

ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

Faith

Hospitality

Service

Excellence

WELCOME BACK!

Looking forward to a faith filled year with each of you!

Blessings to each of you! We at SMCS are thrilled to begin another year here at the school. It has been a busy summer and start to the year at the front office, working to get things rolling in the right direction.



Middle school students playing soccer with Fr. Bergkamp at lunch recess.

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5	Labor Day (No School)
6	Teacher Inservice (No School)
10	Playground Mulch to Spread
15	Salsa Competition
20	Fall Picture Day Red Cross Safety Programs Visit
26	Diocesan Teacher In-service

September prayer to help our youngest students: "Glory Be" Pg 4

This month's Virtue focus is: Faith; find out more on pg. 5

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

Playground Mulch is Arriving Sept. 10th

During the week of September 5th, 1/2 of a truckload of playground mulch will be delivered to the school. This is important to keep the playground surface spongy and safe for play/ falls at recess.

That Saturday, September 10th, SMCS could use help to spread the mulch. This is a great stewardship opportunity for all ages. There will be a tractor available to move large quantities of mulch (thank you Weber family!). However, there will still be a need for help to get the mulch spread into smaller areas around the edges of, and underneath playground equipment. Please bring a shovel or rake, and come join us!



We are so excited to have the return of the SALSA COMPETITION!!! Please mark your calendars for Thursday September 15th, for the 2nd annual SMCS Salsa Competition. This is an evening to socialize with other school families and enjoy each other's salsa recipes. More details to come in a separate flier. All family members are welcome to come!

SMCS Fall Picture Day September 20, 2022

Picture Day Flyers will be sent home with each student on Friday, September 16.

Students can wear either "Sunday Best" or school uniforms. "Sunday Best" does NOT include Spirit Wear, jeans, or t-shirts with logos/ print on them.

Annual SMCS Salsa Competition

July 17-31 Birthdays

17 Cordell Scott Pre 4th
18 Ryan Gonzalez 4th
19 Gabriel Navarro 8th
20 Emberlynn Cox K
24 Giovanni Solorio 2nd
24 Anthony Hernandez Pre K 4th
26 Brynn Koehn Pre K 3rd
27 Jack Dunlavy 4th
28 Finn Claassen 5th
31 Isabelle Mabry 2nd

September Birthdays:

03 Natalia Payan 8th
04 Mrs. Winslow Food Svc
04 Miss Jackie Secretary
06 Felix Weber 3rd
07 August Kitzke 5th
07 Angel Garcia 6th
10 Annabell Duffek K
15 Ms. Wescott 2nd Teacher
16 Paloma Bargdill 1st
17 Vanessa Reyes 8th
18 Jordyn Tauiliili 6th
19 Ms. Patton Para
21 Jacelynn Lettau 6th
22 Paysen Alexander 1st

August Birthdays:

01 Thomas Dunlavy 1st
03 Evan Steinmetz 6th
09 Mrs. Ruxton 8th Teacher
10 Jack Pomeroy K
11 Mrs. McAnulty K Teacher
22 Harvey Claassen K
25 Bethany Anderson PreK 3
26 Dayvin Evancho 2nd
28 Allesandra Rojas K
29 Mrs. Marsden 4th Teacher
30 Favour Tembei 8th



26 Quentin Haag Pre K 3
28 Paxton Williams 1st
30 Neilan Ramirez Bencomo 1st
30 Mary Ann. Bruggeman Parish Office

Prayer of the Month

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Gloria al Padre y al Hijo y al Espíritu Santo.

Como era en el principio, ahora y siempre, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

Note from Father Bergkamp

Hello Parents,

As I mentioned at the Back to School Night, I am very excited to be the pastor at St. Marys and looking forward to the school year. It seems like it's off to a good start. The ability to offer a Catholic education to the children of Newton and surrounding communities is a great responsibility, one that I do not take lightly. We are here to serve you in your role as the primary educators of your children, which at the heart of it is to form your children to be faithful Catholics and disciples of Christ. Ultimately, we desire your children to know God's love for them and for them to respond by loving God in return.

I trust this is in line with what you desire for your children as well. This is made evident in your support of the school and involvement in your home parish. Thank you for this. To ensure that we are successful in our mission at St. Mary's Catholic School, it's important that we all share this vision, that our priorities align. It's the only way we are able to serve you. On that note, allow me to encourage you to be active in the life of your parish and to live the sacramental life, most especially at Sunday Mass. For those of you who I haven't had the pleasure of meeting, I look forward to doing so. And please don't hesitate to introduce yourselves. Know of my prayers and God bless.

Fr. Bergkamp

Virtue of the Month: Faith

This month's virtue is FAITH. Announced during the school assembly on 8/30, Faith will be a focus of discussion for our students this month as we explore this virtue and how to cultivate it in our lives and among our family and friends. Students have been encouraged to find ways they can grow their faith, including reading the bible each night (or asking a family member to read to them), spending time in prayer in the presence of the tabernacle, or talking with their family or friends about faith. How do you recognize when somebody has faith?

Saints that we can look to that exemplify the virtue of faith are St. Martha, St. Jerome and St. Augustine. Help your child explore this virtue at home by exploring more about these saints!

Bible passages to explore include: Hebrews 11:1; 2 Corinthians 5:7; Matthew 8:26; Galatians 5:6 and James 2:14-16, 26.

Please explore this virtue with your child as we prepare for our next school assembly in September.

School Safety

During back to school in-service all staff were updated in the SafeDefend system. If you are a frequent volunteer, and would like to be able to activate/ use the SafeDefend System, please contact the front office and let us know. If you have more questions or would like to learn more about Safe Defend, please reach out and let us know that as well. We will re-evaluate our needs for training school volunteers after September 20th.

VIRTUS INFO/ UPDATES:

Do you need to get VIRTUS-trained in order to volunteer around children at our churches or schools?

Upcoming Virtus training

September 22	Halstead at Sacred Heart Parish	6:30pm
October 22	Newton, OLG	10:00am
December 3	Newton, STM	10:00am

You DO have to let the school know you were trained in order for us to use you at SMCS (and we **NEED** you!) **We LOVE our VOLUNTEERS!**

From the Front Office:

Are you able to log into PowerSchool? Make sure to log into PowerSchool at least once a month. Field trip permission forms will be signed using PowerSchool this year. This is also a great way to check grades and missing homework assignments for our 3rd-8th grade students. If you need help getting access to PowerSchool, please call the front office between 9:00a and 3:00p any day that school is in session.

Welcome New Teachers!

The Teachers and staff at St. Mary Catholic School would like to welcome Father Bergkamp and we would also like to welcome three new teachers to our staff. We are excited to have them join our School Family. Mrs. Brigitte Loescher, Middle School Math. Mrs. Carmen Abellanas, 3rd grade Teacher, And Ms. Ashley Sheler, Preschool Teacher. Next month in our newsletter we will have a little more about each Teacher so you can get to know them a little better!

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL FAMILY Father Bergkamp, Mrs. Loescher, Mrs. Carmen and Ms Ashley!!!

PTO INFORMATION:

ALL parents and guardians of SMCS are members of PTO. We want your input and your new ideas! Come to a meeting! Next meeting is September 14 @ 6:30pm in the school cafeteria. Childcare will be provided by middleschool.

Building for a vibrant future!

The school extends from a healthy devotion to a sacramental life, and your parish family. As we enter into Fall, consider attending a parish event or prayer group that you may not have attended in the past, or recently. When you are not at parish events, your parish family misses you!

Thank you for your hearty response to Fr. Bergkamp's and PTO's requests to sign up for Amazon Smile, Dillon's Rewards, and Box Tops for Education! Each of these programs take just a few minutes to set up and use, but benefit the school all year long. Directions for how to sign up for these programs are posted on the school page of the St. Mary website.

Reminders:

Water Bottles

All students are encouraged to bring a water bottle. There is a water bottle filling station at the water fountains if their water bottles are empty.

As a reminder only water is to be brought to school in the water bottles. No flavor packets are to be put in with the water in the water bottles. And no other liquids are allowed to be brought in the water bottles.

Dress for Success!

Dress Code for Students:

Dress is an important factor in the educational environment. At St. Mary, it is believed that personal appearance affects feeling, attitudes, and actions of the students. Parents are expected to use good judgement in sending their children to school dressed appropriately. Clothing should be neat, clean and of proper length and size. Modest and proper grooming affects the attitude and self-image of the students.

The dress code below cannot address every situation and as such St. Mary reserves the right to make decisions on dress attire. Dress for Success!

All students shall wear a school uniform. Both boys and girls must have their shirts tucked in at all times. Belts must always be worn when there are belt loops.

St. Mary recommends parents buy school uniforms from SchoolBelles Uniforms. Parents may purchase items from stores such as Sears, JCPenney or Wal-Mart. Items purchased at stores other than SchoolBelles Uniforms for polo shirts, pants and shorts must resemble SchoolBelles polo/pant/short in style, color and length. Items purchased from stores other than SchoolBelles and not matching the school uniform will not be allowed.

Girls and Boys

Navy Blue Uniform Pant (all year)

Navy Blue Uniform Shorts

Must be longer than the fingertips when standing straight (August-Oct and March-May ONLY)

Girls

Only white, black or navy blue tights knee, bobby or ankle socks

Uniform solid red or white knit shirt with long/short sleeves

No turtlenecks are allowed

Leggings may be worn under the jumper during cold weather

Grades K-4: SchoolBelles Uniform green plaid jumper

Jumpers shall be knee length or longer (all year)

Grades 5-8: SchoolBelles Uniform green plaid skirt

Skirts shall be knee length or longer (all year)

Boys

Solid Red or white knit shirt with long/short sleeves

Only white, navy or black sock - calf or ankle

No turtlenecks allowed

Athletic & Academic League News

It's Fall, or almost Fall, so it is time for Football, Cross Country and Volleyball! We have some 6, 7 and 8th grade students participating in each of these sports this fall. If you happen to see them or go to a game or meet, be sure to cheer them on. They will appreciate your support!

FOOTBALL

Luke Littlejohn 8th grade

CROSS COUNTRY

Koelton Erwin 8th grade

Maddyx Erwin 6th grade

VOLLEYBALL

Penny Weber 6th grade

Sofia Rojas 6th grade

Calista Woerner 8th grade

Natalia Payan 8th grade

Favour Tembei 8th grade

Ashley Acosta 7th grade

Ella Baier 7th grade

Annelyse Baker 7th grade

Mireya Chavez 7th grade

Xitlali Lujano 7th grade

Natalie Muth 7th grade

Sarah Payan 7th grade

Annabelle Smith 7th grade

VOLLEYBALL GAMES

September 10 @ St. Francis

8:30am vs Blessed Sacrament Court #1

10:10am vs St. Jude Court #1

September 17 @Holy Spirit Goddard

12:40pm vs Holy Cross Court #1

1:30pm vs Christ the King Court #2

September 24 @ Holy Cross Lutheran

1:30pm vs St. Margaret Mary Court #1

2:20pm vs All Saints Court #1

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS



Are you aware of an upcoming Harvey County parish event that you would like to share about in the school newsletter? Tell us! Please submit details no later than the 3rd Friday of the month before event happens.

This is an open invitation for any parish member. We look forward to hearing from you for the October newsletter!

Weekly Mass & Confession Schedules

PARISHES OF HARVEY COUNTY



St. Mary

(316)282-0459
106 E. 8th St.
Newton, KS 67114



Our Lady of Guadalupe

(316)283-3499
421 S. Ash St.
Newton, KS 67114



Sacred Heart

(316)830-2818
419 Poplar St.
Halstead, KS 67056

Confession:

Saturday 4:00pm to 5:00pm
(Also 20 minutes before
daily & Sunday Masses)

Monday through Friday 7:30 am
Saturday 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Saturday 4:00pm to 5:00pm

Daily Mass

Tuesday 5:30pm
Wed 8:00am
Thursday 8:00am
Friday 8:00am
Saturday 8:00am
(Latin Mass
1st Sat. of Month)

Monday through Friday 8:00am

Tuesday 5:30pm
Wednesday 8:00am
Thursday 8:00am
Friday 8:00am

Sunday Mass

Saturday 5:30pm
Sunday 8:30am
10:30am

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 9:00am
11:00am
12:30pm Español
(Spanish)

Saturday 5:30pm
Sunday 8:30am
11:00am

SEPTEMBER BREAKFAST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
				1 Pancake on a Stick Cold Cereal or Oatmeal Fruit, Juice, Milk Yogurt, Raisins Graham Cracker	2 Mini Pancakes, Cheese Omelet, Cold Cereal or Oatmeal Fruit, Juice, Milk Yogurt, Raisins Graham Cracker	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	No School Labor Day	Teacher In-Service	1 Saus. Cheese Biscuit or Sausage Gravy & Bisc. Cold Cereal or Oatmeal Fruit, Juice, Milk Yogurt, Raisins, Graham Cracker	8 Pancake on a Stick Cold Cereal or Oatmeal Fruit, Juice, Milk Yogurt, Raisins Graham Cracker	9 Mini Pancakes, Cheese Omelet, Cold Cereal or Oatmeal Fruit, Juice, Milk Yogurt, Raisins Graham Cracker	
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	12 French Toast Strips Cold Cereal or Oatmeal Fruit, Juice, Milk Yogurt, Raisins Graham Cracker	13 Monkey Bread Cold Cereal or Oatmeal Fruit, Juice, Milk Yogurt, Raisins Graham Cracker	14 Saus. Cheese Biscuit or Sausage Gravy & Bisc. Cold Cereal or Oatmeal Fruit, Juice, Milk Yogurt, Raisins, Graham Cracker	15 Pancake on a Stick Cold Cereal or Oatmeal Fruit, Juice, Milk Yogurt, Raisins Graham Cracker	16 Mini Pancakes, Cheese Omelet, Cold Cereal or Oatmeal Fruit, Juice, Milk Yogurt, Raisins Graham Cracker	
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SEPTEMBER LUNCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 DAILY CHOICE	29 No School Labor Day	30 Teacher In-Service	31 Ham & Cheese Sandwich w/Lettuce & Tomato Curly Fries, Baby Carrot Peaches	1 Chicken & Noodles Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Dinner Roll, Milk	2 Chicken Caesar Salad Breadstick Sliced Apples Milk Sherbert	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Rib Sandwich, Tri Tator Green Beans, Peaches	13 Cowboy Cavatini, Ceasar Salad, Peas & Carrots Orange Dinner Roll, Butter Milk	14 Chili, Corn Chips Celery Sticks Cinnamon Roll Fruit Cocktail Shredded Cheese, Milk	15 Popcorn Chicken Oven Fries Steamed Carrots Pears Dinner Roll, Butter, Milk	16 Crispitos, Cheese Sauce Cooked Broccoli Fruit Cocktail Brownie w/Whipped Topping & Sprinkles Milk	17
18	19 Corn Dog, Tri Tator Baked Beans Mandarin Oranges Fresh Broccoli Milk	20 Spaghetti w/Meat sauce Garden Spinach Salad Fresh Grapes Breadsticks Milk	21 Chicken Nugget's Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Green Peas Pineapple Chunks Milk	22 Crispito, Cheese Sauce Corn, Mexican Rice Red Ball Pepper Strips Applesauce Milk	23 Pepperoni Pizza Tossed Salad, Baby Carrots Peaches, Oreos Milk	24
25	26 Teacher In-Service	27 BBQ Meatballs Macaroni & Cheese Peas, Fruit Cocktail Baby Carrots Milk	28 Triton Dunkers Caesar Salad Corn, Peaches Brownie Milk	29 Chicken Tender's Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Green Beans Pineapple Chunks Dinner Roll, Milk	30 Turkey Sandwich Baked Beans, Chips	1