



# Hawk Herald



St. Mary Magdalen School to Home Communication

2021 ~ 2022

Academically Excellent and Passionately Catholic

† *“Preach the Gospels, when necessary use words”.* † (St. Francis of Assisi)

September 30, 2021



Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, patron Saint of Animals. Those that have pets know how well they add to the pleasures and peace in our lives. My dogs, Zach and Cooper add many smiles and often much comfort each day. May we thank God for letting them be a special part of our lives.

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** will take place on October 10<sup>th</sup> after the 11:30am Mass.

## OCTOBER is the month of the HOLY ROSARY



On October 7<sup>th</sup>, our 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be participating in the living rosary in church at 2:00pm. All are welcome to join us. We kindly ask that you wear a mask if you are attending.

## NO SCHOOL

Remember there is NO SCHOOL on October 11<sup>th</sup> and October 12<sup>th</sup>. Columbus Day is one of our holidays and October 12<sup>th</sup> is a teacher In-Service Day.

## YAY LUNCH

We are off to a great start! All lunches arrived and were served on time and from what the kids were saying ---it was GOOD!



We ask that you add your child's teacher's name to their accounts. This will help us when sorting before delivery. If you are ordering for the week of October 4<sup>th</sup>, orders MUST be placed by midnight on Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Moving forward:

- ✚ All lunches MUST be ordered by Saturday before the week served.
- ✚ If your child is absent, you may cancel their lunch by contacting YAY LUNCH before 9:00am that day. Otherwise you will be charged for the meal.

A special thank you to all the moms that volunteered to help with service!

## LOCK-DOWN DRILL

We conducted a lock-down drill today at school. We practice these drills in the event there is ever a situation that would endanger the children in the building. They move to the hallway side of the classroom and sit in silence until the drill is over. The teachers lock doors, close shades, turn off lights and pull down the blinds until the drill is over.

## 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE MANDATORY ZOOM MEETING

There is a mandatory eighth grade parent ZOOM meeting on Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. The link to the ZOOM will be sent out on Sunday evening.

This week starts the 8<sup>th</sup> grade PIZZA lunches. Orders were to be placed by 9/24. If you missed the deadline, you must wait for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester. 8th grade parents serve this lunch to raise monies for the Class of 2022 activities.

## DISMISSAL PROCEDURES ~ SAFETY CONCERN

We ask that you take **ONLY** your children at dismissal time unless arrangements have been made with another family to take their child(ren) home on a regular basis.

If you are running late, the teachers are directed to bring your child(ren) back into the building. Ultimately, we are responsible for that child(ren) until you arrive to pick them up. If you make different arrangements for the pick-up of your child(ren) ....**THE SCHOOL OFFICE MUST BE NOTIFIED** of those arrangements before dismissal happens.

## BIRTHDAY REMINDERS



Due to the various food allergies in our school...birthday treats may **NOT** be sent into school. If you would like, we ask that you donate a classroom book or game (for indoor recess) in honor of your child's birthday.

## TIC TOK

Last week we sent a memo home regarding the TIC TOK "School Challenges" where students are being challenged to do damage to school property. Unfortunately, we experienced the brunt of this senseless action last week when three of the soap dispensers were torn off the walls in the boys bathroom and then thrown in the toilets. We have been made aware that there is a different challenge each month and they get progressively worse, including things that could bring legal charges against a child for assault and/or sexual harassment against teachers and other students.

PLEASE speak to your child(ren) about the inappropriateness of these disgraceful behaviors. We strongly suggest that you remove the TIC TOK app from their phones and/or devices and put parental blocks on these devices. We will not tolerate these behaviors from any students. It speaks totally against the moral behaviors that we are trying to instill in your child as a student in a Catholic School. If your child is involved in such disturbing behaviors, they will face consequences that may include dismissal from St. Mary Magdalen School.

## GYM UNIFORMS

Partial order may be coming home this week. There are still items out on back order. As soon as we receive the items from the vendor, they will be sent home. Thank You for your patience.

## MASKS

We are requesting that every child bring an extra MASK to school in a small plastic bag in the event they lose or soil the one they are wearing.



## HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION UPDATE (see flyers)

The Home & School will be sponsoring 2 events in the month of October.

- ✚ **TRUNK or TREAT (PreK – Grade 5)**  
October 23<sup>rd</sup> 6:00pm to 7:30pm  
October 24<sup>th</sup> (rain date 3:00pm to 5:00pm)
- ✚ **Halloween Hayride at Linvilla Orchard**  
October 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:30pm to 9:30pm  
Chaperons needed!

Link for Chaperones: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E4DAEAD23A7FA7-middle>



## PICTURE DAY



Ordering information for Picture Day on October 27<sup>th</sup> will be sent home in the October 13<sup>th</sup> Communication Envelope. Orders can be placed online or by using the form that will be included in the Communication Envelope. If you choose to use the form for ordering, it MUST be returned with the exact payment on Picture Day.

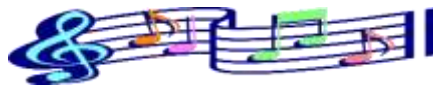
## GALA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

April 2, 2022 is our rescheduled Gala Event. The committee is looking for volunteers to help plan and execute this exciting evening.

See flyer for details.



## SCHOOL BAND



"It's time to strike up the band once again! **SMM Hawk Bands** will resume in school band lessons and rehearsals for all interested students in Grades 4-8, for all Concert Band instruments: brass, woodwinds, and percussion. Families are asked to please return the band interest forms sent home last week to the Main Office so your children can be scheduled for a brief introduction to see, hear, and even play on the "Try-Out" kits to pick the best instrument for them! Students and parents are encouraged to sit together for a few minutes to watch instrument demo videos, interviews, a listening challenge, and more found on our own SMM Hawk Band [Be Part of the Band website](#).

In addition, we will also be introducing our new Modern Band for students in Grades 6-8, which includes guitar, piano, bass, drums, and vocals; other instruments like ukulele, strings, and horns will also be welcome! Students of all abilities and experience are invited to join in these exciting band opportunities. Music ensembles and performances have been eagerly awaited for in our school again after a long delay, so please be assured all band instruction will be utilizing the most current protocols as part of the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) "Return to Music Guidance: Phase III" to ensure that music education is available to all students and provided safely. Be sure to check the upcoming Highlights and SMM website for more information to come via Mr. Michael Norton, SMM Hawk Band director: [smmhawkband@gmail.com](mailto:smmhawkband@gmail.com) "