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Weekly System Events Calendar

General News

- **Reminder - No school Friday, October 13th. Enjoy your long weekend.**
- St. Mary's Springs Academy is having its **7th annual winter coat** drive through November 13th. Coats and jackets of all sizes and ages, along with mittens, gloves, hats and scarves will all be accepted. Drop off sites at SMSA will be the South office (elementary school) and the North entrance (high school). Anything that is donated will be greatly appreciated. All items will be cleaned by Model Cleaners before being distributed. Please contact 979-9484 with any questions.
- Heads up! Each family will receive their Big Money Raffle tickets at conferences. Don't forget to stop by the North or South Hall Big Money Raffle ticket table where volunteers will be distributing tickets. Tickets will be distributed at the hall where your **YOUNGEST** child attends school.
- There is still one **volunteer opening to help distribute Big Money Raffle tickets** at the Middle School and High School conferences Thursday, October 19th. This is a two hour shift and will fulfill half of your requested volunteer hours. [Sign Up here](#).
- Link to **monthly [calendars](#)**
- For the **Athletics Calendar** please visit the URL below:
http://www.wisconsinflywayconference.org/g5-bin/client.cgi?G5genie=201&school_id=10
- **Host Families Needed!**
 - - Bill, from Korea, 16, is in need of a permanent host family at St Mary's Springs. He is in 10th grade, speaks good English, and is a good student. He will help with chores, and is a very nice boy. The host family receives a generous monthly stipend. Please contact Carrie Schulz at [262-544-1183](tel:262-544-1183) or schulzcarr@aol.com for more information.
 - Central Boarding Academy is also looking for two short-term host families for two sophomore boys at SMSA over the Thanksgiving Break and also over the Christmas Break. Please contact Laura at info@boardingacademy.com if you are interested or have questions.

Scrip

- No news this week

Special System Events

- **Football Family Night: Spread the Word!** Everyone is welcome. Go Ledgers!
 - Friday, October 13th immediately following the Varsity game against Lomira
 - Knights of Columbus Hall
 - Sandwiches, salads, snacks and desserts will be served: \$20 per family and \$7 per person
 - Coaches, Players and Cheerleaders are free
- **FALL BOOK FAIR IS COMING!**
 - Wednesday 10/18 7:30-9 AM & 2:30-6:30PM &
 - Thursday 10/19 7:30-9:00 AM& 2:30-7:30 PM
 - Stop by the 4th floor South Hall Multi-purpose room during Elementary and Middle School Conferences to browse and shop the Fall Book Fair. P3-8th Grade selections available! STOCK UP FOR THE YEAR!

There are still Signup.com ([Click Here!](#)) volunteer opportunities available for the fair!
- **All picture retakes** will be on October 17th starting at 8:00 a.m.
- **HS Music Department's Fall Concert: Wednesday, October 18th, 7:00 pm @ Sacred Heart Church**
 - This concert will feature the Concert Choirs, Vocal Jazz, Jazz Band, & Concert Band. Come check out some great music by the High School Ensembles.
- **Elementary and Middle School Art Department: Original Works Coming Soon**
 - Dear Families: We are excited to announce that Saint Mary's Springs Academy has again teamed up with Original Works, to offer an art-based fundraising program at our school. Through this program, you will have the opportunity to purchase a variety of products featuring your child's very own artwork. Students in Kindergarten through Grade 8 have started creating artwork for this project. This year our theme for our project is "Stained Glass". Students will be bringing their artwork home in the coming weeks, along with order forms and a catalogue. Proceeds of this fundraiser will go right back to the Elementary and Middle School Art Department at SMSA. In years past, we have used money raised to purchase tools and supplies, including two brand new kilns. Look for your student's work at the end of this month! Thank you again for supporting the Art Department at SMSA!
- **System-wide Conferences**

K4-8: Wednesday, October 18th, 4:00-8:00pm.

- K4-5th: Please log into your skyward account to schedule a conference for your child. Follow these simple steps to schedule a time by October 17th.
 - To schedule a conference
 - Log into your skyward account
 - Select teacher conferences from left menu bar
 - All conferences
 - Select a time that works for you
 - To cancel/reschedule a conference
 - Log into your skyward account
 - Select teacher conferences left menu bar
 - View scheduled time
 - Unschedule
 - All conferences
 - Select a new time for child
- 6-8th:
 - MS conferences are an Open House format. Please arrive anytime between 4:00 pm and 8:00 pm. There will be chairs outside of each classroom for you to wait for your turn. Out of respect to other parents and teachers, please keep your conference between 5-7 minutes; if a longer time is needed please set up an appointment time with the teacher.
 - Please review/print your student's schedule from Skyward before you arrive; their teacher names are listed on it.

High School: Thursday, October 19th, 4:00-8:00pm.

- HS conferences are an Open House format. Please arrive anytime between 4:00 pm and 8:00 pm. There will be chairs outside of each classroom for you to wait for your turn. Out of respect to other parents and teachers, please keep your conference between 5-7 minutes; if a longer time is needed, please set up an appointment time with the teacher.

Please review/print your student's schedule from Skyward before you arrive; their teacher's names are listed on it.

Volunteer Information

- SMSA has a new volunteer program for the 2017-2018 academic year. This program requests every family to volunteer a minimum of four (4) hours each year. Please [click here](#) for volunteer opportunities.
 - If you have any questions or suggestions for volunteer activities, please contact Jenny Baker at jbaker@smsacademy.org
- Thank you in advance for supporting SMSA!

School Nurse

- The Fond du Lac County Health Department will be at SMSA on **Thursday, November 2nd from 12:30 pm-3:00 pm** to give flu shots for grades 4K-12. **The mist will not be available this year.** Paperwork is available on our website in October with a final return date by October 26, 2017. It is a one page form from Fond du Lac County to be filled out for each student getting the flu vaccine. The flu vaccine is recommended every year by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This program is provided at no cost to you. Contact Fond du Lac County Health Department at 920-929-3085 or Katie Hellmer, RN at 920-322-3206 or khellmer@smsacademy.org if you have any further questions.

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Elementary News (P3 – Grade 5) & Childcare

Message from the Principal

October is in the air as the leaves begin to change, and we get to see what beautiful colors are hidden within the green foliage. We get a clearer understanding of the tree. Conferences help in the same way. They are used to build understanding of where your student is on his or her educational journey. Thank you for taking time to sign up for a conference time and being partners in their education. If you have not yet done so, don't fret, as you still have a little time.

The Book Fair will be open during conferences up on the 4th floor in the multi-purpose room. Come and investigate and find a new fact or journey to explore.

Also, just a reminder: when dropping of your child/children in the morning in the South lot, please remember to move as far forward as possible to make the system work as smoothly and safely as possible. Thank you for your help.

God Bless,

Mr. Kelnhofer

- **KEEP THOSE BOX TOPS COMING**
Collection sheets are available in your child's classroom or the elementary office.

Upcoming Events

- **SMSA Elementary Halloween Parade and Party:** Friday, October 27th

- 1:15 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.: Costume Parade in the Baker Gym (Parents and friends are welcome!)
 - 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.: Classroom parties
 - Please have your student bring a canned good.
- **Child care will be closed on Oct. 13th due to no school on this day.**

Job Positions/Child Care

- **Part Time:** St. Mary's Springs Academy is seeking individuals who desire an opportunity to work in a supervisory role with children 4 years old through 8th grade. Applicants must be flexible, willing to work as team members, to collaborate with colleagues, and they must complete the Safe Environment Education training. A part-time (10-15 hrs.) position requires availability from 3:30 p.m.-6 p.m. (Mon.-Fri.) most days. Qualified candidates should send a letter of interest, resume and completed application (<http://www.smsacademy.org/jobs.cfm>) to: SMSA, Attn: Steve Kelnhofer, 255 County Road K, Fond du Lac, WI 54937 or to cwiza@smsacademy.org.

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Middle School News

- **Middle School Dance (grades 6-8)**
 - When: Friday October 27th from 4 pm – 6 pm.
 - Where: School Cafeteria
 - Cost: Admission to the dance will be \$1. Admission to dance will be sold during lunch periods on October 16th-20th.
 - Theme: Costume Ball
 - Students are encouraged to wear appropriate costumes, if they wish. More information to come on costume guidelines and appropriateness. Costumes are not required, and if students wish not to wear one, then jeans/khakis and a collared shirt is to be worn.
- **Saturday October 21st is Middle School Night at the Y**
 - Members are free/others \$5
 - Nerf wars/open swim/racquetball
 - See flyers around school for more information

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High School News

- On Monday night, 30 students traveled to Oshkosh West for the first math meet of the year. Zach Welsch medaled in the junior division. Other top scorers were Adam Ringwell, Mario Moreno, Simitrio Arellano, Cade Christensen, Jack Sabel, and Cece Rodriguez. Thanks to all who came! The next math meet is November 13th.

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High School Counseling Department

Upcoming Events/News

- The school counselor will be taking the junior class to the Wisconsin Education Fair on **Monday, October 16th** at Marian University. As many as 100 colleges, universities, technical colleges and the military will be available to provide information and answer questions about their schools and programs. Parents, be watching for a permission slip coming home with your student.
- The **Fond du Lac Chapter of Wisconsin Right to Life is offering 3 cash prizes** to any interested student that is currently between the ages of 13 to 19 with a belief in the right to life from conception to natural death. Essays must be submitted no later than November 15, 2017. Please stop in the Counseling Office for more information.
- A representative from Ripon College will be in the Counseling Office on Tuesday, October 17th during 3rd period. Anyone wanting to learn about Ripon College should bring their planner to the Counseling Office to have it signed as a pass to this event.
- Marian University will be hosting campus visits this fall. You will have the opportunity to taste the food, hear from a panel of students, and meet with faculty, coaches, and staff from their area of interest, followed by a full campus tour. Dates students can choose from are: Friday, October 27th, Saturday, November 11 and Friday, December 1. All Open Houses are 9 am-noon. If interested, please register online at <https://www.marianuniversity.edu/admission-financial-aid/visit/>.
- Parents and students if you are looking for **information about UW colleges in Wisconsin** this website is an excellent starting point. It has answers to many common UW questions. Check it out! <http://uwhelp.wisconsin.edu/parents/index.aspx>
- **Need assistance completing the FAFSA for your senior?** Plan to attend the College Goal WI event on Wednesday, October 18th at 6 pm at Marian University. For more information, please visit www.collegegoalwi.org. More information can be found in the Counseling Office.

- Upcoming **ACT test dates** are October 28, December 9, 2017 and February 10, April 14, June 9 and July 14, 2018. Register at act.org.
- Find the college that's right for you! Start your college search for free at a NACAC National College Fair. **National College Fairs will be in Milwaukee October 15th** from 3 pm-6 pm at the Wisconsin Center. This is a free event that is open to the public. NACAC fairs connect you to hundreds of colleges and universities in one location.
- UW-Fond du Lac is offering an **ACT Strategies Prep Course** on 3 Saturdays: October 28, November 4 and 11 from 8:00-Noon. Cost is \$119 per session. This will be completed in time for the December 9 ACT testing date.
- UW-Oshkosh is offering an **ACT Test Prep course** on Saturday mornings, Oct. 14-Nov. 18 or Jan. 6-Feb. 10, 2018 from 9 a.m.-Noon. Cost is \$200. You may register and find out more information at uwosh.edu/go/actprep or call (920) 424-1129.

Job Opportunities

- Agnesian HealthCare has part time positions available to students. For more information please stop in the Counseling Office. Applications must be filled out online at www.agniesiancareers.com.
- Pump N Pantry is looking to hire both male and female students that are 16 years or older. Hiring for Kitchen Customer Service Staff. Apply at Pump N Pantry.
- South Hills Golf and Country Club is looking for part-time help. Hours vary, probably 20-25 per week. In need of valet and busser. Interested students may call Jackie Runge at 920-921-3636 ext. 103 or jrunge@southhillsfdl.com.
- Red Cabin at Green Acres is a family owned business. We are a very busy bar/supperclub that is open Wednesday through Sunday. We are closed Mondays and Tuesdays. The Support position that I am looking for is made up mostly of high school kids. A couple from each school is always nice; that way when they have school events, I have the other school kids to cover the shifts. We do work around family, church and school events. The job itself consists of washing dishes, bussing and resetting tables, delivering food to the tables alongside the wait staff, making up salads and dishing up soups. We also have the outside tasks of shoveling snow and watering the plants in summer. Would love to have the chance to meet some of the kids from SMS. For more information, please contact Kathy at RCGA at 920-906-9110.

Scholarships

- The Engineers Foundation of Wisconsin has a scholarship available to graduating high school seniors who plan to study engineering at a 4 year accredited program leading to a baccalaureate degree in engineering. More information may be found at <http://www.wspe.org/efwi.shtml>. Or stop in the Counseling Office for more information.

- 40 Days for Life is offering a scholarship for \$4040 for applicants who have participated in the pro-life movement in any capacity. More information is available in the Counseling Office.

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SMSA Community & Booster Clubs

PPA & ABC

- **PPA** - Parents for the Performing Arts includes all parents with students that participate in the performing arts at Springs. Come be part of the action that includes the upcoming fall play, Amateurs.
- Next Meeting, TUESDAY, October 17th, 5:30 pm - SMSA Cafeteria
All parents are welcome!
- **ABC** - Athletic Booster Club or ABC meetings are normally held the SECOND WEDNESDAY of each month. **Minutes from the October meeting will be available on the website soon.**
- We continue look for new parents to get involved with booster club planning and contribute at monthly meetings. The majority of our officers have students who are Seniors and Juniors, which means these parents are reaching the end of their service. Please consider attending an upcoming meeting and getting involved.
- **It is Playoff Season again. Varsity Football and Girls Volleyball are in need of volunteers to cover concessions and admissions for the home playoff games. Please use this link <http://signup.com/go/nHBHOWZ> to volunteer. There are still a few spots open for other sports as well.**

Parent Connectors

Upcoming events

- Weekly Spotlighting of SMSA Staff Members: come spend a half hour of your time, showing your appreciation for our SMSA Staff! There is always a lead person that will be with you to assist!
- Scholastic Book Fair on Wednesday, October 18th & Thursday, October 19th
- Trunk or Treat: Thursday, October 26th; 6 pm – 7 pm in the South Green Parking Lot. Everyone is encouraged to join in the fun and safe Halloween celebration! Children can trick or treat in their Halloween costumes from vehicle to vehicle! Decorating your vehicle is highly encouraged and make sure to bring lots of candy!
- LedgerExpress is on Sunday, December 3rd – Mark your calendars!

- Winter Carnival - Friday, February 9th - we are currently looking for someone to help lead this event! If interested contact either Andrea Nuss (alnuss@charter.net) or Valerie Everson (valerie_everson@yahoo.com).
- If you are interested in helping with any of these upcoming events, please go to the SMSA website and click on the colorful hands volunteer icon!!
- **Spotlight on Staff!**

PRIMARY STAFF

Laurie Ebert

- 2nd Grade Teacher
- Hometown: Fond du Lac
- Graduate of Goodrich High School, Class of 1994 & UW- Oshkosh, Class of 1999

ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE STAFF

Jordana Vasquez

- 6th Grade SS & ELA Teacher
- Hometown: Jerome, Idaho
- Graduate of Utah State University

HIGH SCHOOL STAFF

Debra Sosinski

- Science Teacher
- Hometown: Brownsville, Wisconsin
- Graduate of Lomira High School & Marian University

Jeffrey Thompson

- Mathematics Teacher
- Hometown: Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin
- Graduate of UW-Whitewater & Masters from Eastern Illinois University

OTHER SMSA STAFF

Chris Gilles

- SCRIP/Special Events Coordinator
- Hometown: Fond du Lac
- Graduate of St. Mary's Springs High School & St. Norbert College

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Parish News and Updates

- **Becoming Catholic**

Do you ever ask yourself ...

- What am I looking for in life?
- What is the meaning of my life?
- How can I be a better person?
- What can I do about the loneliness I feel?
- How can I come to know God's love?
- How can I know the right path God has in store for me?

If you are asking these questions, or questions like them, the Catholic way of life awaits you. For centuries people have turned to the Church to find the answer to the deepest and hardest questions of everyday life. Are you interested in finding out more about how to become a Catholic?

- Classes start on Sunday, October 22.
- Please call Sabina Carter if you have questions or would like further information, at 920-921-0580, email scarter@hffdl.org or check out our website: http://www.hffdl.org/becom_catholic/

- **HIKE|EAT|PRAY COME ON A HIKE WITH FR. JOHN: October 14th**

- High schoolers, come bask in the fall colors as we climb Parnell Tower along the Ice Age Scenic National Trail.
- We'll celebrate Mass in the great outdoors, hike about 3.5 miles, have a picnic, and probably play some Ultimate Frisbee!
- *Meet at Holy Family Church at 9:15 am. We'll return about 3:00 pm.
- * *Bring your own bag lunch*
- Permission slips available on the Youth Ministry page at hffdl.org/christian_formation/ Contact Amanda Pohle at apohle@hffdl.org for more information.

- **Children's Liturgy of the Word**

- If you are interested in assisting with Children's Liturgy of the word at St. Mary, St. Peter, or Holy Family, please contact Sabina Carter at scarter@hffdl.org for more information.
- All volunteers must have Safeguarding training.

- **October 24th - Sports Night**

- 6-8pm, Sacred Heart Gym
- Contact Amanda Pohle at apohle@hffdl.org for more information.

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Fond du Lac Community Events

- Fond du Lac Recreation Department: "Jump Rope Workshop"
@ <http://fdlrecdept.recdesk.com//recdeskportal/fdlrecdept/ProgramDetail/tabid/3933/default.aspx?ProgramID=1842&mode=1>

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