



# BOBCAT BUZZ



November 2024

It's November, can you believe it? Fall is upon us and the Advent Season is just around the corner! This time of the year is so busy with celebrations, clubs, games, holidays, and get-togethers! It's a time to reflect on all that I am thankful for: family, friends, and faith!



I am looking forward to the Saints Museum, Family Luncheon, Christmas Parade, and our Christmas Toy Drive Partnership with Respect Life!

Thank you for being a part of the SMCS family! This Thanksgiving I will be thankful for our community of faith. May God bless you and your family.

Mrs. Halbardier



**THANKSGIVING PRAYER**

Our Heavenly Father,  
We are thankful for all Your blessings, goodness and mercy on us.  
We are thankful for all the people in our lives who make our life meaningful and beautiful. Thank You for watching over us and getting us all here safely. Let Your blessings be upon everyone here today. May we be protected and all our prayers be answered.  
In Jesus mighty name.  
*Amen*  
THE GRACEFUL CHAPTER

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Activity
Nov 1	8:30am	All Saints Day Mass and Living Saints Museum after Mass
Nov 2-3	All Masses	First Weekend Masses Annual Fund talks during all Masses
Nov 5	10:15am	Advisory Council Meeting— Ministry Bldg
Nov 7	2:15pm	<i>Early dismissal—No aftercare</i>
Nov 8	5:30- 7:30pm	Jr. High Social
Nov 11-15		Discover Catholic Schools Week
Nov 18-22		Book Fair
Nov 22		Family Luncheon—No aftercare
Nov 25-29		<i>Thanksgiving Break</i>
Dec 1		FACTS Tuition Assistance Applications Open
Dec 7		League City Christmas Parade
Dec 10		Christmas Program - No Aftercare
Dec 19	11am	Class Christmas Parties
	12:15pm	<i>Early dismissal—No aftercare</i>
Dec 20-Jan 3		<i>Christmas Break</i>

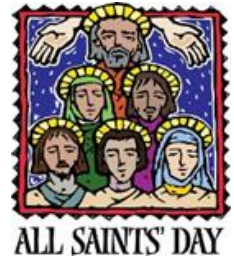
## FIRST SUNDAY MASS



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.

# SAINTS MUSEUM AND PROCESSION

Friday, November 1 the 2nd and 3rd grade classes will present their Saint projects during the school's All Saint's Day Mass. After Mass, parents are invited to Cargill Hall to see the Living Saint Museum. Come see our little Saints show off their hard work!



# FALL JR HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL

Bigger and Better! All Jr. High students are invited to the next fun social event on November 8th from 5:30-7:30 in Annunciation Hall. We will have the pleasure of hosting some friends from our sister schools, True Cross and Our Lady of Fatima Jr High. Don't miss a fun night with music and sit-down dinner. Price is \$20 per student, RSVP to [Mrs. Ellison](#) by November 5th at 3PM.



# ANNUAL FUND

SMCS will kick off the 2024-2025 Annual Fund on the weekend of November 2-3. Students are encouraged to wear full dress and representatives from our school will speak at all Masses. Volunteers are needed in the vestibule of the church after Masses to answer questions. Students can earn service hours. The Annual Fund supports 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 supporting our school's [Annual Fund](#).



# CHRISTMAS PARADE

SMCS will participate in the League City Christmas Parade on Dec. 7. The theme is Santa's Enchanted Workshop. Safe Haven trained [volunteers](#) are needed for the float design and to walk during the parade. Please contact [Mrs. Halbardier](#) if you are interested.



# 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](#) to inquire.



# STEPS FOR STUDENTS

Registration is open for [Steps for Students](#)! This is one of the biggest fundraising events of the year for our school, and Mrs. Halbardier would love for our school to make a good showing as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the race. The event will take place on Saturday Feb. 8, with a special sunrise Mass at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart before the starting pistol opens the 5k/1k run/walk. For those who want to support our school but don't want to participate in the race, you can register your family to "snooze" and still receive credit for all the registration incentives that will be coming up!



## FAMILY LUNCHEON

Join us to celebrate and feel grateful for our awesome SMCS families on Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> in Annunciation Hall. Lunch will be provided by Esteban's Café y Cantina for \$18 a plate. Menchie's will sell ice cream for \$5 per cup. RSVPs and Safe Haven training are due by November 15th. Visitors will check in at Annunciation Hall and meet their students there. If you have multiple students, you will eat at the first sibling's scheduled lunch time.



## DISCOVER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



November 17th-23rd we showcase SMCS to prospective students and families in our community. To celebrate, SMCS is hosting a Roller-Skating Night – more details to come!

## BOOK FAIR



Monday, November 18th the Scholastic Book Fair begins! Open each day 8 AM—4 PM, though students will visit during their class Library time. Cash, Checks, Credit Cards, and [E-Wallet](#) (Scholastic's online account option) will be accepted. Contact [Mrs. Shipley](#) with any questions or if you wish to volunteer.

## SMCS PRAYER GROUP



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

## 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](#).

## 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.



## UNIFORM REMINDERS



Belts must be worn by all 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> 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](#).



# MASS INFORMATION

Mass Day	Class serving as Altar Servers	Class Serving as Gift Bearers	Class Serving as Lectors	Class Singing in Choir
Nov. 8	Mrs. Little and Mrs. Thomas's 6 <sup>th</sup> grade	Mrs. Lopez's 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Mrs. Cheney's 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Mrs. Thomas's 6 <sup>th</sup> grade	Mrs. Pray's 4 <sup>th</sup> grade
Nov. 15	Mrs. Little and Mrs. Thomas's 6 <sup>th</sup> grade	Mrs. Mellado's 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Mrs. Cheney's 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Mrs. Little's 6 <sup>th</sup> grade	Mrs. Parker's 4 <sup>th</sup> grade
Nov. 22	Mrs. Keaten's 5 <sup>th</sup> and Mrs. Cheney's 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Ms. Gonzalez's 1 <sup>st</sup> and Mrs. Cheney's 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Mrs. Cheney's 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Mrs. Thomas's 6 <sup>th</sup> grade
Nov. 29	<i>Thanksgiving Break — No School</i>			

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

November 18	Ms. Tolman
November 20	Mrs. Sisson
December 4	Nurse Michele



## MORNING PRAYER

Nov. 4-8	Mrs. Mellado's 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade
Nov. 11-15	Ms. Gonzalez's 1 <sup>st</sup> grade
Nov. 18-22	Mrs. Soileau's 1 <sup>st</sup> grade
Nov. 25-29	<i>Thanksgiving Break--No School</i>

## THANK YOU

... *Coaches Butler and Tolman* for a successful volleyball season!

... *Esteban's* for supporting SMCS with a fundraiser!

... *Emma Nino* for the pop-up shop

... *Susie Springrose* and all the **PSA volunteers** who helped with the teacher luncheon

... *Pat Campos* and the **Halloween Carnival volunteers** for putting on our annual event

... *Houston Rodeo Committee* for their presentations for our students

## 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>

SMCS INVITES YOU TO OUR ANNUAL

# Family Luncheon

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE OUR AWESOME SMCS FAMILIES

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22**  
RSVPs Due By November 15th

7TH & 8TH - 10:30-11:15  
PK-3 & PK-4 - 11:20-12:05  
KINDER & 1ST - 12:10-12:55  
2ND & 3RD - 1:00-1:45  
4TH, 5TH & 6TH - 1:50-2:35

All guests will report to Annunciation Hall for check-in.  
Classes will meet their guests in Annunciation Hall at their scheduled lunch time.  
Please adhere to the schedule so all may enjoy their special lunch.

If you have multiple students, they will eat at the first sibling's scheduled lunch time.

Order forms/ RSVPs are due by November 15th.  
FACTS accounts will be charged November 20th.

ST. MARY FOOD PANTRY



ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## Thanksgiving Food Drive

1st place - A Turkey  
2nd place - A Ham  
3rd place - A Pie

Let's Share & Care

Help us stock St. Mary Catholic Church food pantry!

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

November 11-20

Drop-off location:  
St. Mary Catholic School Front Office

For every item brought in, students will have their name entered in a drawing. First, second and third place will be drawn November 21st. The class with the most donations will have a movie & PJ day scheduled by the teacher.

THE RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY & ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

# CHRISTMAS DRIVE

CELEBRATE THE SEASON OF GIVING!

🎁 **How can you help?** 🎁

Donate new toys for a child the same age as your student's age.

DROP-OFF LOCATION	OPERATING HOURS
School Office	Mon - Friday 9-2

Starting Nov 4th - December 8th