

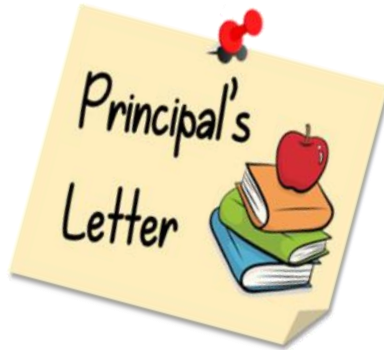


BOBCAT BUZZ



September 2023

Meet the Teacher, 1st Day of School, Fire Truck, Recess, HMNS Field Trip, Popsicles with Parents.....



And it's only the first few weeks of school! I am so excited for this year! We have added more events this year, including Parent Partnership Program, a series of meetings, to reinforce the partnership between parents and teachers. Students are working hard, praying hard, and playing hard!

Thank you for choosing SMCS! It's going to be a fabulous year!

Go Bobcats!



Mrs. Halbardier



UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Activity
Sept. 2-3	All Masses	First Weekend Mass
Sept. 4		Labor Day-No School
Sept. 6	4:45- 5:45 pm	Bobcat Buddies Pizza Party
Sept. 6	6:00– 7:00 pm	Open house
Sept. 7	2:00 pm	Early Dismissal– No Aftercare
Sept. 11		Clubs begin
Sept. 11		Wear red, white, and blue
Sept. 11	2:00 pm	Room Parent Meeting
Sept. 12	6:15– 7:15 pm	Parent Partnership Program Meeting
Sept. 13	8:00 am	Parent Prayer and Coffee
Sept. 15	4:00- 7:00 pm	Rummage Sale Drop Off
Sept. 16	8:00 am– 12:00 pm	Rummage Sale
Sept. 16	10:00-11:30 am	Alter Server and Refresher Training
Sept. 22		Individual Picture Day
Sept. 26	10:30 am	School Council Meeting
Sept. 27	3:00– 9:00 pm	Chuck E. Cheese Night
Sept. 30-	All Masses	First Weekend Mass
Oct. 1		
Oct. 3	7:40 am	Blessing of the Animals

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, September 13. Join us in Prayer at 8:00 am in the church. Coffee, juice, and light breakfast items will be served afterwards in the library.

CHUCK E. CHEESE FUNDRAISER



The Chuck E. Cheese on Bay Area Boulevard will host a fundraiser for SMCS on September 27 from 3:00-9:00 pm. A portion of the proceeds will benefit SMCS.

PARENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING



The Parent Partnership Program is a series of meetings bridging home and school. AJ Rodrigue will lead a meeting on September 12 from 6:15-7:15 pm with information about brain based learning, compassionate classrooms, and other school topics. She also leads workshops with our teachers. 8th grade will provide childcare for the meeting for a fee, and the proceeds will help fund the 8th grade D.C trip.

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.



BOBCAT BUDDIES PIZZA PARTY



SMCS Welcoming Group invites all 2023-2024 Bobcat Buddies to a Pizza Party in Cargill Hall from 4:45-5:45 pm before Open House. Please RSVP to [Mrs. Chornuk](#) by September 5 if you plan to attend.

ROOM PARENT TRAINING MEETING

A Room Parent Training Meeting will take place on Monday, September 11 at 2:00 pm in the Gabriel Room of the St. Mary Ministry Building. Maureen Munguia and Susie Springrose will be our guides. The same meeting will also take place via Zoom. Exact date and time for the virtual meeting will be announced soon.



RUMMAGE SALE

8th grade students will host a Rummage Sale fundraiser on September 16 from 8:00 am-12:00 pm. If you have items to donate, please contact [Mrs. Pate](#) or drop them off on September 15 from 4:00-7:00 pm. Parent helpers are also welcome!



PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES



The first Parent/Teacher conferences of the school year will be held on Monday, October 9 virtually or in person. Students will not have class that day but are welcomed to come to the conference with their parent(s). Teachers will send information home about appointment times for the conferences, so please communicate any scheduling conflicts as these first conferences are mandatory.

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.

ATHLETICS



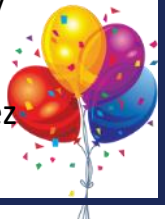
Volleyball has begun, so watch your inbox for news of upcoming games for our Lady Bobcats! Soccer will be starting soon if we can get at least 14 kids who would like to make the team, so contact Coach Butler as soon as possible if your student is interested. Coach Butler is asking all parents to get their students' sports physicals in if they plan on participating in any sports this school year.

MORNING PRAYER

Sept. 5-8	6 th Grade
Sept. 11-15	Mrs. Davila's 5 th grade
Sept. 18-22	Mrs. Keaten's 5 th grade
Sept. 25-29	Mrs. Parker's 4 th grade

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

August 2	Mrs. Gilmore
August 27	Mrs. Whatley
September 4	Mrs. Little
September 29	Mrs. Gonzalez
September 30	Mrs. Shipley



THANK YOU

- ... *K of C Women's Auxiliary* for their donation to the Tuition Assistance Fund
- ... *Parent Volunteers* for Teacher Appreciation Stocking the Teacher's Lounge
- ... *Chaperones* for Jr. High Field Trip
- ... *The Allen Family* for the Fire Truck Ride to School
- ... *Maureen Manguia, Patricia Richards, and Susie Springrose* for leading the Parent Group
- ... *Alison Howes* for leading the Prayer Group

Bay Area Catholic High School Survey

Are you interested in a new Catholic High School in the Bay Area? We need **YOUR** input!

A critical step in our feasibility study is to conduct a survey of the community. Whether you have school age children or not, this is your opportunity to provide input. Please consider giving us less than 15 minutes of your time.



Scan the QR code with your mobile device's camera!

Follow our progress on Facebook: @Bay Area Catholic High School (BACHS)

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much but absences add up!

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When a kid misses 2 days a month...



He will miss 20 days a year.



He will miss 30 hours of math and 60 hours of reading/writing over the school year.



He will miss over a year of school by graduation.

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When a kid misses 4 days a month...



She will miss 40 days a year.



She will miss 60 hours of math and 120 hours of reading/writing over the school year.



She will miss over 2 years of school by graduation.