

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School

Passionately Catholic & Academically Excellent

HAWK HERALD



"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.

~Leo Buscaglia

OCTOBER 30, 2024

Dear St. Mary Magdalen Families,

It's hard to believe that we have already made our way through two months of school. We are looking forward to a fun Halloween and a wonderful start to the holiday season. Thank you to all of the amazing parent volunteers who do so much to assist the faculty and staff and create a wonderful educational environment for our students.

Thank you for all of the prayers for Mrs. Bastian and her family. Keep them coming! Mary, Queen of Peace, guide and protect us. St. Mary Magdalen, pray for us!

Fondly,

Mrs. Amy Bauer

Principal

Important Information

- November Stewardship – Thanksgiving Food Baskets. Please see the two (2) attachments for information and links for each homeroom.
- **BOTH NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER HOT LUNCH IS OPEN! Ordering for November closes TODAY, 10/30 and on 11/27 for December.**
- Parents of students in grades K-8, please be sure to sign up for a conference. Links have been sent home in numerous emails and are included again in the attachments for your convenience.
- Registration for the SMM Theater Program is now open! Please see the email from me from 10/23 for information and details on how to register.
- 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.

Online Spirit Store

Just in time for the holidays...the online [SMM Spirit Store](#). Lots of great items for purchase. The link will close on 11/10 in time for delivery for Christmas...NO EXCEPTIONS! These clothing items are not approved gym or sports team uniforms. They are spirit wear only.

H&S Fundraisers

Please see the attachments for some fun and yummy fundraisers to benefit the faculty, staff, and students of SMM. Cherrydale catalogs were sent home a few weeks ago. You can shop online at www.ShopFund.com. *The fundraiser has been extended through the weekend!* Our Chick-fil-a fundraiser is Wednesday, 11/14 from 4-8 pm at the Granite Run location. The 5 Below (Edgemont) fundraiser runs from Thursday, 11/21 through Sunday, 11/24. You must present the flyer at checkout. A copy will be sent home in the 11/14 communication envelope.

Important Dates

- **Thursday, 10/31 – Pre-K & K costume parade @ 8:15 am; 1st 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
- Friday, 11/8 – Disciple of Jesus awards in the gym after prayers; Grades 1 & 2 field trip to Colonial Plantation
- Friday, 11/15 – Safe Environment lessons for all grades
- Wednesday, 11/20 – Confirmation Parent Meeting (7th grade parents) at 7 pm
- Tuesday, 11/26 – Evening Conferences
- Wednesday, 11/27 – Morning/afternoon Conferences; no school for students
- Thursday, 11/28 – Monday, 12/2 – THANKSGIVING BREAK
- Wednesday, 12/4 – Picture retakes (change of date from 12/9)
- Friday, 12/6 – First Friday Mass @ 8:30; Noon dismissal

****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 1:15 pm. The 1st 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) November H&S Hawk Happenings
- 2) November calendar
- 3) Candy Cares Drive
- 4) Conference links
- 5) Middle School Dance
- 6) Five Below Fundraiser
- 7) Chick-fil-a Fundraiser
- 8) Mother-Daughter Retreat
- 9) Thanksgiving Baskets Information
- 10) Thanksgiving Baskets Links (by homeroom)

HAVE A HAPPY & SAFE HALLOWEEN!



MAY ALL OF THE HOLY SAINTS GUIDE AND PROTECT US ALWAYS!

