

# St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School

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## HAWK HERALD



**AUGUST 30, 2024**

Dear St. Mary Magdalen Families,

Well, here we are on the dawn of another school year! Summer certainly flew by, but I hope that you were able to enjoy every second, relaxing, rejuvenating, and making memories!

I am truly looking forward to my second year as principal of SMM. We have an amazing community of educators, support staff, families, and most importantly, STUDENTS! The school building looks amazing and the teachers have been hard at work preparing their classrooms over the past few weeks. We can't wait to welcome you and your children for the 2024-25 school year!

You should have received the August mailing this week. In case you did not, the letter is included in the attachments. You have one more weekend to enjoy summer, but don't forget to grab those school supplies and finish up math and reading work as well. See you on Wednesday! Mary, Queen of Peace, guide and protect us. St. Mary Magdalen, pray for us!

Fondly,

*Mrs. Amy Bauer*

*Principal*

## Important Information

- Stationery lists are posted on the school website.  
<https://www.stmarymagdalenschool.net/communication-forms> → 2024-25 Stationery Supply Lists
- 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.
- Maureen Scheuerman will be hosting a Safe Environment class at SMM on Wednesday, 10/2 from 6:00-8:30 pm. Spots will fill quickly so please register at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) as soon as possible.
- Gym uniforms for students of new families will be in their individual homerooms on the first day of school. Gym uniforms for returning SMM families will be in the homeroom of the oldest child in the family on the first day of school. Pre-K and Kindergarten parents will be able to get their children's uniforms at Back-to-School night.

## Yard Duty

Please see the attached information regarding the new yard duty policy. There are 3 separate sign-up links, one for each trimester. Please read the new policy before completing the sign up. Thank you. *PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU ONLY HAVE A PRE-K STUDENT, YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO SIGN UP FOR YARD DUTY, BUT ARE CERTAINLY WELCOME TO DO SO.*

Trimester 1

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4DA4AA2CA3F4C34-50695390-1sttrimester>

Trimester 2

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4DA4AA2CA3F4C34-50698797-2ndtrimester>

Trimester 3

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4DA4AA2CA3F4C34-50699023-3rdtrimester>

## Hot Lunch Reminders

**\* Hot lunch begins on Monday, 9/9. Please pack a lunch for your child on Wednesday, 9/4 and Thursday, 9/5.**

\*Please sign up to help with hot lunch and monitor the cafeteria using this [link](#). Thank you for volunteering and allowing the teachers to enjoy their lunch breaks.

\*Ordering for hot lunch, milk, and pretzels through the online Parent Portal is now open. **Hot lunch ordering for September will close on 9/5 at 11:59 pm.** There will be no exceptions! Pretzel and milk ordering will remain open until Friday, 9/27.

\*There will always be food available for students who forget their lunches. Please remind your child to ask a parent volunteer for help if they need it.

\*Lunch orders are processed through the online ordering system on a **monthly** basis. The "order by date" is always in the Hawk Herald and often in any additional school emails. There are also numerous reminders on the Hawks Parents Facebook page.

\*Your child's hot lunch order includes a bottle of water, fruit and snack in addition to the entrée purchased.

\* Pre-K students do not eat in the cafeteria due to space, time, and environmental (table height, no chairs) constraints. Pizza is offered to Pre-K students on Wednesdays. Other hot lunch orders are for Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade only.

\*We are only able to cancel “school-wide” ordering, such as snow days. This will result in a refund credit to your online ordering account. Because our vendors require 48 hours notice for ordering, cancelling due to absence is unavailable.

\*Please direct all questions and concerns about hot lunch to [lunch@stmarymagdalen.net](mailto:lunch@stmarymagdalen.net). Thank you!

### H&S Fundraisers

Please see the attachments for the [Krispy Kreme](#) and [Moe's](#) fundraisers. Follow these links for details and ordering instructions. Moe's orders must be placed by Thursday, 9/12 at 1 pm. Pick up will be at SMM on Friday, 9/13. If you can't make it on 9/13, you can order a KIT CREDIT. SMM will still receive the proceeds and you can grab your kit when and where it works best for you! Krispy Kreme ordering goes live on 9/21 and runs through 9/28.

### C.A.R.E.S

St. Mary Magdalen School is looking for energetic individuals to join our after-school C.A.R.E.S. program. We offer a safe and secure environment with light activities for the children after school hours. The program runs Monday through Friday from 3 pm to 6 pm, and you can sign up for as many hours as you wish. This is a great part-time job opportunity for high school students and retired individuals looking for extra income. If you're interested in this flexible and rewarding role, please contact Mrs. Vanessa Spurio via email at [vspurio@stmarymagdalen.net](mailto:vspurio@stmarymagdalen.net) for more information.

### Attention 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents

Ms. Logan and Mrs. Gosseaux are beginning to prepare for their High School Test Prep classes, which will begin in September. Classes take place after school from 3:30-5:00 on the following dates: Tues. 09/10, Wed. 09/11, Thurs. 09/12, Mon. 09/16, Tues. 09/17, Wed. 09/18, Thurs. 09/19, Mon. 09/ 23, and Tues. 09/24.

Eighth grade students will take the HSPT in school on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. The results of this testing will determine scholarship winners at the archdiocesan high schools, as well as the winners of the Neumann Scholarship. This course also prepares eighth grade students for the entrance exams at independent Catholic schools, which take place in October and November. Seventh grade students will be prepared to take practice tests in the spring, which may qualify them for scholarships.

If you have already signed up your student at the end of the school year, we have you registered. If you would still like to sign up, please email [jgosseaux@stmarymagdalen.net](mailto:jgosseaux@stmarymagdalen.net). Textbooks will be ordered in late August. You will be contacted before the order to clarify your final intention to be included in the classes. Thank you.

## Important Dates

- Wednesday, 9/4 – First day of school for grades 1-8 (full day, no hot lunch)
- Wednesday, 9/4 – Kindergarten Meet & Greet 9-11 am
- Wednesday, 9/4 – New Family Orientation at 5:30 pm in the cafeteria
- Wednesday, 9/4 – Pre-K & Kindergarten Back-to-School Night at 6:30 pm
- Thursday, 9/5 – Kindergarten students begin (12 noon dismissal)
- Thursday, 9/5 – Full day for grades 1-8 (no hot lunch)
- Thursday, 9/5 – Pre-K Meet & Greet 9-11 am
- Friday, 9/6 – Opening Mass at 8:30 am; Noon Dismissal for grades K-8
- Thursday, 9/12 – Back-to-School Night for Grades 6, 7, 8 at 6:30 pm
- Tuesday, 9/17 – Back-to-School Night for Grades 1-5 at 6:30 pm
- Saturday, 9/21 – 4:30 mass and SMM school and parish picnic
- Monday, 9/23 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting at 6:30 pm
- Sunday, 9/29 – Father Banecker's installation as pastor of St. Mary Magdalen parish

## Attachments

- 1) New yard duty policy for 2024-25 school year
- 2) H&S Hawk Highlights
- 3) September calendar
- 4) SMM Golf Outing
- 5) OCIA
- 6) Young Adults Mass and Social
- 7) Moe's fundraiser
- 8) Krispy Kreme fundraiser
- 9) SMM picnic
- 10) August letter

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything in prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

*Philippians 4:6-7*

