



SMCS NEWS



Above: Mrs. Neiser recently led her 7th Grade class on a cross-curricular field trip to Montgomery, AL where the students learned about Civil Rights, Civics, Catholic Social Teaching, and History.

Next Week:

Saturday, January 27: Due to the forecasted severe weather, Frosty 5K is canceled.

Monday, January 29 -Friday, February 2: Catholic Schools Week (see page 2 - CID)

Wednesday, January 31: Spirit Night at Rick's Crab Trap (see page 5 - PTO)

Thursday, February 1: All-School Mass at 8:15 am

Looking Ahead:

Monday, February 5 - Friday, February 16: In-house Registration Window (More information will be provided in the coming days/weeks. All registration fees due no later than **Friday, February 16**). If there is a financial hardship, please notify Kristin White at kristin.white@saintmaryschool.net

***Please read a special note on our Athletics' page from the Shoal River Girls' Soccer Coach regarding our Girls' Soccer team. We're very proud of them and our coaches for the way they represented SMCS!**

**Catholic Schools Week 2024
January 28-February 3**



**This week we recognize the excellence and impact of Catholic schools in America.
We look forward to celebrating all that makes SMCS the best place to learn and grow!**

Sunday, January 28 - Celebrating Our Parishes

Students are encouraged to wear SMCS uniforms to Mass
Student Council serve as greeters for SMCC Sunday Masses

Monday, January 29 - Celebrating Our Community

Door Decorating Display - Eucharistic Theme
Create Blessing Bags-PTO leads; **8:45-11:30**
Catholic members of the community share with 4-8th grades
how their faith impacts their work **@1:00 in cafe**

Tuesday, January 30 - Celebrating Our Students

Spirit Day - jeans with any SMCS shirt
Virtue Visits - Gratitude Activities
Quarterly Awards - **1st-4th @9:30; 5th-8th @10:00 in the church**

Wednesday, January 31 - Celebrating Our Nation

Wear patriotic or solid red, white, blue shirts with uniform bottoms
Speech and Poetry Recitation - Focus on American Poets and
Speechwriters **K3-4th @ 9:30; 5th - 8th @ 12:45 in the cafe**
Family Dining Event at Rick's Crab Trap

Thursday, February 1 - Celebrating Vocations

Present thank-you letters to priests
Vocations activities for PK-4th
Single, Married Vocations Panel for 5th - 8th grades **@10:00 in cafe**

Friday, February 2 - Celebrating Our Faculty, Staff, and Volunteers

All classes attend Adoration at some point during the day, praying
especially for our faculty, staff and volunteers
Lunch provided for faculty and staff **during normal lunch times**
Frosty Fun Run - Fun Run shirt with PE bottoms **@1:50 in Marian courtyard**

Saturday, February 3 - Celebrating Our Families

Family Fun ideas sent via SMCS Message, Class Dojo

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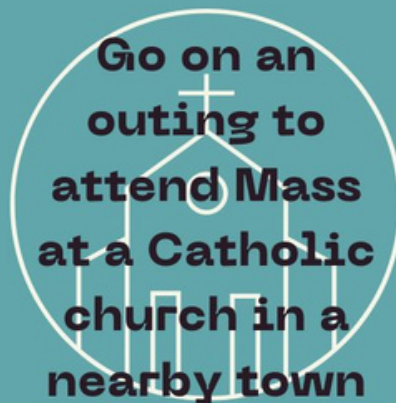
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

"CELEBRATING OUR FAMILY" DAY

IDEAS



Snuggle up on the couch and read a good book or two together

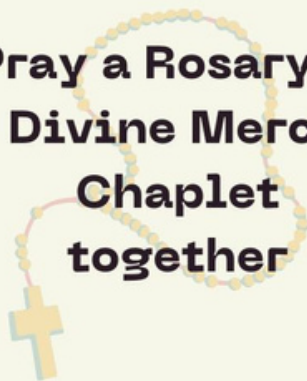


Go on an outing to attend Mass at a Catholic church in a nearby town

Buy or make some cheerful greeting cards to write notes in and send to friends and family far away

Take a virtual trip to a place you've always wanted to visit as a family

Pray a Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet together



Attend a sporting event, festival, or other outdoor event together



Get out your family Bible and share your favorite Scripture stories with one another

Make a family favorite dessert to share after dinner

Set a fancy table, enjoy a meal together, and share your favorite things about SMCS.

Pop some popcorn and watch a funny movie



Bundle up and take a walk after dark to gaze at the wonders of the night sky

FROM THE OFFICE

FLOCKNOTE

Are you receiving our text messages? We highly recommended signing up for our Flocknote for important information. <http://www.saintmaryschool.net/>

Tuition/Facts questions? Contact Kristin White,
850-243-8913. kristin.white@saintmaryschool.net



Shout out to the Girls' Soccer team!

We received the message below from the Shoal River Girls' Soccer Coach after the game on Tuesday night. We could not be prouder of how our girls played and represented SMCS. A big thanks to Coach John Morrison for his positive influence on his players! Way to go Archangels!

"Last night's game was impressive. We were winning 4-1 at halftime and they never quit fighting. We finished 4-3 and I was so impressed by their resiliency. They fought and they played us clean. Numbers 27 and 17 are great leaders and they raised their team up. They all worked together and they had a very good chance of winning. I have coached for a lot of years, but I've rarely seen a team like that. It's not fun to in the lower part of our district, but seeing these kids keep fighting makes it all worth it. Their coach is a total class act as well! Kudos to them on their season. As much as I love a win, I would be ok with a tie against a team as classy as them. V/R Craig Huff"

Archangel Sports

Soccer

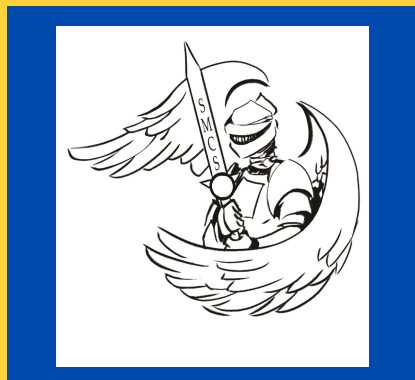
Last game of the season. Come out and support our teams!

1/30 vs Liza Jackson @ FWBHS
girls 5:00, boys 6:30

Spring Sports

Thank you to Ms. Heide for volunteering to coach the swim team!

Tennis, Golf, Swimming and Track
will be our spring sports. Stay tuned for information. POC- John Reaves
john.reaves@saintmaryschool.net



PTO Corner

Donate to Brite Stars Baskets



Help us build baskets for this year's Brite Stars Gala supporting Saint Mary Catholic School! Each basket will be filled to the brim with goodies and raffled off to support this annual event.

We appreciate your support on this project! Stay tuned for the big basket reveal!

<http://tinyurl.com/britestarsbaskets>

Upcoming Events

1/27 Frosty 5K
1/29 Build Blessing Bags
1/31 Spirit Night - Rick's Crab Trap
2/2 Fun Run
2/8 Spirit Night - Fort Sk8
2/22 Emerald Coast Science Center Family Night @ SMCS

Join us for

Spirit Night!





WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31
3:00 pm - close
178 Eglin Pkwy
Fort Walton Beach
10% of sales will be donated to Saint Mary Catholic School!

Connect with PTO

Join Our Facebook Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/saintmarypto/>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

This year all students will work together to assemble Blessing Bags for the less fortunate. Each grade has been assigned an item for donations to fill the bags. Please see the newsletter for more info! The goal is to fill 400 bags!

We're looking for volunteers to assist students with assembling bags on Monday 1/29.

Sign Up Here:

<http://tinyurl.com/cswblessingbags>

Saint Mary Color Fun Run We need your support!



'For our Color Fun Run this year, we are going to focus on a major school purchase-BUY THE BUS! Our web based fundraising system makes it much easier for you to request pledges from your family and friends, and for them to make secure credit card donations online. It's fun, it's easy, and people who use it typically raise twice as much as those who don't!

Using your computer's browser:

Go to <http://pledgestar.com/saintmary>

Click "Not Registered For This Year's Event"

Enter your name and email address, then click "Submit"

Follow the instructions on-screen to register Runner(s) and add family and friends



Using your Android or Apple phone or tablet:

Go to the Apple App Store on IOS or the Amazon App Store on Android and search for "PledgeStar" to download the Family App, or go to

<https://pledgestar.com/saintmary/downloadapp.html>

On the home screen enter your event code: "saintmary" to locate your event

Click "Not Registered For This Year's Event"

Enter your name and email address, then click "Submit"

Follow the instructions on-screen to register Runner(s) and add family and friends

When you finish, the system emails pledge requests to your family and friends, and allows them to make secure credit card donations online. You get notified each time a pledge is made, and you can track your pledge progress online.

Call 1-888-598-7510 if you need help.



Prizes awarded to highest earner in each grade!

Winning Class receives a Pizza & Ice Cream Party!

BEE KIND DAY

FEBRUARY 9TH

BRING \$1 WEAR
JEANS/YELLOW/BLACK



BEE EXTRA KIND TODAY!

SAINT MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

dinner

and

diamonds

24TH ANNUAL BRITE STARS

March 9, 2024 | 7PM

HOSTED BY:

*The Emerald Coast Harley-
Davidson*

788 BEAL PKWY NW
FORT WALTON BEACH
RSVP SMCS AT 850-243-8913

\$100.00 PER PERSON
ALL INCLUSIVE (HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES,
MUSIC, DRINKS)

