

Calendar Helper for 2019-2020

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Event	Date for 2019-20 School Year	Who Attends/ Participates	Description
Packet Day	August 4	Families	All families come to school to complete paperwork and place orders for the school year. Online payment system WeShare as well as checks are welcome.
Preschool Parent Meeting	August 14	Parents only	Presentation by principal and classroom teachers for parents of incoming Pre-schoolers. Held at school.
Kindergarten Parent Meeting	August 15	Parents only	Presentation by principal and classroom teachers for parents of incoming Kindergarteners. Held at school.
Open House for families	August 25	Parents and children	Families are invited to visit their children's classrooms and meet their teachers. Students may also drop off school supplies on this day.
6 th , 7 th & 8 th grade orientation for students 6 th grade Parent Meeting	August 20	Students and Parents	The students will meet with the middle school teachers to set expectations and for team building exercises. During that time, the parents will have a meeting.
First half-days of school Aftercare begins on 1 st day.	August 26 and 27	School will end before lunch at 12:15	*For parents of incoming Kindergarteners and Preschoolers: the classes are split in half for the first four days Children whose last names begin with A through K attend Mon/Wed, and last names L through Z attend Tues/ Thurs, with Friday being the first day that all children in the class attend together. If your child is attending aftercare, please send a lunch with them that day.
Back to School Night	August 29: Grades 6-8; September 4: Grades 1-5	Parents only	Presentation by principal and classroom teachers for parents, begins in cafeteria.
Back to School Happy Hour	September 7 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Families	A social, pot-luck-style gathering all school families to celebrate the beginning of the school year. You bring a snack to share and a chair to sit, while the PTA provides the drinks.
ADL dinners	September 12 November 13 February 20 April 28	SMOS Families	Anti-defamation league dinner and dialogue – conversations on race relations, diversity and inclusion.
School Board Meetings	Third Wednesday of each month during the school year	Board Members	The SMOS School Board meets monthly to address school issues and coordinate with the school administration. Non-board members are welcome to attend by request of the school board president.
Pet Blessing	October 3	School and parish families and pets	School and parish families bring pets, stuffed animals, or photos to be blessed for the Feast of St. Francis. Occurs outside on the school parking lot.
6 th Grade Camp	October 9 - 11	All 6 th graders	Students travel to Camp Sherwood Forest for 4 days, 3 overnights, of community building activities. Cost will be announced; scholarships available.

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Walk-a-Thon	October 19	Families	In this school-wide fundraiser, students gather pledges based on estimates of distances they will walk. The walking takes place during the morning and into the afternoon in Tower Grove Park. Lunch and snacks are sold.
Parent Meeting - First Reconciliation	October 14	Parents of 2 nd graders only	Meeting for second grade parents who are preparing their children for Catholic sacraments.
Halloween Fest	October 31	Families	This is an 8 th grade class fundraiser held during school to support the 8 th grade class graduation dinner and mystery trip. Halloween Fest is a carnival-like event.
Parent Teacher Conferences	November 6 & 7 March 11 & 12	All Parents *	Meet one-on-one with your child's teacher(s) to discuss your child's current progress. *In 3 rd - 8 th grades, students are invited to attend as well.
St. Margaret's Market	November 22	SMOS Families	Various vendors participate in a holiday shopping event which benefits our school library.
Open House	January 26	Prospective Families	Prospective families can tour the school and speak with staff, parents, and students.
Trivia Night	February 22	Adults Only	Annual PTA fundraiser is held in the school gym.
SMART Fair	March 4	Students & Families	Students display their completed research projects at the school. Other activities, such as Lego robotics team demonstrations and the 3rd grade Living Museum often also occur.
Parent Meeting - First Communion	March 5	Parents of 2nd Graders only	Meeting for second grade parents preparing their children for the Sacrament of First Communion.
Parent-Child PTA Event	March 7	Parents and Children	A parent-child dance is annually sponsored by the PTA. It rotates each year between Mother-Son, Father-Daughter and whole family. A child may attend with any significant adult, does not need to be father/mother.
Auction	During the 2020-2021 academic year	Adults	A biennial fundraiser including dinner and drinks, as well as a silent and oral auction.
VIP Day	April 24	Student and VIP(s)	Very Important Person Day - grandparents or other very important persons are invited to come to the school for class visits and other activities.
First Communion	April 26	2nd Grade Families	Second grade students who are Catholic receive the sacrament of First Communion.
2nd Grade Picnic	April 27	2nd Grade Families	All 2 nd grade students have a picnic in Tower Grove Park (if weather permits) to celebrate the sacrament of First Communion. Hosted by 2nd grade families.
Parish and School Picnic	May 15	SMOS Families & Parishioners	SMOS parishioners and school families celebrate the end of the school year with an evening meal, drinks, and fun in Tower Grove park.

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On-Going Events Throughout the School Year

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Mass	See calendar	K through 8 th , with preschool only on specified days	K through 8 students attending Mass gather outside the Church from 7:30 to 7:45 (preschoolers gather in Church Hall). At 7:45, all enter the church. Mass begins at 8:00. After Mass, students walk back to school together - rain or shine. Family members are always welcome to attend.
PTA Pizza Day	Ongoing Throughout School Year	Voluntary	Most Fridays of the school year (see calendar for dates), the SMOS PTA sponsors a Pizza Day option for lunch, which is staffed by parent volunteers. If you purchase pizza lunch for your child, he or she will receive the # of pieces of pizza ordered, as well as unlimited vegetables and oranges (or another fruit for that week). Info available at Packet Day, including each classroom's assigned weeks for parent volunteers.
PTA Meetings	Second Tuesday of Each Month during the school year	Interested Parents	The SMOS PTA meets monthly to plan and coordinate events and issues that support SMOS families and teachers. All teachers, parents and guardians are welcome to attend. Meetings held in school cafeteria.
School Board Meetings	Third Wednesday of each month during the school year	Board Members	The SMOS School Board meets monthly to address school issues and coordinate with the school administration. Non-board members are welcome to attend by request of the school board president.
Parent Breakfast	One per grade, check the calendar for your child's date	Parents and school children	Parents are invited to bring in breakfast and share time with their child and their child's class.