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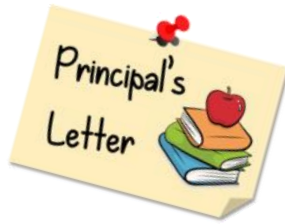


December 2021



Hello SMCS Community!

Thank you for a wonderful first semester! I can't believe how fast time is going-it won't be long until 2022! I know that we are all looking forward to a joyous Advent season! We have some exciting things coming up within the next couple of weeks, League City Holiday Parade, SMCS Christmas Program, Christmas movie night, SMCS Orchestra Program and many more fun activities in the classrooms! There is always something special going on here at SMCS and I am so glad to be a part of this great community!



I hope your family enjoys a wonderful Advent season filled with many memory-making moments!

Blessings,



Mrs. Halbardier



UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Activity
Dec. 1		Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program applications open
Dec. 3		Grades 3-5 confession
Dec. 4	6:00 pm	League City Christmas Parade
Dec. 5	All Masses	First Sunday Mass
Dec. 7	7:00 pm	School Christmas Program in Church
Dec. 8	8:30 am	Feast of the Immaculate Conception—Full dress
Dec. 8-10		Middle School Science Fair
Dec. 10		Middle School confession
Dec. 13-15		Students and staff may wear Christmas free dress
Dec. 16	8:30 am	Mass—Full dress
Dec. 16	10:00 am	Christmas Mini-Float Parade, parents welcome
Dec. 16	11:00 am	Class Christmas Parties, parents welcome
Dec. 16	12:00 pm	Early dismissal—no aftercare
Dec. 17—Jan. 3		Christmas Break
Jan. 4		Clubs begin
Jan. 7		Sports photos and student individual photo make-ups
Jan. 7		Report cards go home

FIRST SUNDAY MASS



Students who attend any Mass in person wearing full dress uniform will earn **free dress the following Monday**. Due to COVID-19 limitations, you do not need to sign up in the Narthex at this time.

SMCS CHRISTMAS STORE

PSA is gearing up for another wonderful holiday shopping experience for the kids on Dec. 8th-10th. Be sure to send money with your child and a "wish list" of gifts to buy for loved ones. Each class will have an opportunity during each day to go and shop. Volunteer parents will be on hand to assist your child in selecting and paying for their purchases. A wonderful surprise gift may even be in store for you! Parents interested in volunteering can contact [Patricia Richards](#) for more information.



STEPS FOR STUDENTS

Mark your calendars for Feb. 22nd, 2022! Steps for Students is the Diocese's largest fundraising drive for Catholic Schools with all SMCS pledged funds coming back to our school. Our goal is \$20,000 fundraising and 100% student participation. [Register now](#) to get the early bird registration price of \$15. Check out our many [incentives](#), including the SMCS Steps for Students Color Walk at school on Feb. 14th, 2022.



SMCS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



Our school Christmas program will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 7th at 7:00pm in the church. All are invited to watch our students in pre-k through 5th grade perform their class Christmas songs. A live-stream link will be emailed out for others to view virtually, and masks will be required for those in attendance in the church. Students will be dropped off in their classrooms at 6:00pm on the night of the program, and will be picked up from their teachers in the church afterwards.

ADOPT A FAMILY



SMCS has partnered with The Child Advocacy Center of Galveston to provide Christmas gifts to families in need this holiday season. Each class will adopt a family and provide Christmas gifts for that family. Teachers will send home information about the members of the adopted families for each class.

PARENTS IN PRAYER

Our new SMCS prayer group, Parents in Prayer, meets in the church every Wednesday at 8:00AM. All parents, grandparents and friends of SMCS are invited to participate! Please contact [Alison Howes](#) with any questions regarding this wonderful ministry!



CONGRATULATIONS FATHER ROONEY

Congratulations to Father John Rooney as he celebrates his 20th Jubilee to the priesthood on Dec. 3rd.



ADVENT CALENDAR SALE



SMCS PSA is selling Advent calendars, wreaths, and candles again this year! The Chocolate Advent Calendars have a daily window to open, starting on Dec. 1st and leading all the way to Christmas. The Sticker Calendar has 24 stickers to add each day and create a children's Nativity scene. Please either fill out [this form](#) and drop off in the front office, or e-mail [Brenda Retif](#) with your order. Your purchase will be put in your child's backpack. All proceeds from this PSA fundraiser go back directly to the school.

CHRISTMAS SPECIALS MOVIE NIGHT



Bring your lawn chairs and join us for a fun night watching Christmas Specials at St. Mary on Dec. 10th from 7:00pm – 9:00pm. R.S.V.P. to [Kelley Neschich](#) for this free event. Concessions will be available for purchase and all proceeds will benefit the 8th grade as they raise money for their Washington, D.C. trip.

FLOCK MY YARD

Let's support our 8th graders with this fun fundraiser. Families can sign up to have flamingos displayed in their front yard. The flock will be migrating within 48 hours of roosting. Donations can be made to St. Mary Catholic School, dropped off at the school, or by FACTS. If you would like to SHARE THE FUN...consider sending this special flock on a migration path to your friend's lawn! Send [this flyer](#) to school with your child to participate.



LEAGUE CITY

CHRISTMAS Parade

Help us show our school spirit in the League City Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 4th. There are two ways to support the parade. Your family may [sign up](#) to decorate the float and/or walk in the parade. The [SMCS Official Parade Shirt](#) is available for purchase or you may wear a SMCS spirit shirt or a Christmas shirt. Volunteers that sign up to decorate will meet at the school at 2:00pm. Walkers must be accompanied by an adult and will meet at SMCS at 5:00pm. The group will walk over to the League City Church of Christ as a group.

ANNUAL APPEAL FUND

The SMCS Annual Appeal will take place through the month of Dec. The Annual Appeal Fund helps fund 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. Please consider making a contribution to support our school.



BABYSITTING SERVICE

Babysitting services will be offered Dec. 18th from 10:00am- 3:00pm at the school. The cost is \$5 per child per hour. All proceeds will benefit the 8th grade as they raise money for their Washington, D.C. trip. Please contact [Kelley Neschich](#) for more information.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

December 15

Michelle Pray

December 31

Analie Rivet



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

Bobcat Buzz Archives

<https://www.stmarylc.org/bobcats-now!/bobcat-buzz.cfm>

THANK YOU

- ... *Esteban's Café y Cantina* for hosting our staff Christmas party
- ... *Families* for the November canned food donations
- ... *The Harmons* for the gift of the framed nativity scene
- ... *Nancy Collins, Patricia Richards, and Susie Springrose* for helping with the annual appeal envelopes
- ... *Knights of Columbus Council 9310* for providing a fence around our school field
- ... *The Battle family* for speaking at all Masses about our school's annual appeal
- ... *Mr. Ovalle* for delivering the Veteran's Day cards made by our students

PRAYER AND MASS INFORMATION

Week	Class Leading Morning Prayer	Class Bearing Gifts at Friday Mass
Nov. 29– Dec. 3	Mrs. Whatley's kindergarten	Mrs. Donaldson's 6 th grade
Dec. 6 –Dec. 10	Ms. Richardson's kindergarten	Mrs. Rios' 7 th grade
Dec. 13– Dec. 16	Mrs. Gilmore's pre-k 4	6 th and 7 th graders