

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School

Passionately Catholic & Academically Excellent

HAWK HERALD



*Whoever exalts himself will be humbled,
and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.*

Matthew 23:12

DECEMBER 1, 2024

Dear St. Mary Magdalen Families,

Happy December and Happy Advent! I hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and long holiday weekend. I had the most amazing week visiting my daughter and traveling throughout Spain and Portugal. I offered prayers for the St. Mary Magdalen community at the many cathedrals we visited, especially at Fatima.

Well, here we are in December! It is such a special time of year and I'm sure everyone is looking forward to all of the wonderful Christmas events we have planned as a school community. I tried to include as much as I could think of in this message ☺ Our virtue of the month is HUMILITY, the strength to put God and others before ourselves. In other words, the mantra of Msgr. Chieffo: JOY = Jesus, others, yourself! May we hold this message close to our hearts during these weeks of Advent as we anticipate the birth of Christ!

Thank you again 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

Santa Shop

The most wonderful time of the year is [HERE!](#) Please click [HERE](#) to volunteer at this year's Santa Shop on 12/13. You should have received an email from your children's homeroom mom with "Giving Tree" sign ups. The links are included in an attachment for your convenience. Below is the "shopping schedule" for the children on 12/13. We are looking forward to a wonderful day! Thank you to all of our fabulous volunteer elves who are working so hard to make this a fantastic day for our students.

8:15-8:55 - Kindergarten (6th & 8th Grades help)

8:55-9:35 - PreK-4 (7th Grade helps)

9:35-10:15 - PreK-3 (6th Grade helps)

10:15-10:55 - 2nd Grade (8th & 7A help)

10:55-11:35 - 1st Grade (8th & 7B help)

11:35-12:05 - 7th & 8th Grades

12:05-12:45 - Lunch Break

12:45-1:25 - 4th Grade

1:25-2:00 - 5th Grade

2:00-2:45 - 3rd Grade and 6th Grade

Important Information

- All Cherrydale orders should be picked up on Thursday, 12/5 after school in the gym lobby.
- Ordering for January Hot Lunch **and** pizza for the second trimester closes on 12/18.
- 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.
- Thank you to all who registered for SCHOOLSTORE.NET. The best way to support SMM teachers is to "Shop Featured Merchants". If you shop online at any of the 300 stores listed, a % of the sales will be donated back to us.

Important Dates

- Tuesday, 12/3 – Classes resume after Thanksgiving break
- **Wednesday, 12/4 – Picture retakes (change of date from 12/9)**
- Friday, 12/6 – First Friday Mass @ 8:30; Noon dismissal
- Thursday, 12/12 – Restaurant fundraiser at PJ Whelihan's (Edgemont) from 5-9 pm
- Friday, 12/13 – Santa Secret Shop & Stewardship Day
- Monday, 12/16 – Confessions for grades 3-8
- Wednesday, 12/18 – Christmas Concert at 6:30 pm in church
- Friday, 12/20 – Attend 8:30 am mass as a school community; Class Christmas parties
- Saturday, 12/21 – Sunday, 1/5 – Christmas break
- Monday 1/6/25 – Classes resume

Christmas “Dress Downs”

- Friday, 12/6 – St. Nicholas Day: Christmas/red/green TOPS; must wear uniform bottoms
- Friday, 12/13 - Full Christmas dress down for Santa Shop and Stewardship project
- Monday, 12/16 – Clean calendar dress down for grades 4-8; all others in full winter uniform; gym passes may be used for grades K-3 only
- Tuesday, 12/17 – Full Christmas dress down; *cost is \$1 to benefit the Stewardship Fund*
- Wednesday, 12/18 - Full Christmas dress down; **may wear PJ bottoms**; *cost is \$1 to benefit our Jingle Jam charity*
- Thursday, 12/19 – Full Christmas dress down
- Friday, 12/20 – All students will be attending the 8:30 am mass so children must be in either formal or gym uniforms; everyone may have a free pass to wear their gym uniforms if they wish; Pre-K and K should dress according to the guidelines provided for their Christmas shows

Attachments

- 1) December H&S Hawk Happenings
- 2) December calendar
- 3) Parish Giving Tree
- 4) Adopt-a-Family Links (by grade)
- 5) PJ Whelihan’s Food Fundraiser
- 6) Save-the-Date – Dueling Pianos at SMM

***God of love, Your Son, Jesus, is Your greatest gift to us.
He is a sign of Your love.
Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,
as we wait and prepare for His coming.
Amen.***

