

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School

Passionately Catholic & Academically Excellent

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*How much better to get wisdom than gold!
To get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.
(Proverbs 16:16)*

JULY 20, 2023

Dear St. Mary Magdalen Family,

It is my great honor to be writing this letter to introduce myself as the new principal of St. Mary Magdalen School. This parish and school are steeped in history and tradition and I am blessed to serve this community as it continues to build its legacy and further its mission of education and service following the teachings of our Catholic faith.

I am the proud graduate of 17 years of Catholic education at Sacred Heart in Havertown, Cardinal O'Hara, and Boston College. My husband, Jim, and I have been married for 22 years and we are the parents of three children: Keira, prepping for her sophomore year at Catholic University in Washington, D.C., Mary Kate, a rising senior at O'Hara, and Brayden, heading to 7th grade at Haverford Middle School. I taught for 16 years at Drexel Hill Middle School in the Upper Darby School District before moving to O'Hara, where I served as the Director of Admissions, Director of Student Achievement, and most recently as the Assistant Principal for Student Services.

My personal and professional experiences have provided me with a rich background in working with children and families. They have brought me to this time, this place. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the grace of God, and a lot of hard work, I am confident that I will provide the leadership needed to see our school grow and flourish.

To the SMM students, in the words of Pope Francis, "The church needs you, your enthusiasm, your creativity, and the joy that is so characteristic of you!" I will be your champion, but in turn, much will be expected of you: thoughtfulness, working for and with others, dedication to your studies, engagement in the classroom every day, and growing in your faith as followers of

Jesus. To the SMM teachers and staff, I know the daily struggles of the life of an educator. I promise to work with you collaboratively with a commitment to our common mission. To the SMM parents, you have entrusted your most precious gifts to us and I will be steadfast in my goal of meeting your children where they are, but always expecting their best. We must work together for their success, their faith formation, and the advancement of our school.

Teaching and learning are of the utmost importance in any school and the principal must serve as the instructional leader. Also key is the development of a strong community that believes in the values of hard work, kindness, and social justice, as well as spreading the Gospel message and actively participating in the faith life of the Church. As the principal of St. Mary Magdalen, I vow to fervently work towards these goals each and every day. I am thrilled to be starting this journey and I look forward to having you join me. May God continue to bless you, your families, and the SMM community.

Fondly,
Mrs. Amy Bauer

Gym Uniforms

Gym Uniforms are available to order!

To place your order for the upcoming school year, visit our school website at stmarymagdalenschool.net and go to the 'Parent Portal' page.

Click on the B&E Sportswear link to go to our storefront on their site.

<https://b-e-sportswear.printavo.com/merch/smm-gym-23/>

You must order your child's gym uniform through B&E's online store **before August 11, 2023**.

The storefront closes to ensure items are available before school begins.

Parent Purchase Stationery Supplies

The list of stationery items to be purchased by parents can be found on the Parent Portal (Communication & Forms) page of the school website:

https://www.stmarymagdalenschool.net/files/ugd/2b3272_472b6895ac2a4512a746c8f1688ee115.pdf

Calling All Cheerleaders

Grades 1-8

If you are interested in cheering for our football teams this fall, please email Rachel Melvin at rachelm.melvin@gmail.com.

Email Addresses

If your family's email address has changed, please be sure to alert the office at office@stmarymagdalen.net.

Instrumental Music Program

If your child is interested in learning an instrument or learning more about instrumental music opportunities at SMM, please contact Mr. Michael Norton at band@stmarymagdalen.net.

Employment Opportunities

SMM is looking for a few good men/women! We are hiring a music teacher, a middle school science teacher, and Pre-K instructional aides. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact Amy Bauer at abauer@stmarymagdalen.net.

- enjoy -
summer
have fun



*“Education breeds confidence. Confidence breeds hope. Hope breeds peace.”
—Confucius*