



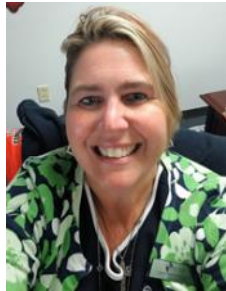
# BOBCAT BUZZ



January 2025

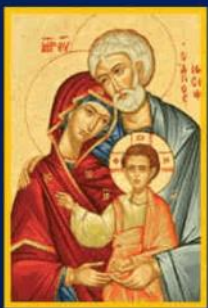


Happy New Year! I can't believe we are at the halfway point for this school year! Students continue to grow in mind, heart, and spirit each day! Enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year is coming up later this month. There are great incentives for early enrollment! Don't forget to enroll your SMCS Bobcat! Happy New Year! May God bless and guide your family this new year!



Mrs. Halbardier

## Family Prayer for a New Year



O God our Father, by the light of the Holy Spirit, lead us to be thankful for the gift of faith. May we grow in our relationship with Jesus, your Son. May we be confident witnesses to Christian hope and joy to all we meet. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## FIRST SUNDAY MASS



Students who attend any Mass in person wearing full dress uniform will earn **free dress the following Monday.** [Sign up](#) to volunteer your family to be gift bearers.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Activity
Dec 20-Jan 3		Christmas break
Jan 7	10:15am	SMCS Advisory Council meeting—closed mtg
Jan 14	5:45pm	5th grade parent mtg
Jan 15		Returning student re-enrollment begins
Jan 17	12:15pm	Early dismissal—No aftercare
		Parent-Teacher conferences (optional)
Jan 20		MLK Jr. Holiday—No school
Jan 25-26	All Masses	Students speak for Catholic Schools Week
Jan 26		KofC Spaghetti Dinner benefitting 8th grade D.C. trip
Jan 27-31		National Catholic Schools Week
Jan 27		Skate night
Jan 28		100th day of school
		Alumni and current family tour, reception
Jan 29		Chinese New Year
Jan 30		Move Up Day
	6:00-7:00pm	New Family Open House and tour
Jan 31	2:15pm	Pep rally
Feb 1		Open Enrollment begins

# STEPS FOR STUDENTS



The Free Dress Pass is still available for purchase. And the first day of Free Dress will be January 6, 2025! There is still time to make sure your student will get Free Dress that day and every Monday in the Spring through May 19, 2025. See the [flyer](#) for the details of how your student can get Free Dress every Monday for just \$100 (or max of \$200 for multiple kids.)

## PENNY WARS

St. Mary will host Penny Wars as a part of the Steps for Students fundraiser. All proceeds will directly benefit SMCS and there are 3 opportunities to participate.

- January 25-26 at all Masses
- January 26 at the K of C Spaghetti Dinner benefiting the 8th grade D.C. trip
- January 27-31 at school



## 5TH GRADE PARENT MEETING

Don't miss our next information meeting about Middle School and Camp Kappe at St. Mary's School library on January 14th at 5:45pm. Don't miss out on the great opportunity

to get all your questions answered!



## MAP TESTING

Remember that MAP Testing starts as soon as we get back on January 6th. Please make sure that your child gets a good night's sleep and a good healthy breakfast. Plan for the morning ahead – lay out clothes to wear; have backpack ready to go and be on time. Most importantly be encouraging - let your child know that you think he/she will do well on the test.



## SPREAD THE WORD

Please help us spread the word about how great it is to be St. Mary Bobcat.

- Like, comment and share our social media posts.
- Leave us a google review.
- Help us share all of the wonderful things our students are doing in the community. Email [Autumn White](#) pictures of your bobcat's achievements and service.



## BOBCAT BUZZ VOLUNTEERS



Calling all writers! Our Bobcat Buzz team is looking for volunteers interested in contributing to the monthly newsletter. Please contact [Sarah DeLaRosa](#) for more details.



## SMCS PRAYER GROUP



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

# MASS INFORMATION

**SUBJECT TO CHANGE—PLEASE VERIFY WITH YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER**

<b>Mass Day</b>	<b>Class serving as Altar Servers</b>	<b>Class Serving as Gift Bearers</b>	<b>Class Serving as Lectors</b>	<b>Class Singing in Choir</b>
January 10	Both 4 <sup>th</sup> grade classes and Mrs. Cheney's 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Mrs. Ovalle's kinder and Mrs. Cheney's 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Mrs. Little's 6 <sup>th</sup> grade	Both 5 <sup>th</sup> grade classes
January 17	Both 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade classes and Mrs. Mathew's 7 <sup>th</sup> grade	Mrs. Otero's 3 <sup>rd</sup> and Mrs. Cheney's 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Mrs. Mathew's 7 <sup>th</sup> grade	Mrs. Pray's 4 <sup>th</sup> grade
January 24	Both 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> grade classes	Mrs. McCarthy's 3 <sup>rd</sup> and Mrs. Cheney's 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Both 6 <sup>th</sup> grade classes	Mrs. Parker's 4 <sup>th</sup> grade
January 31	Both 4 <sup>th</sup> grade classes and Mrs. Cheney's 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Mrs. Lopez's 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Mrs. Cheney's 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Mrs. Cheney's 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Mrs. Otero's 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January 17	Mrs. Ellison
February 15	Mrs. Richards
March 2	Mrs. Mellado
March 5	Mrs. Keaten



## MORNING PRAYER

January 6-10	Mrs. Brummett's pre-k 4
January 13-17	Mrs. Wright's pre-k 3
January 20-24	Mrs. Cheney's 8th grade
January 27-31	Mrs. Mathew's 7th grade

## THANK YOU

... All the **Advent and Christmas volunteers** who helped decorate the classroom doors, shopped our Advent sale, helped with classroom crafts and Christmas parties

... The **bakers and buyers** who donated for the Teacher Appreciation Cookie Exchange

... The **League City Christmas Parade participants**

... All our recent **field trip chaperones and drivers**

... Classroom helpers, especially **Mrs. Devito, Mrs. Cathy, and Mrs. Becca**

... The generous **Annual Fund Donors**

... Everyone who participated in the **Christmas Toy Drive**

... Our **Bobcat Buzz Team**

## RESOURCES

**ParentsWeb (FACTS, grades, lunch ordering)**  
[stmy-tx.client.renweb.com/pwr](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/stmarylc)

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

# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK SCHEDULE

**JANUARY**

**2025**



**ST. MARY**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

STUDENTS SPEAK @ MASS  
PENNY WARS START

**SAT**  
**25**

STUDENTS SPEAK @ MASS  
SPAGHETTI DINNER - BENEFITING  
8TH GRADE DC TRIP

**SUN**  
**26**

SKATE NIGHT

**MON**  
**27**

100TH DAY  
ALUMNI & PARENT TOUR

**TUE**  
**28**

MOVE UP DAY

**WED**  
**29**

NEW FAMILY SCHOOL TOURS  
6-7

**THUR**  
**30**

PEP-RALLY - 2:15  
CARGILL HALL

**FRI**  
**31**