

# St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School

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## HAWK HERALD



*Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

**OCTOBER 15, 2024**

Dear St. Mary Magdalen Families,

I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful fall weather. It certainly could not have been any more perfect for our Homecoming weekend. Thank you to everyone involved for planning such a wonderful celebration of our school and parish! Thanks, too, for your amazing generosity for our SFA fundraiser. Close to \$5K was collected to help the teachers rebuild their classrooms. Please continue to keep the St. Francis community in your prayers.

Mary, Queen of Peace, guide and protect us. St. Mary Magdalen, pray for us!

Fondly,

*Mrs. Amy Bauer*

*Principal*

## Important Information

- October Stewardship – Coat Drive! Please see the attached flyer for information.
- An email regarding Parental Informed Consent was sent home today. Please complete these forms as soon as possible and no later than Wednesday, 10/23. Thank you!
- BOTH NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER HOT LUNCH IS OPEN! Ordering for November will close on 10/30 and on 11/27 for December.
- Please save the date 2/22/25. Father Eric has arranged for an evening of fellowship and conversation with Anna Moreland and Tom Smith, authors of the *The Young Adult Playbook*. More information to follow; we hope you can join us.
- If you are on social media, be sure to follow St. Mary Magdalen School and Hawks – Parent Page on Facebook and @stmarymagdalen\_school on Instagram.

## Picture Day

Picture Day for all students is on Wednesday, October 23. We are partnering with Barksdale School Portraits for this year's pictures. Students should be in their formal/winter uniforms for Picture Day. The ordering instructions are attached for your information. A printed copy of the instructions and order form will be sent home in tomorrow's Communication Envelope. Please read the ordering instructions carefully. **Please note that payment is due on Picture Day. Each student must present the order envelope indicating the method of payment to the photographer in order to get his/her picture taken.**

If you have any questions regarding ordering or payment, please contact Barksdale at 800-220-7667.

## Save-A-Seat for 2025-2026

Before opening applications to new families, we need to have an idea of any returning and new students of families who currently have a child(ren) in St. Mary Magdalen School.

Please complete the Save-A-Seat form that will be included in tomorrow's Communication Envelope for your returning student(s) in Grades Pre-K 4 through Grade 3. A copy of the form is also attached for your information. If you have a new child entering SMM, please complete the Prospective Students section of the form, as well. **If this form is not returned to the school office by October 28<sup>th</sup>, we cannot guarantee a spot for your child for next year.**

## H&S Fundraisers

Please see the attachments for some fun and yummy fundraisers to benefit the faculty, staff, and students of SMM. You can enjoy the NFL Family Football Gameshow from the comfort of your own home on 10/20. Cherrydale catalogs were sent home a few weeks ago. You can shop online at [www.ShopFund.com](http://www.ShopFund.com). The fundraiser ends on 10/30.

## Important Dates

- Wednesday, 10/16 – Home & School General Meeting
- Monday, 10/21 – Formal uniforms begin
- Wednesday, 10/23 – Picture Day; Popcorn Wednesday
- Friday, 10/25 – Progress Reports sent home via email; Middle School Halloween Dance
- Saturday, 10/26 – SMM Trunk or Treat
- Wednesday, 10/30 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade field trip to Merrymead Farm
- **Thursday, 10/31 – Pre-K & K costume parade @ 8:15 am; 1<sup>st</sup> grade All Saints Prayer Service @ 1 pm in the church; Halloween parties in the classrooms @ 2 pm**
- Friday, 11/1 – All Saints Day/NO SCHOOL

*\*\*\*Thursday, 10/31 – HALLOWEEN DRESS DOWN: ALL students may dress in orange, black, and/or Halloween attire. Only students in grades Pre-K and Kindergarten are permitted to wear costumes. These students will wear their costumes over their clothes and parade outside for parents (weather-permitting) and throughout the school for the students and teachers beginning at 8:15 am. We will have our Saints Prayer Service in the church at 1 pm. The 1<sup>st</sup> grade students will dress as their patron saints. All are welcome to attend. Classroom Halloween parties for Pre-K students will be at 10 am and all others will be at 2 pm. We are looking forward to a wonderful Halloween at SMM!*

## Attachments

- 1) Picture Day 2024
- 2) H&S Hawk Happenings
- 3) October calendar
- 4) NFL fundraising event
- 5) 10/16 Home & School Meeting
- 6) Middle School Halloween Dance
- 7) SMM Trunk or Treat
- 8) October Stewardship – COAT DRIVE
- 9) Save-a-Seat 2025-26

***Enjoy the beauty and fun that fall brings!***

