



February 2026

Happy February!



We just finished celebrating Catholic Schools Week and are looking forward to Steps for Students, Valentine's Day, Family Luncheon 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!

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!

Thank you for choosing SMCS! Don't forget to re-enroll! The first incentive of \$175 off registration per student ends February 11!! Blessings,
Laura

Mrs. Halbardier



UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Activity
Feb 4- March 17		Online Student Applications Open for Texas Education Freedom Accounts
Feb 6	12:15pm	Early dismissal, Parent-Teacher conferences, <i>No aftercare</i>
Feb 7-8	All Masses	First Weekend Masses
Feb 11		New Student Open Enrollment
Feb 13		Family Luncheon Class Valentines parties, <i>No aftercare</i>
Feb 14		Steps For Students 5k
Feb 15	Following 10:15am and Noon Masses	Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for 8 th grade Washington DC trip
Feb 16		Teacher In Service— No School
Feb 18	8:30am	Ash Wednesday Mass— Full dress
Feb 20		1st Enrollment Incentive deadline-Last Day \$175 off Registration Fees
Feb 26		Go Texan Day
Feb 27		Picture makeups and Sports photos
March 6	2:15pm	Early dismissal, <i>No aftercare</i>

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](#).

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Conference day will be Friday, January 6th. Dismissal will be at 12:15pm to allow for afternoon conferences. Your child's teacher will send home a form with time and more information. Please sign and return.



STEPS FOR STUDENTS

Join us for fun and fellowship at Steps for Students on Saturday, February 14 at Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart to raise funds for St. Mary Catholic School. There is still time to [register](#). Free Dress Monday packages are available for purchase. Every Monday until the end of the year your student can wear FREE DRESS for only \$125 per student or \$250 per family if you have more than one student. Please contact [Mrs. Richards](#) for more details.



2026-2027



ENROLLMENT

Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year is open for returning SMCS students. New student enrollment starts February 11.

Registration Incentives

- February 20, 2026, \$175/ student will be deducted from the registration fee
- March 20, 2026, \$100/ student will be deducted from the registration fee
- April 24, 2026, \$75/ student will be deducted from the registration fee

Tuition Assistance

- Starting in the 2026-27 school year, [Texas Education Freedom Accounts](#), having up to \$1 billion in funding, will help families cover educational expenses for students in PreK through 12th grade. Applications open February 4, 2026 - March 17, 2026, for funds that will be available for the 2026-27 school year.
- [Financial Aid through the Archdiocese](#) is available. Applications are due by March 6, 2026, to be considered for the first round of financial assistance from the archdiocese.

FAMILY LUNCHEON

SMCS invites you to our annual Family Luncheon on Friday, February 13th. All guests must be Safe Haven trained to attend. Forms went home with your child and are also attached below. Please RSVP by February 6th at 5:30pm. Forms can be returned to the school office or emailed to [Mrs. Ellison](#). A delicious lunch will be provided at Esteban's Cafe Y Cantina.

Nothing Bundt Cakes will also be there with bundtlets available for \$7 each. Join us to celebrate how much we love our SMCS families!



K OF C FISH FRY

The Knights of Columbus will hold their annual Lenten Fish Fry every Friday during Lent, beginning on Feb. 20. Check the St. Mary church bulletin for details.



SPAGHETTI DINNER RESCHEDULED



The Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for the 8th grade Washington D.C. trip has been rescheduled due to weather conditions. The new date for the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser is Sunday, February 15 after 10:15 and 12:00 Masses in Cargill Hall. Thank you for supporting our 8th graders!

PRAYER AND MASS INFORMATION

Mass Day	Class Serving as Altar Servers	Class Serving as Gift Bearers	Class Serving as Lectors
Feb 6	7 th grade	Mrs. Pray's 4 th grade and 8 th grade	7 th grade
Feb 13	6 th grade	Mrs. Parker's 4 th grade and 8 th grade	6 th grade
Feb 18	Ash Wednesday	Mrs. Pate's 3 rd grade and 8 th grade	Ash Wednesday
Feb 20	5 th grade	Mrs. McCarthy's 3 rd grade and 8 th grade	5 th grade
Feb 27	8 th grade	Mrs. Lopez's 2 nd grade and 8 th grade	8 th grade

MORNING PRAYER

Feb 2-6	Mrs. Little's 7 th grade
Feb 9-13	Mrs. Thomas' 6 th grade
Feb 16-20	Mrs. Davila's 5 th grade
Feb 23-27	Mrs. Keaten's 5 th grade

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

February 15	Mrs. Richards
March 2	Mrs. Mellado
March 5	Mrs. Keaten

THANK YOU

... *Benji Smith, Chloe Rodriguez, The Mrozinski family (thank you to Emily who spoke!), Eileen Sumcad for speaking at Mass!*

... *The Stephenson-Flores family for DJing the junior high social!*

... *To students and families for a great Catholic Schools Week!*

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



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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 prichards@stmarylc.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!

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



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 23, 2026

South Shore Harbour Country Club
4300 South Shore Blvd.
League City, TX 77573

DEADLINES

Sponsorship: 3/2/2026
Registration: 3/9/2026

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.

INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM REGISTRATION



Sponsorship Opportunities



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

All Donations & Sponsorships Are Tax Deductible.

100% of Proceeds Benefit

St. Mary Catholic School

Link to Register a Team:

[Click Here to Register Yourself or a Team](#)

Link to Sponsor:

[Click Here to Sponsor the Classic](#)

Thank you for your support!

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ST. MARY
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SMCS INVITES YOU TO OUR ANNUAL
FAMILY LUNCHEON

Join us to celebrate how much we love our SMCS families

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH
RSVPs Due By February 6th @ 5:30pm

PK3 & PK4 - 10:15-11:00
KINDER & 8TH- 11:05-11:50
2ND & 3RD - 11:55-12:40
4TH & 5TH - 12:45-1:30
1ST, 6TH & 7TH - 1:35-2:20

All guests will report to Annunciation Hall for check-in

CLASSES WILL MEET THEIR GUESTS IN ANNUNCIATION HALL AT THEIR SCHEDULED TIME.

IF YOU HAVE MULTIPLE STUDENTS, THEY WILL EAT LUNCH AT THE FIRST SIBLING'S LUNCH TIME.

CLASS VALENTINE PARTIES WILL BE IN THE CLASSROOM FOLLOWING THE GRADES SCHEDULED LUNCHTIME.

RSVP: Please write your full name if you will attend.

Please include your student's name if they will be eating the catered meal.

All guests must complete the Safe Haven Training including the background check.

Use the QR code to complete the training

\$18/ PLATE
MEALS ORDERED: _____ X \$18 = _____
YOUR FACTS ACCOUNT WILL BE CHARGED ON NOVEMBER 17TH.

FOOD PROVIDED BY ESTEBAN'S CAFE Y CANTINA

Menu: Chicken & Beef Fajitas, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Queso, Guacamole, Pico de Gallo & Water

Order forms / RSVPs are due by **February 6th @5:30pm.** Turn in forms to the school office or e-mail them to JELLISON@STMARYLC.ORG

Nothing Bundt Cakes will be available for purchase - \$7/Bundtlet