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Weekly System Events Calendar

General News

- SMSA High School Band, Chorus, and Jazz students will once again be selling beautiful red poinsettias from Haentze Floral. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, or tickets, to redeem for a poinsettia, contact a High School music student. These tickets also make great gifts. Tickets will be \$15.00 each. You simply take your ticket to Haentze Floral and pick out your gorgeous red poinsettia. Your support is greatly appreciated as a portion of the sale will be used to help fund trips for these groups, especially for those going to Ireland this year! If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Christensen at brendacarlc@gmail.com or call [920-979-1214](tel:920-979-1214). The sale will run from November 1 - November 30.
- On Saturday, October 21, over 8000 thousand walkers from all over the Archdiocese of Milwaukee laced up their shoes and walked in the fifth annual **Soles for Catholic Education Walk**, to celebrate Catholic schools and raise money for tuition assistance. The money raised by walkers, stay with their schools to help reduce the cost of tuition!

SMSA, along with the other high schools in the diocese, handed out treats to the walkers as they made their way along the route. A great time had by all!
- **Big Money Raffle:** For those of you who were not able to pick up your Big Money Raffle tickets at conferences last week, please check your youngest student's backpack as tickets were distributed to them from their homeroom teacher. Please show your support of SMSA by doing your part to sell and/or purchase these tickets. The system relies on your involvement to make this fundraising raffle a success. All proceeds go directly to the SMSA Annual Fund which offsets the operational costs fo St. Mary's Springs Academy. Thank you!
- The book fair was a HUGE success! THANK YOU to the Elementary, Middle and High school families for their support in getting numerous books into the hands of our kids! Thank you to all of the volunteers who gave of their time for set up, running the fair and closing it down; without you we couldn't have done it! As a result, our teachers and Library were able to receive over \$1,500 worth of books for their classes, our reading room and our library shelves! And with the success of this fair, we have continued to increase our scholastic dollars account for future books and educational materials for our school! If you would like to be part of the planning, and organizing of the Book Fair, please email Jen Kebble (jcbmlkebble@att.net) to learn more about committee opportunities!
- AND Mark your calendars for SANTA'S BOOKSHOP - a one-day fair on December 3rd at Ledger Express!

- **Basketball Fans - Nike and Under Armour Gear Available**

It's that time of year again and basketball season is just around the corner. Get the latest gear available this year by clicking on the link below. The sale runs from 10/16 - 10/30 and all orders should arrive before Christmas. Support the Ledgers and Junior Ledgers basketball teams this season by wearing new Ledger apparel.

- **Shop Now:**

- https://www.bsnteamssports.com/v3/shop/team_shop/SPRINGS201

- 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.

- 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!**

- Central Boarding Academy is 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

- Just a reminder that Scrip is a fundraising program for SMSA but it also benefits your family. Purchase gift cards for hundreds of retailers (who offer a rebate to the program) at the Scrip office. 35% of this rebate can be used to offset your student's SMSA tuition - or it can be used at ANY tuition based school (college, tech school, etc.) and 65% of the rebate goes to the SMSA annual fund which offsets the operational costs of the system. Stop by the Scrip office to learn more about this fantastic program. It's a WIN-WIN! Scrip hours are
 - **Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8am – Noon;**
 - **Tuesday, Thursday: Noon - 4pm.**

Special System Events

- The SMSA girls' varsity volleyball team won the Regional Championship last Saturday over Markesan. The Ledgers move on to the Sectional semi-final vs WLA on Thursday,

October 26th at 7:00 pm. The match will be played at Laconia. Please come out and support the team!

- **GobbleFest19**

SMSA will be selling GobbleFest tickets this year. Ticket cost is \$10 each and \$5 of each ticket sold will go directly to support the music department's trip to Ireland. GobbleFest will take place Wednesday Nov. 22nd at the Shack. Doors open at 6:30pm and features D. Willy & The Souvenirs followed by Boggie & the Yo-Yo's. Tickets for the event are \$12 at the door. You can purchase tickets at both SMSA offices and the Scrip Office.

- **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!

Volunteer Information

- Please [click here](#) for volunteer opportunities.
 - If you have any questions or suggestions for volunteer activities, please contact Jenny Baker at jbaker@smsacademy.orgThank 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 with a final return date by, today, 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.

- **We are in need of 3-4 volunteers to help the flu clinic run smoothly.** If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Katie Hellmer.

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Elementary News (P3 – Grade 5) & Childcare

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Thank you for participating in conference night and for being partners in your child's/children's education. The teachers were excited to share all the learning, potential growth areas, and achievements being experienced at SMSA!

Please have your child/children prepared to go outside for recess as the weather is cooling off. It's a beautiful time to enjoy the scenery of the LEDGE!

A quick reminder that the playground holding area used before school starts at 7:30 am and concludes at 7:45 am. This is the time we will have supervision on the playground. At times when God plans to clean the Earth with rain, students may come right inside starting at 7:35 am.

When students are released from school at the conclusion of the school day, please help us keep everyone safe by using the crosswalk and the sidewalk area to access vehicles when walking to them, and please, walk with your child/children. Thank you.

November 3rd is the end of the First Quarter of our school year. The year is off to a fantastic start! Thank you for being part of our SMSA family!

God Bless,

Mr. K.

Red Ribbon Week Concludes Tomorrow

Thank you for being partners with us as we help cultivate a future that is aware and thoughtful in decision making.

- **A Message from the Elementary School Counselor, Mary Anderson:**

As promoted in last week's eLedger, **Red Ribbon Week** will be celebrated through tomorrow, October 27th.

- St. Mary's Springs Academy invites your students in grades **K-5** to join us in celebrating healthy choices and choosing to say "No" to drugs, alcohol and unsafe behavior. Throughout the week, we shared with your students special messages, dress up days, pledges and activities to promote a healthy lifestyle.

The message for tomorrow is listed below for classroom/homeroom teachers to share with our students at the beginning of the day

- **Friday, October 27 – "Say BOO to Drugs"**
Students and staff are able to bring their Halloween costumes to school and change into them during the afternoon. Students should arrive at school in their uniforms.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication and support to your student's education. We at St. Mary's Springs Academy make it a priority that each student is given the tools to learn and grow academically, socially, and emotionally.

Please contact Mary Anderson with any questions regarding Red Ribbon Week activities.

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

Upcoming Events

- **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! (from the Parent Connectors)
- **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.

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.
- Theme: Costume Ball
- Students are encouraged to wear appropriate costumes, if they wish. Costumes are not required, and if students wish not to wear one, then jeans/khakis and a collared shirt is to be worn.

In an effort to enjoy and celebrate Halloween at SMSA appropriately, respectfully, and in accordance with school expectations, we ask that students use the following guidelines when selecting a costume.

Costume Expectations:

1. No head coverings or masks that conceal the identity of the student. Staff members must be able to identify students immediately.
2. No costumes that are demonic, provocative, revealing, sexual in nature, or employ questionable props.
3. No costumes that depict violence, alcohol, or drugs. Fake weapons are not allowed.
4. No costumes that could be offensive or perpetuate a stereotype of someone's culture, gender, heritage, or religion.
5. No religious or political costumes.
6. No costumes depicting any SMSA employee, including coaches or volunteers.

Students wearing questionable costumes will be asked to change into normal school attire. If you have any questions regarding the appropriateness of your costume idea, we encourage you to speak to Mr. Smith or Dr. Shively prior to the event.

COSTUME BALL "BEST COSTUMES" CONTEST:

There will be prizes awarded for the following categories.

- Most Creative: original idea using your own materials/household supplies, etc.

- Best Literary/Movie character: dress as your favorite fictional character
- Best Duo/Group: pair up with a friend or group

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High School News

- **SMSA Spanish Club presents “BOO-GIE ON THE LEDGE”!!** November 11th from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. This is a Halloween Party at SMSA featuring live music by ORANGE AFTERNOON.
 - Costume Contest
 - Salsa Lessons/Dance Competition
 - Activities/Games/Competitions
 - Food and Drinks included
 - \$5 per person
 - Guests are welcome with SMSA Dance permission form
 - Jeans/Sweatpants Day for the class with the most paid tickets by Nov. 1st.

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High School Counseling Department

Upcoming Events/News

- 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.
- 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>

- Upcoming **ACT test dates** are October 28, December 9, 2017 and February 10, April 14, June 9 and July 14, 2018. Register at www.act.org.
- 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, on Jan. 6-Feb. 10, 2018 from 9 a.m.-Noon. Cost is \$200. You may register and find out more information at <https://oce.uwosh.edu/personal-and-professional-development-programs/youth-programs/act-test-prep-course/> 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.agnesiancareers.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 Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship is available in the Counseling Office. You do not need to be a member or a dependent of an Elk to qualify. More information in the Counseling Office.
- The P.E.O. Chapter BD Scholarship is available for graduating senior girls who have financial need, who plan on attending college and graduating from a Fond du Lac County high school.
- 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 \$4,040 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. Meetings are usually held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.
- Minutes available soon.

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 are available on the website.**
- 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.

Parent Connectors

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- LedgerExpress is on Sunday, December 3rd from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm– Mark your calendars!
- Winter Carnival - Friday, February 9th - we are currently looking for someone to help lead this family fun 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!**

ELEMENTARY

Marissa McNamara

- 5th Grade Teacher
- Hometown: Chesterton, Indiana
- Graduated from Chesterton High School & Valparaiso University

ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE STAFF

Ashley Rhodaback

- Physical Education/ Health Teacher Grades 5th-8th
- Hometown: Akron, Ohio
- Graduated from Uniontown Lake High School & Kent State University

HIGH SCHOOL STAFF

Brian Allen

- High School Science Teacher
- Hometown: Watertown, Wisconsin
- Graduated from Watertown Senior High & UW-Oshkosh

OTHER SMSA STAFF

Kelly Mueller

- Enrollment Coordinator
- Hometown: Brookfield, Wisconsin
- Graduated from Brookfield East High School & Northwestern University

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Parish News and Updates

- **Calling all 11th graders!**
Confirmation Session 2: October 29th
 - Sacred Heart School
 - 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.
 - Modules 1-3 should be completed before this session.

- Contact Amanda Pohle at apohle@hffdl.org for more details.
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word**
 - If you are interested in assisting with Children's Liturgy of the Word at St. Mary's, St. Peter's, or Holy Family's site/s, please contact Amanda Cords at acords@hffdl.org
 - All adult volunteers must have Safeguarding training.

- **November 2**

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St. Mary's Site

7:30 Adoration and Reconciliation, 8:00 Mass

Please note time change. Please wait until the Day of the Dead Mass is finished before entering Church.

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Fond du Lac Community Events

- **Christ Child Craft Sale – Make a Difference Day**
Woodlands Senior Park is hosting a craft sale to benefit the Christ Child Society on “Make a Difference Day”, Saturday, October 28th from 10 am – 4 pm and Sunday, October 29th from Noon – 3 pm at 87 Wisconsin American Drive, Fond du Lac. A variety of unique craft items, quilts, and afghans made by the residents and members of the Christ Child Society will be for sale. A themed basket raffle will also be available.
- The Christ Child Society was founded in 1887 by Mary Virginia Merrick who dedicated her life to making a difference in the lives of impoverished children. The Fond du Lac Chapter of the Christ Child Society provides layettes to needy families and single mothers; and also many other child related causes in the community. Please help us continue Mary Virginia Merrick's legacy by supporting our sale.
- For questions: Contact Mary Schmitz at 922-8770

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