



BOBCAT BUZZ



October 2023



Can you believe our first quarter is almost at a close! We have made so many wonderful memories already from Crust Pizza to field trips, to Chuck E. Cheese stopping by and this is just the beginning! Students are looking forward to Blessing of the Animals, Junior High Social, the St. Mary Bazaar, Red Ribbon Week, and the SMCS Halloween Carnival this month. This month our parent informational meeting will be led by Texas City Police, specifically the cyber-crime unit. You are invited to learn how to keep your children safer on the internet, including cell phone, and app information. Please mark your calendar to attend this valuable program, October 10 @ 6:00P.M. in Cargill Hall.



Thank you for choosing Catholic education at SMCS!
Blessings,
Laura



Mrs. Halbardier

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Activity
Sept 30	All Masses	First Weekend Mass
Oct. 1		First Weekend Mass
Oct. 2	4:30pm	Volleyball game in Cargill Hall
Oct. 3	7:50am	Blessing of the Animals
Oct. 3	5:30-8pm	Jr. High Social
Oct. 4	8am—10am	Prayer and Coffee for parents in the library
Oct. 5		Students will attend Mass – Full dress
Oct. 6		<i>Teacher In Service – No School</i>
Oct. 8	10am – 6pm	St. Mary Parish Bazaar
Oct. 9		<i>Parent/Teacher Conferences – No School</i>
Oct. 10		6 th grade field trip to CRC
Oct. 10	6pm	Technology parent meeting
Oct. 14	1pm-4pm	Crafternoon in library
Oct. 20		Jr. High field trip
Oct. 23-27		Red Ribbon Week
Oct. 26		Halloween Carnival setup
Oct. 27		SMCS Halloween Carnival
Oct. 31		Spirit dress/Halloween shirt and school bottoms
Nov. 1		All Saints Day: Students will attend Mass – Full dress
Nov. 2	2pm	Early dismissal – No aftercare
Nov. 3		Living Saints Museum during and after Mass
Nov. 4-5	All Masses	First Weekend Mass

FIRST SUNDAY MASS



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

PRAYER AND COFFEE

A special Prayer and Coffee is scheduled for parents on Wednesday, October 4. Join us in Prayer at 8:00 am in the church. Coffee, juice, and light breakfast items will be served afterwards in the library.



CHURCH BAZAAR

Nothing kicks off the fall season like the St. Mary's Church Bazaar! This year the Bazaar will be held from 10:00 am till 6:00 pm on Sunday October 8 with the live auction beginning at 2:00 pm. SMCS is sponsoring the famous Cake Wheel and Spin-a-Toy booths, so please be generous with donations of baked goods and new or gently-used toys as we get closer to Bazaar day.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

One of the most beloved traditions at SMCS, the annual Blessing of the Animals, will take place on Tuesday October 3 at 7:50am at the front entrance of the school. Students and families are welcome to bring their pets (caged or on a leash) for the blessing, but the pets must return home afterwards. Students who are unable to bring a pet are welcome to bring a photo of their pet or a stuffed animal to represent their pet for the blessing.



JR. HIGH SOCIAL

All Jr. High students are invited to a night of fun on October 3 from 5:30-8:00 pm under the lights of the St. Mary Bazaar booths in the church parking lot. There will be music, pizza, and karaoke. The price is \$10 per student to attend. Please RSVP to [Mrs. Ellison](#) by September 29.

Parents interested in volunteering to set up, chaperone, and clean up can sign up [here](#).



TECHNOLOGY PARENT MEETING



SMCS will host a meeting for parents about technology and internet safety on October 10 at 6pm in Cargill Hall. The Texas City Police Department will be presenting useful information to help reduce cyber risk.

CONFERENCE DAY

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for October 9. Your child's teacher will contact you with a time slot for their conference. Recent MAP testing will be discussed - visit the [NWEA website](#) for details on MAP Growth tests.



SAFE HAVEN ONLINE TRAINING



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](#).

ATTENDANCE

Attendance matters! SMCS is sending out automated reminders when students miss 3 or more days of instruction. Doctor's notes are required for illness-related absences for 3 or more days. Contact [Mrs. Ellison](#) and [Mrs. Whitney](#) with any questions.



SAINT'S MUSEUM AND PROCESSION



Wednesday, November 1 the **ALL SAINTS' DAY** 2nd and 3rd grade classes will present their Saint projects during the school's All Saint's Day Mass. Come see our little Saints show off their hard work!

CRAFTERNOON



An afternoon of crafting is scheduled for Saturday, October 14 from 1:00-4:00 pm in the school library. Volunteers will be making decorative wreaths for a school fundraiser. If you or your kids love crafting, join in the fun. [Sign up](#) to reserve your spot.

HALLOWEEN FOOD DRIVE



How much candy is in the jar? Students get a guess for each non-perishable food item they bring for the St. Mary Food Pantry. The student with the closest guess wins the jar of candy! Bring in items from October 16 – 27.

PUMPKIN BOOK CHARACTER CONTEST



Students can enter to win the SMCS Library Pumpkin Book Character Contest by decorating a real or fake pumpkin to look like their favorite book character. Entries will be accepted October 2-12. Judging will take place October 16-20. Please contact [Mrs. Shipley](#) for more information.

FUNDRAISING

SMCS has several easy fundraising opportunities for you:



- [Kroger Community Rewards](#) (Connect your Kroger Plus Card with Organization Number UV373)
- [Box Tops® for Education](#) (App available on Google Play or the App Store, set SMCS as your school and scan your receipts)
- SMCS Cafeteria Fundraisers (Friday lunches, treat sales)

UNIFORM REMINDERS



Belts must be worn by all 1st - 8th graders if their shorts/pants have belt loops. Extra large headbands with ears, unicorn horns, etc. are not part of the SMCS uniform. Only SMCS sweaters are allowed in the classrooms. More details on the uniforms are available on the [school uniform website](#).



PARENT VOLUNTEERS

The SMCS Parent-Staff Association (PSA) is looking for volunteers to help with school fundraisers and activities this year. All volunteers must be Safe Haven trained. Opportunities include:

- Carline Helpers
- Restaurant Fundraiser Team
- Room Parents
- Gala Planning

Contact [Patricia Richards](#) for more information.



SMCS PRAYER GROUP



Come join the SMCS Prayer Group! The group meets every Wednesday after car line. Contact [Mrs. Howes](#) for more information.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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



THANK YOU

... **The Osterberger Family** for providing new lockers for our expanding Jr. High grade levels

... **The Parents** who provided for Teacher Appreciation

... **The Room Moms** for volunteering to be a Room Mom this year

... **The Parents** who helped at Apple Day

... **The St. Mary Community Members** who supported the Jr. High rummage sale

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>

PRAYER AND MASS INFORMATION

Week	Class Leading Morning Prayer	Class Vocation Cross
Oct. 2-6	Mrs. Pray's 4 th grade	8 th grade
Oct. 9-13	Mrs. Lederer's 3 rd grade	7 th grade
Oct. 16-20	Mrs. Castillo's 3 rd grade	Mrs. Little's 6 th grade
Oct. 23-27	Mrs. Mellado's 2 nd grade	Mrs. Davila's 5 th grade
Oct. 30-Nov. 3	Mrs. Lopez's 2 nd grade	Mrs. Keaten's 5 th grade

October 23rd

RED RIBBON WEEK

thru October 27th

MON

Dream Big Work Hard

Dress for your future! Show off with an awesome career day outfit.



TUE

Be Safe, Be Kind

Dress like our local heroes, Fire, Police or Military. T-shirts and school bottoms



WED

My Future is Bright

Show off your bright & colorful side with tie dye. Wear a tie dye shirt and school bottoms.



THU

I've Got Better Things to Do than Drugs

Dress in your favorite college or sports team t-shirt and school bottoms



FRI

Be Yourself, Be Amazing

Halloween

Wear your Halloween costumes.
(No witches, no devils, no weapons, no masks)

