing Teacher Appreciation
- ... **Room parents** for an excellent Friendsgiving
- ... **Coach Lopez and Coach Derek** for a great start to the basketball season
- ... **Mrs. Shipley and volunteers** for an AWESOME book fair!
- ... **SMCS Volunteers**-Thank you for all you do so we can enjoy so many opportunities to celebrate, go on field trips, and participate in wonderful activities!
- ... Thank you to everyone that contributed to our **Stock the Pantry Drive!**

FIRST SUNDAY MASS



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

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