

SMS Parent Guide

2018-2019

Important News

- Kindergarten Meet and Greet - Thursday, August 16, 2018
- Parent Informational Night - Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 6:30
- School picture day - Thursday, September 13, 2018
- School website-**stmb.org**-please visit weekly
- Web page-classroom teachers have pertinent news/information on school website
- Monday message sent by email by our 7th and 8th grade teachers
- Principal communication-Thursday Updates sent weekly by email
- Thursday folders-sent home weekly with school notes and teacher communication
- MAP testing-computerized assessment-September 17-28, January 14-25, April 23-May 3
- PBIS-Positive Behavioral Intervention System
- Catholic Schools Week January 27-February 1, 2019-Kicks off with Sunday Mass then special activities throughout the week to celebrate Catholic education including family lunch, Tuesday, January 29 and Mass with Catholic Central, St. Charles and SMS Preschool on Wednesday, January 30 at 10:00 in the big gym.
- IOWA testing- for grades 3, 5, & 7 - March 4-15, 2019
- Extracurricular athletics offered to grades 5-8 (volleyball, basketball, and track)
- After-school programs offered by volunteer parents

Religious Activities

- Weekly Mass-all grades attend and participate 8:30
- Prayer station in each room-classroom activities include a variety of prayers, reflections, petitions...
- Retreats/prayer services-each grade has one sometime during year
- Service projects-done school wide and by individual grades
- Daily morning prayer-entire school participates 8:10
- Living Rosary-November 20, 2018 at 8:30
- First Reconciliation-February 9, 2019
- Commissioning of First Communicants at Sunday Mass-February 24 at 10:30 Mass
- First Communion Retreat-March 16, 2019 at 9:00 am
- Living Stations during Lent-performed by the fifth grade classes-April 16, 2019
- First Communion-May 5, 2019 at 10:30 Mass
- May Crowning-with second graders as honor guard and eighth grade girls crowning Mary statue-May 6, 2019 at 10:00
- Masses with Catholic Central High School and St. Charles School-September 7 and January 30 at 10:00 in the gym and April 4 at 8:30 in the St. Charles gym

Events/Fundraisers

- Paddy Gras-spring fundraiser at Veteran's Terrace-March 9, 2019
- Soles Walk for Education-Archdiocesan walk for SMS needs-October 20, 2019
- Grandparent Day-Friday, October 26, 2018- Mass through lunch
- Secret Santa-students shop for family members during the school day-December 4 and 5, 2018
- Christmas Program (K-5)-Wednesday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m.
- Band/Chorus Concerts-(6-8) Wednesday, December 19 and (5-8) Wednesday, May 29 both at 7 p.m.
- Daddy/Daughter Dance- Saturday, February 2, 2019
- Cookie dough sale-held in the spring
- Pie Sale-held in the fall
- Coat Drive Love, Inc.-fall
- Cold Hands/Warm Hearts-raise funds for Love, Inc.-September/October
- 7th grade out of uniform days-held once a month to raise money for their 8th grade Washington D.C. trip
- 6th grade snack and water sale- to raise funds for trip to Camp MacLean
- Student Council sponsored events

Volunteer Activities--(Safeguarding training required)

- Paddy Gras-help with planning, set up or various jobs at event-March 9, 2019
- Classroom helpers-assist teachers with projects or work with students(time-your availability)
- Chaperones-help teachers monitor students on field trips
- Lunch helpers-help serve lunch in cafeteria(1 ½ hours)
- Cafeteria supervisors - 11:00-12:00 daily
- Library aide-assist librarian in filing books(as available)
- Academic Pursuit helpers-assist coordinator in conducting try-outs
- Scholastic Book Fair helpers-assist librarian with fair set-up and sales(2-3 hours)
- Battle of the Books helpers-assist coordinator
- Adopt-A-Book helpers-assist librarian in setting up books and sales
- Bakers' Club-bake items for various activities throughout the year
- Home & School Committee-help coordinate various activities(meet 2nd Monday monthly)
- Box Tops Counter-collate and count box tops for classrooms
- Dads' Club member-help with projects around school
- Secret Santa-help with sale of Christmas items for student gift giving(several hours)
- St. Nick's breakfast-help make breakfast, set up and cleanup-December 2(several hours)
- Halloween Family Dance-assist with organizing and set up(2-3 hours)

We are fortunate to be the recipients of four \$1000 grants for our 3rd grade trip to the museum, 4th grade trip to Discovery World and our 6th and 7th grade Junior Achievement experiences:)

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Field Trips

- Apple Holler-September or October
- Milwaukee Public Museum-January or February
- Healthy Kids Club at Aurora Wellness Center-March or April
- Burlington Public Library-June

Special Events

- Thanksgiving Feast-Kindergarten students together
- Birthday Party for Jesus with 8th grade buddies
- Prayer/Reflection day in April with families
- Holiday Centers-Themed activities for the holidays
- Weekly Centers with parent helpers
- Varied Service Projects
- Kindergarten graduation-June 8

First Grade Parent Guide

Field trips

- Golden Rondelle in Racine-free programs with busing paid by SC Johnson
- Live theater performances
- Swan's Pumpkin Farm-trip taken in the fall
- Milwaukee County Zoo-trip during last week of school

Special Events

- Service Project for Love, Inc.-items for Thanksgiving dinner delivered to store
- All Saints Day Mass on November 1-Students dress as saints and tell important information about saint during mass.
- Prayer/Reflection Day-held in May with Mary as the focus of the prayer service

Second Grade Parent Guide

Field trips

- Golden Rondelle in Racine-free programs with busing paid by SC Johnson
- Live theater performances
- Old World Wisconsin

Special Events

- First Reconciliation-February 9, 2019
- Commissioning of First Communicants at Sunday Mass-February 24 at 10:30 Mass

- First Communion Retreat-March 16, 2019 at 9:00 am
- First Communion-May 5, 2019 at 10:30 Mass
- May Crowning-May 6, 2019 at 10:00
- Service Project-Writing letters to parishioners

Third Grade Parent Guide

Field trips

- Golden Rondelle in Racine-free programs with busing paid by SC Johnson
- Milwaukee Public Museum-Scavenger hunt related to topics covered in class

Special Events

- 3rd grade classrooms are in the Stone Church Annex
- Service Project-Go to the Burlington Rehabilitation and Care Center to do activities with the residence throughout the year- Parent drivers are needed
- Christmas Eve Pageant-enactment of the gospel-4:00 Mass December 24
- Liturgical Choir-3rd graders can join after Christmas
- Retreat/Picnic at Echo Park-held in June at Echo Park (Parents are welcome)

Fourth Grade Parent Guide

Field Trips

- Discovery World-October
- Madison Trip (Tour the Capitol and Historical Museum)-Spring
- Golden Rondelle-free programs with busing paid by SC Johnson
- Walking end of the year trip to Dairy Queen-Last week of school

Special Events

- 4th grade classrooms are in the Stone Church Annex
- SCAN program-presenter discusses different types of abuse
- Service Project-collecting 100 canned goods for Love, inc. for the 100th day of school
- Recorder Concert-Spring (During the school day)
- Making Resurrection Rolls-Holy Week
- "Light" Prayer Service-June

Fifth Grade Parent Guide

Field Trips

- Golden Rondelle-free program
- Midway Village Museum in Rockford

Special Events

- Living Stations-April 16, 2019
- Prayer/Reflection Day
- Service Project throughout the year
- Health care professional discusses personal health development
- Begin band if desired, altar servers, school athletics

Sixth Grade Parent Guide

Field Trips

- Fine Arts Field Trip - October 30, 2018
- Junior Achievement Biztown - February 7, 2019
- Camp Maclean-overnight trip in spring

Special Events

- Special classes include physical education, Spanish, and technology at Catholic Central. Students choose between band or chorus, and all take art.
- Fundraising for Camp Maclean throughout the year. Snack and water sales take place during the school day and are monitored by teachers/staff with help from parent volunteers.

Seventh Grade Parent Guide

Field Trips

- Covenant Harbor-team-building activities-October 29, 2018
- Fine Arts Field Trip - October 30, 2018
- Safety Patrol
- Junior Achievement Finance Park-spring (Milwaukee)

Special Events/Activities

- Special classes include physical education, Spanish, and technology at Catholic Central. Students also choose between band, art, chorus and geography as their additional elective.
- Rotation between four teachers for core classes
- Fundraising events for Washington, D.C., throughout the year. Most parent-organized and optional; however, a few take place during the school day and are monitored by teachers/staff.
- Host school carnival as a D.C. fundraising activity-June 6, 2019.
- Participate in the graduation ceremony (candlelight). Seventh grade parents are also asked to plan, organize, and execute the eighth grade graduation breakfast and reception (the evening reception follows the ceremony)-June 4, 2019.

Eighth Grade Parent Guide

Field Trips

- Washington DC includes participation at the Wreath Laying at Arlington-September 26, 27, 28
- Covenant Harbor Ropes Course-October 29, 2018
- Fine Arts Field Trip - October 30, 2018
- Overnight Retreat @ Timber-lee Christian Camp in East Troy-April 30, May 1. Parent chaperones welcome. Parent/student Mass in the evening of the 1st
- Chicago Trip-May 31, 2019

Special Events/Activities

- 8th Grade Fundraising Opportunities-looking for parent involvement
- Service Projects throughout the Year
- Graduation: June 4
 - All School Mass 9:30 am
 - Graduation Ceremony 7:00 pm