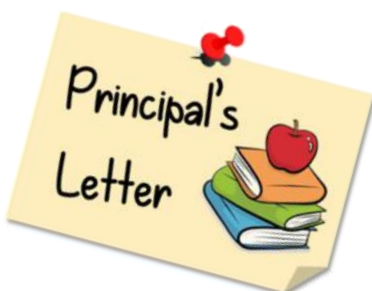




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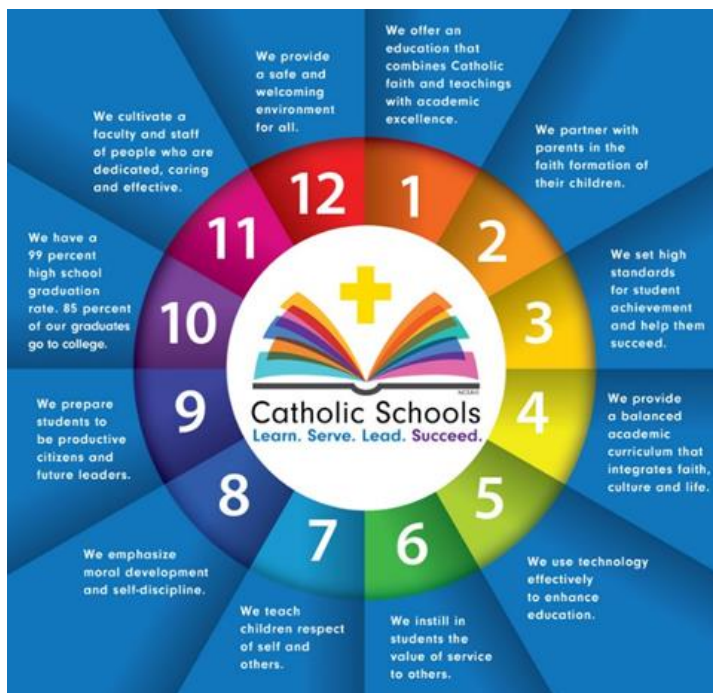
Can you believe our first quarter is almost at close? We have already made so many wonderful memories already from



Popsicles with Parents, Birthday Blessings, volleyball games, SMCS Skate Night, SMCS Book Club, Jr. High Social, lunches with Father John, school Mass, and so much more! We are all looking forward to Blessing of the Animals, the St. Mary Bazaar, Red Ribbon Week, SMCS Halloween Carnival, clubs and so much more! This month students are working on their SMCS S.T.R.E.A.M. Fair Projects, Saint Projects and building mind, heart, and spirit every day!

Thank you for choosing SMCS! It is a blessing to partner with you to build mind, heart, and spirit, each day! Blessings,

Mrs. Halbardier



UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Activity
Oct 2	7:45am	Blessing of the Animals
Oct 4-5	All Masses	First Weekend Masses
Oct 10		Teacher In-Service— <i>No School</i>
Oct 12	10am-5pm	St. Mary Catholic Church Bazaar
Oct 13		Parent-Teacher Conferences— <i>No School</i>
Oct 17		Individual school portraits Report cards go home
Oct 26-Nov 1		Red Ribbon Week
Oct 31		Halloween Carnival
Nov 1-2	All Masses	First Weekend Masses
Nov 3-5		S.T.R.E.A.M. Fair
Nov 6	2:15pm	<i>Early dismissal—No aftercare</i>
Nov 7		Living Saints Museum
Nov 21		Family Luncheon

FIRST SUNDAY MASS



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

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

Join the fun at the SMCS Halloween Carnival on October 31. Booths with games and a haunted house will be set up in Cargill Hall. Students may wear their costumes (no witches, devils, weapons, or masks). All adults must be Safe Haven trained to attend. Parent volunteers are needed. Please contact [Mrs. Richards](#) for more details.



SAFETY UPDATES



- For the safety of our students and staff, all calendars and newsletters have been removed from the SMCS website. Parents and students can access the calendar by logging in to Renweb and teachers will send their newsletters via email.
- Please remember to stay off your phone and to be mindful in carline. The speed limit in both parking lots is 10 mph.
- Morning Drop-Off ends at 7:45. Coach will no longer stand in the parking lot as it has become a serious safety issue for the staff. Cones will be set out and anyone arriving after 7:45 must go to the front of the school.

Thank you for your support in keeping our students and community safe.

SMCS STYLE SHOW

All are invited to the SMCS Style Show: Giving Thanks for Christmas on Saturday, November 15 at 12:00 pm in Annunciation Hall. It is a full style show fundraiser with fashions from JCPenney and entertainment from school groups. A luncheon with both adult and kids' meals, for those 10 and under, and a dessert bar of professionally made pastries will be provided. We will have a raffle, "bucket" auctions, photos, hot cocoa, and more. JCPenney has provided a generous [coupon](#) for the Style Show. For more information about individual tickets, tables, and promotional opportunities [click here](#). Parent and student models, and volunteers are needed for this event. Please contact [Mrs. Richards](#) or [click here](#) to sign up.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



Bring your pets, photos of pets, or favorite stuffed animal to the Blessing of the Animals on October 2. Carline will begin at 7:20am and close promptly at 7:40am in order for teachers to bring their students to the blessing. The Blessing will begin in the front parking lot at 7:45am. If you arrive after carline closes you will have to park and walk your child to their teacher and class outside in front of the school. Please park behind Cargill Hall or behind the Ministry building. The front of the school will be blocked off. Parents are welcome to stay for the Blessing. Pets must remain on a leash or in a cage/carrier and must go home afterwards.



LITERARY PUMPKIN CONTEST

Students and teachers can enter to win the SMCS Library Pumpkin Book Character Contest! Decorate your real or fake pumpkin as your favorite Book Character. Entries will be accepted October 6-17 and judging will take place on October 20-22. Please see flyer for complete rules and instructions. Contact [Mrs. Shipley](#) with any questions.

PRAYER AND MASS INFORMATION

Mass Day	Class Serving as Altar Servers	Class Serving as Gift Bearers	Class Serving as Lectors	Class Singing in Choir
Oct 3	7 th grade	Mrs. Parker's 4 th grade	7 th grade	Mrs. Parker's 4 th grade
Oct 10	<i>Teacher</i>	<i>In-Service</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>School</i>
Oct 17	6 th grade	Mrs. Pate's 3 rd grade and 8 th grade	6 th grade	Mrs. Pate's 3 rd grade
Oct 24	8 th grade	Mrs. McCarthy's 3 rd grade and 8 th grade	8 th grade	6 th grade
Oct 31	<i>Halloween</i>	<i>Carnival</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Mass</i>

MORNING PRAYER

Sept 29-Oct 3	Mrs. Parker's 4 th grade
Oct 6-10	Mrs. Pray's 4 th grade
Oct 13-17	Mrs. McCarthy's 3 rd grade
Oct 20-24	Mrs. Pate's 3 rd grade
Oct 27-31	Mrs. Mellado's 2 nd grade

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

October 2	Mrs. Davila
October 5	Coach Butler
November 18	Ms. Tolman
November 20	Mrs. Sisson



THANK YOU

... **Alyson Garcia** for volunteering in the car line
 ... Supporters who donated to the **SMCS Annual Fund**
 ... The **SMCC Belles and Ladies Auxiliary** for their financial donation to St. Mary Catholic School
 ... **Fr. John** for having lunch with the Jr. High
 ... **Jr. High students** who help with pre-k during Morning Prayer
 ... The **chaperones** and volunteers who helped at the Jr. High social in September
 ... **Miss Cathy** for help in Art class

HELP FLOCK THE WAY TO D.C.!

The 8th grade class is fundraising for their trip to Washington D.C. and we need your help! Support the cause by participating in our Flamingo Flocking Fundraiser. Surprise a friend or neighbor with a cheerful flock of pink flamingos in their yard. All in good fun and for a great cause! Click [here](#) for flocking form and more information.



SMCC BAZAAR



St. Mary Catholic Church will host its annual Bazaar fundraiser on Oct. 12 from 10:00 am-5:00 pm. Donations are needed for the Cake Wheel and Spin-A-Toy booths. New and gently used toys may be brought to the school office anytime. Cakes can be brought on Oct. 10 (not before) or directly to Cake Wheel booth the day of the Bazaar. Students can sign up [here](#) to volunteer to earn service hours. Students may also come on Oct. 13, which is P/T conferences day, to help clean up the Bazaar and earn service hours.



RED RIBBON WEEK

October 27 - 31



MONDAY

Travel Drug Free



Wear Tourist Clothing

TUESDAY

Don't Let Drugs Mix You Up



Wear Mismatch Clothes

WEDNESDAY

You Have the Power to Be Drug Free



Wear a Superhero T-shirt w/school bottoms

THURSDAY

Give Drugs the Boot



Wear Western Clothes & Boots

FRIDAY

Scare Away Drugs



Wear Halloween Costumes

(No witches, no devils, no weapons, no masks)

3RD ANNUAL LITERARY PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

Students and teachers are invited to decorate a pumpkin like their favorite book character.

- PUMPKINS MUST BE DECORATED AS A CHARACTER OR SCENE FROM A BOOK (NO MOVIE-ONLY CHARACTERS).
- ENTRIES WILL BE JUDGED ON CREATIVITY AND HOW WELL THEY CONNECT TO THE CHOSEN BOOK.
- REAL OR FAKE PUMPKINS MAY BE USED, BUT NO FRESHLY CARVED PUMPKINS ARE ALLOWED.
- EACH PUMPKIN SHOULD INCLUDE AN INDEX CARD WITH THE BOOK TITLE AND AUTHOR.
- WRITE YOUR NAME ON THE BOTTOM OF THE PUMPKIN ONLY (JUDGES WILL NOT KNOW WHO CREATED IT).

IMPORTANT DATES:

- ENTRIES ACCEPTED: OCTOBER 6-17
- JUDGING: OCTOBER 20-22
- WINNERS ANNOUNCED: OCTOBER 23
- PUMPKINS GO HOME: OCTOBER 30

CANDY CORN COUNT

FOOD DRIVE

HOW MUCH CANDY IS IN THE JAR

WE ARE COLLECTING NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS FOR THE ST. MARY FOOD PANTRY

OCTOBER 20-30

THE COLLECTION WILL BE IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR STUDENTS TO DROP OFF THEIR ITEMS. A STAFF MEMBER WILL GIVE THEM A GUESS SLIP TO FILL OUT AND RETURN TO THE OFFICE LATER THAT DAY.

STUDENTS RECEIVE ONE GUESS PER ITEM THEY BRING IN.

THE CANDY JAR WILL BE IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE. THE STUDENT WHOSE GUESS IS THE CLOSEST WILL WIN THE JAR OF CANDY. THE WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT 3PM ON 10/31.

THANKSGIVING

Items Needed:
Stuffing Mix, Canned Vegetables, Instant Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce

NOV 3-19

Drop-off Location:
SMCS Front Office

Help stock the St. Mary Catholic Church food Pantry!

FOOD DRIVE