



# The Upbeat

Newsletter for Parents & Friends of St. Mary's High School and Academy Music Students & Faculty

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 🎵 October 12: Marching Saints perform for the Fall Educator's Conference 7:45 a.m. @ Bismarck Events Center
- 🎵 October 12: FB vs. Central Cass @ 7:00 p.m. Pep Band report @ 6:20 p.m.
- 🎵 October 14: Music Parents Meeting @ 9am
- 🎵 October 25: High School and Academy Fall Choir Concert @ 7pm
- 🎵 October 27: Academy Jazz Band performs at St. Gabriel's Community Care Center (morning performance)

All parents of band and choir students are considered part of the SMCHS Music Parents Association. This includes **all Academy and High School** bands, steel drum band, and all choirs. Our work supports not only our children in the music program, but also their instructors. Please attend our meetings to find out how you can share your time and talent to make the SMCHS Music Program the best in the state. Meeting dates and times, along with board members and minutes from the meetings, are found under the "parents" tab on the school website ([www.smchs.org](http://www.smchs.org)) We look forward to seeing you!

## HS Band News:

The Marching Saints performed in the Bismarck/Mandan AutumnFest Parade on September 16th. Their performance of *I Love Rock and Roll* was a crowd favorite! The Marching Saints will have their next performance at the North Dakota Fall Educator's Conference on October 12th at the Bismarck Events Center. We invite you to come out and support our students!

High School All-State auditions will take place during the first weekend in January. Please continue to encourage your child to practice for their audition.



## Choir News:

**COMMUNITY**  
DAYS 2017



**COMMUNITYDAYS2017**

Wednesday, November 8 – Saturday, November 11

**COMMUNITY DAYS SALE EVENT:**

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 8 - SATURDAY, NOV. 11, 2017**

Coupon booklets for Community Days are valid on these dates at all store locations.

❁ **BON•TON** ❁ *Bergner's* ❁ *Boston Store* ❁ *Carson's* ❁ *Elder-Beerman* ❁ *Herberger's* ❁ *Younkers*

Our Choir students are selling the Community Days Booklets. The books contain \$500 in coupons and they have a \$10 off, which gives you \$ back right away. The students are selling the booklets for \$5 each. The great thing is that 100% goes directly to the student that is selling. Please assist our vocalists and consider purchasing a booklet. If you would like to purchase directly from the choir office and designate your donation to a particular student, call Vicky R. Boechler at 701-223-4113 #420 and send your \$5 to the school.



The Homecoming Brunch was a wonderful success! Thank you to all who attended, enjoyed the meal, and volunteered. This definitely took a full family of volunteers! So many wonderful hands on deck... The menu was well received. The brunch was efficient, delicious, and enjoyable. Thanks especially to our chef, Eric Rose, and his two main assistants, Celia Sattler, and Melissa Rapp. We also had a great time in the kitchen assembling the french toast bakes and the cheesy egg casseroles. Thanks to Kari Stromme for heading that process up on

Saturday. If you are interested in the specifics about the proceeds, which go to the choir for their June 2018 California Performance Tour, please attend the Music Parent Meeting on October 14 at 9 am in the music room.

Congratulations to Charles Reichert who was selected by audition to sing in the NDSU Chamber Choir at the NDSU Choral Festival. Charles sang "Die Beiden Grenadiere" and submitted the solo to Dr. JoAnn Miller who will conduct the choir. 18 Singing Saints will be singing at the festival. The following are members of the Mixed Choir, conducted by Tim Sharp, the Executive Director of the American Choral Director's Association: Victoria Windsor, Erynn Dunnigan, Samantha Heen, Madisyn Rusch, Chase Angermeier, Daniel Balcom, Joel Bry, Ben Ryberg, and Ben Wood. The Women's Choir is conducted by Dr. Charlette Moe: Kennedy Black, Clare Schnaible, Grace Keller, Grace Vetter, Alexis Maher, and Megha Bharadwaj. Dr. Mike Weber conducts the men and we are taking: Dreyson Owens and John Goettle. The students work together with singers from three states on the campus of NDSU October 8-9. The final concert is free and open to the public in Reineke Fine Arts Center at 5 pm on Monday, October 9.

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Our Fall Choirs Concert will be held on October 25<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in the SMCHS Gym. This concert will include the Academy Choirs, grade 7 mixed and grade 8 mixed, conducted by Mr. Craig Goettle; the SMCHS Concert Choir, and the St. Mary's Blues, conducted by Mrs. Vicky R. Boechler. There will be a reception following the performance. If you are interested in supporting the high school and middle school choirs and bands at Light of Christ Schools, consider purchasing your Maestro Ticket before October 25. Questions about the Maestro Club, contact Mrs. Anne Chambers.



The Concert Choir will be working shifts at the Pumpkin Patch Thursday October 19: 11:30 – 3:15 and 3 – 5 pm. We need 18 workers and some of those will need to be adults. Contact Vicky R. Boechler to fill shifts. Proceeds from volunteer shifts go directly to students working the shifts.



Save the date! There will be an Art & Wine night at Theo Art School on November 15 at 7PM. Details and invites will follow. If this night is a success, we'll consider adding more. Please note: this is only available to those over 21. Proceeds to be given to the Concert Choir for their 2018 California Performance Tour.



### *Academy Band News:*

JH All-State recordings will take place during the month of **November**. Please continue to encourage your child to practice and try out!

### *Steel Drum News:*


The Steel Drum Band performed September 23<sup>rd</sup> at AppleFest. Despite the cold temps they had quite a crowd watching their hour long performance.





## Where can I find information?

Here are all the places you can find information to stay up to date on band and choir events!

- ♪ [www.smchs.org](http://www.smchs.org) – click on “Parents” and then either “music parents association” or “upbeat”
- ♪ [www.lightofchristschools.org](http://www.lightofchristschools.org) – under “Our Schools”, you will find links for both the Academy and SMCHS
- ♪  Facebook – “like” the SMCHS Music Parents Association - <https://www.facebook.com/smchsmusic/>
- ♪ If you have anything you would like added to future Upbeat issues, please email our Media Relations Coordinator at [diarutter@hotmail.com](mailto:diarutter@hotmail.com) .

## MAESTRO CLUB MEMBERSHIP

It is our privilege to personally invite you to become a member of the St. Mary's Central High School Music Department *Maestro* Club. Our *Maestro* members consist of generous donors who contribute \$25 or more to help sponsor and support the needs of the SMCHS Music Department. All members who participate in the *Maestro* Club will be identified in the concert programs based on levels of contribution. Below are the levels of participation in *Maestro* Club:

Performer \$25 - \$99

Conductor \$100 - \$199

Composer \$200 - \$299

Maestro \$300+

**NEW this year!** Three names will be drawn during each concert providing the opportunity for VIP seating at a concert of your choice!

Finally, it's important to note that your contribution as a *Maestro* Club member is **Tax Deductible**. Don't delay and become a *Maestro* Club member today! Please send your payment payable to the SMCHS Music Department in the amount of your choice. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Chambers for more information at 223-4113.