



# BOBCAT BUZZ

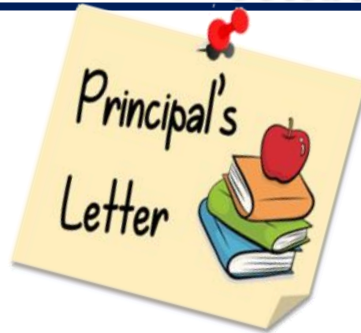


October 2024

Happy Autumn,

Can you believe we have almost completed the first quarter? It has been a whirlwind of activity from volleyball to Lego Club and everything in between! Laughter and learning fill our classrooms, hallways, and of course recess times! Prayers for loved ones and prayers of gladness along with prayers for all! Birthday blessings, classroom celebrations, Meet the Teacher and Open Houses are just a few of the highlights of our year so far! October will bring S.T.R.E.A.M. Fair, Kickball, Basketball, Halloween Carnival, SMCC Bazaar, Conference Day, Smart Families Dinner Night, Prayer Group, and Red Ribbon Week! There is always lots to do for all around SMCS! If you would like to volunteer for any of the October activities, please reach out to your Room Mom or Patricia Richards, prichards@stmarylc.org. It is so wonderful to be a part of a community that values growth in mind, heart, and spirit! Thank you for choosing SMCS!

Blessings,  
Laura



Mrs. Halbardier



## 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
Oct. 1-3		S.T.R.E.A.M. Fair
Oct. 1	10:15 am	Advisory Council Meeting
Oct. 3	7:45 am	Blessing of the Animals
Oct. 5-6	All Masses	First Weekend Mass
Oct. 10		St. Peter 8th Grade Visit
Oct. 11		Teacher Inservice-No School
Oct. 12	10:00 am-12:00 pm	Bay Area High School Announcement Event
Oct. 13	10:00 am-6:00 pm	St. Mary Catholic Church Bazaar
Oct. 14		Parent Teacher Conferences-No School
Oct. 15		6th Grade Retreat at CRC
Oct. 17		7th Grade Retreat at CRC
Oct. 22		Strake/St. Agnes 8th Grade Visit
Oct. 24		O'Connell 8th Grade Visit
Oct. 28-		Red Ribbon Week
Nov. 1		
Oct. 30		Halloween Carnival Setup
Oct. 31		Halloween Carnival
Nov. 1		Holy Day- All Saints Day
Nov. 1	After Mass	Saints Museum-2nd and 3rd Grade
Nov. 2-3	All Masses	First Weekend Mass Annual Appeal Talks
Nov. 5	10:15 am	Advisory Council Meeting

# 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!

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



Bring your pets, photos of pets, or favorite stuffed animal to the Blessing of the Animals on October 3. Carline will end at 7:45 am and the Blessing will begin in the front parking lot at 7:50 am. Parents are welcome to stay for the Blessing and all pets must go home after.

## SMCC BAZAAR

St. Mary Catholic Church will host its annual Bazaar fundraiser on Oct. 13 from 10:00 am-6:00 pm. Donations are still needed for the Cake Wheel and Spin-A-Toy booths. Cakes and new and gently used toys may be brought to the school office. Students can sign up [here](#) to volunteer to earn service hours.



## S.T.R.E.A.M. FAIR

SMCS is hosting our STREAM fair Oct. 1-3. Students will set-up on Oct. 1. Safe Haven trained parents are welcome to come and see the hard work of our students on Oct. 2. Times will be scheduled by grade. Students will present their projects to their class on Oct. 3.



## PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

The first Parent-Teacher Conferences of the school year will be held the morning of Monday Oct. 14. Teachers will send appointment times home to families, so please watch for those and confirm or negotiate a new time as needed. These first conferences are mandatory for all families, and teachers will discuss important items including the recent NWEA test scores for each student. Please make every effort to attend.



## PARKING LOT SAFETY

Please remember to stay off of your phone in carline. The speed limit in both parking lots is 10 mph. This is a serious safety concern for our community. Thanks for your cooperation.

www.google.com  
A DRIVER'S PRAYER - LORD, MAKE ME CALM AND PATIENT IN DIFFICULT TRAFFIC - Prayer...

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

Subscribe to the school calendar and stay up to date on all Bobcat events. Go to the [calendar](#) on the school website and click the Wi-Fi symbol to sync the calendar with your device.

# MASS INFORMATION

Mass day	Class serving as Altar Servers	Class Serving as Gift Bearers	Class Serving as Lectors	Class Singing in Choir
Oct. 4	Mrs. Thomas' and Mrs. Little's 6 <sup>th</sup> grade	Mrs. Pray's 4 <sup>th</sup> grade and 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Mrs. Thomas' 6 <sup>th</sup> grade	Mrs. McCarthy's 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade and Jr. High helpers
Oct. 11	<i>No school</i>	<i>No school</i>	<i>No school</i>	<i>No school</i>
Oct. 18	8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Mrs. Parker's 4 <sup>th</sup> grade and 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Mrs. Lopez's 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade and Jr. High helpers
Oct. 25	7 <sup>th</sup> grade	Ms. Otero's 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade and 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	7 <sup>th</sup> grade	Mrs. Mellado's 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade and Jr. High helpers

## LITERARY PUMPKIN CONTEST



Students and teachers can enter to win the SMCS Library Pumpkin Book Character Contest! Decorate your real or fake pumpkin as your favorite Book Character. Entries will be accepted October 1-16, and judging will take place on October 16 & 17.

## MORNING PRAYER

Sept. 28– Oct. 4	Mrs. Pray's 4th grade
Oct. 7– Oct. 11	Mrs. Parker's 4 <sup>th</sup> grade
Oct. 14– Oct. 18	Ms. Otero's 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade
Oct. 21– Oct. 25	Ms. McCarthy's 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade
Oct. 28– Nov. 1	Mrs. Lopez's 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Mrs. Davila	October 2
Coach Butler	October 5

## THANK YOU

- ... *Ms. Lopez* for school supplies
- ... *Mr. Campos, Mrs. Allen, Coach Butler, and Mrs. Richards* for organizing Steps for Students
- ... *The Crews family* for their help with the library
- ... *Ms. Steinberg* for volunteering in Art
- ... *Ms. Cortes* for organizing bundt cakes at Open House
- ... *The parents* that volunteered at Popsicles with Parents
- ... *The parents* that volunteered for Bobcat Buddies
- ... *Father Rooney* for supporting our school

## WHY CHOOSE ST. MARY?



We would love to hear all the reasons your family chooses St. Mary Catholic School. Please send [Mrs. Halbardier](#) a blurb about why you send your kids to St. Mary.



# RED RIBBON WEEK

10/28/2024 - 11/1/2024

# RED RIBBON WEEK



ST. MARY  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

MON



I'm Too Bright for Drugs - Wear a neon t-shirt and school bottoms.



TUE

Hakuna Matata - No Worries - Be Drug Free -  
Wear animal print.  
(Please follow the free dress guidelines)



WED



Follow Your Dreams - Be Drug Free - Wear school appropriate pajamas.



THU



Say "Boo" to Drugs - Halloween Carnival -  
Wear your Halloween costume  
(No masks, toy weapons, witches or devils)



FRI



Team Up Against Bullying & Drugs -  
Wear a Team T-shirt/Jersey and school bottoms.





# CAN-DOY COUNT FOOD DRIVE



THE COLLECTION BIN WILL BE IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR STUDENTS TO DROP OFF THEIR ITEMS. A STAFF MEMBER WILL GIVE THEM A GUESS SLIP TO FILL OUT AND RETURN TO THE OFFICE LATER IN THE DAY.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION PRESENTS

# FALL PARENT WORKSHOP

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A SERIES ON MENTAL HEALTH

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PLEASE JOIN US WEDNESDAYS IN NOVEMBER:

- NOV 6 - Recognizing the signs of depression and anxiety in children and adolescents
- NOV 13 - Deciphering the studies on the effects of social media among youth
- NOV 20 - Catholic Parent's Toolbox for Spiritual Health

In collaboration with and presented by  
Venette Westhoven, PhD. Clinical Psychology

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FREE LIMITED  
SEATING

PLEASE RSVP  
HERE:



6-7PM

ST MARY OF THE EXPECTATION  
MINISTRY BUILDING  
LUKE/JOHN ROOMS

[SAINTMCC.ORG/PARENT-WORKSHOP](http://SAINTMCC.ORG/PARENT-WORKSHOP)