

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School

Passionately Catholic & Academically Excellent

HAWK HERALD



FEBRUARY 28, 2025

Dear St. Mary Magdalen Families,

Here we are at the end of another month! There were so many great events and happenings at SMM during the month of February, especially our daily focus on our virtue of love for others as a reflection of God's love for all of us. May this love continue to guide us during the Lenten season. Please consider joining us at Ash Wednesday Mass next week as we begin our Lenten journeys as a school community.

There is A LOT going on at SMM over the next few weeks/months. Please take some time to read through the Hawk Herald and the attachments. We are so grateful for your participation in the life of our school and parish. Thank you for your continued support.

Fondly,

Mrs. Amy Bauer
Principal

[Gym uniform link](#)

Spring and warmer weather are right around the corner (hopefully)! The [spring gym uniform link](#) is live. The store will close at **9 am on Monday, 3/10**. Please remember that spirit wear cannot be worn for gym, only the school-sanctioned gym uniform.

Rice bowls

With Lent beginning on March 5th, we are reminded to give alms to the less fortunate. The Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl campaign takes place each Lent with the goal of ending global hunger. A rice bowl will be in each homeroom during Lent. Students should bring in money that they saved from something they may have sacrificed for Lent, such as candy or soft drinks. You may also participate as a family by going to crsricebowl.org/donate. Thank you for your generosity!

Important Information

- Ticket sales for our Dueling Pianos event (Saturday, 4/5) are live on the Online Ordering System. Tickets for the Father-Daughter dances will be available beginning this weekend.
- Please note that students will no longer be allowed back into the building after 3:15 pm if they forget books/materials needed for homework. It is not safe for them to be in classrooms when teachers are not present. Thank you for your understanding.
- Please be sure to consult the [community page of the parish website](#) for information on summer and community programs. There are many coming in so be sure to check often.

Yard Duty and Lunch Duty

We are in need of volunteers for both lunch and yard duty. Many parents have graciously fulfilled their requirements (and then some) during the first half of the year, but sign-ups have dropped off dramatically. Please consider helping out in both the cafeteria and during recess. Many students, especially in the younger grades, require help with their lunches and there is a quick turn-around between the second and third lunches. Many hands make light work! Help is also needed with recess. A \$75 fee will be assessed to those who do not fulfill their second trimester requirement. Thank you so much in advance. We could not provide a wonderful lunch and recess experience for our students without your help!

[LUNCH DUTY](#)

[YARD DUTY – TRIMESTER 2](#)

[YARD DUTY – TRIMESTER 3](#)

Morning Drop Off

As shared at the January Home and School Meeting, lateness is becoming an issue. Lateness after 8 am is being recorded and will be added to the report card beginning in the 3rd trimester.

Families with older children are asked to pull up as far as possible to Mr. Dave before letting children out of cars. Please do not let children out of cars as soon as you round the school building. This is extremely dangerous and backs up traffic. Families with younger children who require more assistance are asked to park and walk children to the crosswalk. Parents should not be getting out of the car to assist their children in the car line. I kindly ask if you are putting your children's coats on when they get out of the car, please do not do this in the car line. Please park and then walk your children to the crosswalk.

Pick-up Patrol

Thank you to everyone for embracing Pick-up Patrol in the middle of the year. It has proven to be a great system for monitoring dismissal and the number of calls to the office has decreased exponentially. We are still trying to cut down on the number of lists that the teachers have to review at the end of the day so we have one additional request. If your children are staying after school for tutoring, enrichment, theater, or anything that is different from their default, please enter it into Pick-up Patrol. We will still consult our “lists” for the remainder of the school year, but we are hoping to have full participation across all activities next year so this will not be necessary. Early dismissals and appointments with a return to school, as well as pick-ups by people other than parents can also be entered into Pick-up Patrol. Our primary concern is the safety of the children and we are so grateful for your support and cooperation.

Important Dates

- Wednesday, 3/5 – Ash Wednesday; 8:30 am mass
- Friday, 3/7 – First Friday 8:30 am mass; FULL DAY OF SCHOOL
- Friday, 3/14 – Stations of the Cross for grades 1 – 4 at 2:15 pm in Church
- Thursday, 3/20 – 7th Grade Visitation Day; Sacrament of Confirmation at 4:30 pm in Church
- Friday, 3/21 – Stations of the Cross for grades 5 – 8 at 2:15 pm in Church
- Friday, 3/21 – Report cards distributed
- Friday, 3/21 – Friday, 3/28 – In-View & Terra Nova Testing
- Friday, 3/28 – 12 noon dismissal

Attachments

- 1) March Calendar
- 2) Panera Flyer
- 3) March Hawk Happenings
- 4) Father Daughter Dances (Tickets coming THIS WEEKEND in Online Ordering System)
- 5) Parish Lenten Schedule
- 6) Dueling Pianos Info (Tickets available NOW in Online Ordering System)
- 7) Dueling Pianos Sponsorships
- 8) Cereal Box Collection 2025

Feast Day of St. Katherine Drexel

March 3rd

25th Anniversary of Her Canonization

*Native of Philadelphia, Founder of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament,
Philanthropist, Patron Saint of Racial Justice*



"If we wish to serve God and love our neighbor well, we must manifest our joy in the service we render to Him and them. Let us open wide our hearts. It is joy which invites us. Press forward and fear nothing."

St. Katherine Drexel

Please pray for Pope Francis.

A prayer for Pope Francis

Lord, we ask that you watch over Pope Francis and grant him the courage, strength, and healing he needs.

Grant wisdom, compassion, and empathy to those caring for him and as well as others entrusted to their care.

Grant those of us who love your Church faith in your healing heart and unite us in prayer for all those experiencing pain and illness.

In Jesus' holy name we pray.
AMEN.

