

SMCS News Update for January 16 - 22, 2020

Mission Prayer: *Dear Jesus, Please help me be friendly, respectful, responsible, and Christ-like. Amen.*

Due tomorrow, January 17, 2020: All money and any unsold CSW chicken strip meal tickets are due in the office by 3:00 p.m. If you need additional tickets before this deadline, these can be picked up at Main Street Professional Suites in town - call Amy Berger 979-732-7624, or you may stop by the school office between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to purchase tickets - we have a limited amount in the office.

Children's Mass: Tomorrow's Mass will be led by students in grade 5. All are welcome to join us.

Student Holiday/Faculty Spiritual Retreat: The school will be closed on Monday, January 20, 2020. Support staff and students will be on holiday while faculty and teacher aides will be on spiritual retreat in Dubina. The retreat theme is "Love, Forgiveness, and Kindness." Please pray for our faculty and aides who will be on retreat and for those who will be on holiday.

ART AFTER School News - Note the Change in Date: Classes will begin after school at 3:45 p.m. on Monday, January 27 for the spring semester. All students need to be picked up by 5:00 p.m.

Day of Prayer: This is the anniversary of *Roe v Wade, 1973*, the Supreme Court decision stating women in the U.S. have a right to choose to have an abortion without excessive government restriction thus making Texas's abortion ban at that time in history, unconstitutional. The Church teaches that the deliberate termination of pregnancy by killing the unborn child, willed as either an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law (CCC2271.) Please consider praying on the hour or at designated times throughout the day for the legal protection of unborn children.

Rosary: Next week, Friday, January 24, students in grade 5 will lead a rosary at 3:00 p.m. in the church. Please pray for the respect for all life from conception to natural death.

Box tops and Receipts: Congratulations! Grade 8 has earned a *free dress* day for turning in the most box tops and receipts for December. Check with your homeroom teacher to choose your date.

Sports Update:

Monday, 1/20/2020

Girls' Team Bonding and Practice 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.: Lady Swords are to be dropped off at Leticia's at 2:00 p.m. - they will need money for their meal and drink. Pick up by 6:00 p.m. at the gym.

Boys' Practice from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 1/21/2020

Basketball pictures and (combined) practice for both boys and girls from 2:45 - 5:00 p.m. Students who also have a PSIA practice will be allowed to go to that practice and then return to basketball practice.

Wednesday, 1/22/2020 - regular practice times

Thursday, 1/23/2020 - Swords teams travel to El Campo to play St. Philip, girls' game begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by the boys' game. (Girls will be traveling by bus.)

Coming soon - KC Free Throw Contest - be on the lookout for the date.

SMCS will celebrate *Catholic Schools Week January 26 - 31, 2020*: An event schedule with dates and times will go home with students next week, but you can **start planning what to wear now**. On 1/27 Monday - wear red, white, and/or blue and then green out at the Swords home game vs Sacred Heart; 1/28 Tuesday - twins, triplets, quadruplets - dress alike and join as one big family to watch the boys vs girls basketball game followed by potluck supper; 1/29 Wednesday - pajamas all day and into the night; Student Council will host a movie night; and 1/30 Thursday - college day - wear your favorite college t-shirt. Students will be battling faculty and staff in friendly competition all week long to see who can collect the most money to determine who will dress up as if it's the 1980s. A shout out to those parents and faculty born at the end of the *baby boomer generation* and at the beginning of *the Generation X* decade! What's your favorite 80s song?

HSA News:

Don't miss the *CSW drive-thru dinner* ticket turn-in due date, tomorrow by 3:00 p.m. Workers are still needed for the drive-thru meal on Sunday, January 26. Please offer to serve and work this important fundraising event.

Catholic Life tickets are still available to be sold - final turn in for these tickets is Friday, January 24.

Point System letters went home with students today to those families who owe money toward their fall points (working and/or selling) to cover their first semester tuition subsidy. Payments are due in the school office by Friday, January 24.

What is your favorite quote by Dr. Martin Luth King, Jr.? Check out: 123 of the Most Powerful Martin Luther King Jr. Quotes Ever by Hannah Hutyra

<https://www.keepinspiring.me/martin-luther-king-jr-quotes/>

Here are just a few:

“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education.”

“We must build dikes of courage to hold back the flood of fear.”

"People fail to get along because they fear each other; they fear each other because they don't know each other; they don't know each other because they have not communicated with each other."

MARTIN LUTHER
KING JR.



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Don't forget to love God with your whole heart and love your neighbor, too.

Have a great weekend!

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