



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)

August 30, 2021

We would like to welcome several additions to our SMM Community:



This is **Robert Charles Hill**. Mrs. Maribeth Hill and her husband Brian welcomed their son on August 5th. Mom, Dad, Son & Winnie the dog, are all doing well!

Mrs. Maribeth Hill, PreK 3a will be on maternity leave until December. Mrs. Katie Porrini, will be the long-term substitute until Mrs. Hill returns. Mrs. Porrini will then be the 5 day a week aid in the classroom.

Mrs. Danielle Bastian ~ Librarian

Many of you know Danielle as a parent, a PreK aide and the former H&S Association President. Danielle and her husband Charles have three children: Charlie SMM '18, Ginny SMM '20 and Harry a current 6th grader. We are very happy to have her join our school staff for the 2021-2022 school year as our Librarian.

Mr. Sean Vannicolo ~ 7B Homeroom Teacher / 7th grade Religion and ELA Teacher

Mr. Vannicolo is a graduate of West Chester University. BS in Elementary Education. He has 5 years teaching experience and coaching experience. He is a member of St. Anastasia's Parish. We are very happy to welcome Mr. Vannicolo to our SMM community.

🚦 THINGS THAT NEEDS YOUR ATTENTION:



- **RECESS YARD DUTY:** The sign-up genius has been posted for parents to sign-up for RECESS DUTY. We are asking for 3 parents per day for supervision of our students during recess. Every family is asked to sign-up for 2 days (one child) or 4 days (two or more children). The Opt-out fee for this duty is \$100. **Every volunteer needs their clearances. Parents of K-8 students. More information can be found in Appendix F of the School Handbook.** The sign-up genius has been posted on the Parent Portal on the website.



- **GYM UNIFORM ORDERS:** If you ordered gym uniforms for your child(ren) they have arrived. The PreK and Kindergarten families can pick them up from the classroom during your MEET & GREET session. All other orders will be sent home with your child on the first day of school. Thank you to those parents/students that assisted Mrs. Giacomucci and Mrs. Hanway sort and bag up the uniforms.

➤ MILK, PIZZA and STEWARDSHIP LUNCHEES for PreK – 8th Grade:

Ordering can be done through the On-Line Payment System on the Parent Portal of the school website. Ordering closes SEPTEMBER 22. Milk will start September 27th. Pizza will start October 1st



- **Milk:** We will be providing milk again this year. You may order white milk or chocolate milk for your child to be served with their lunch each day. Orders are placed for the year. Select white or chocolate milk.



- **Pizza:** Our 8th grade parents conduct a Friday Fundraiser of a pizza lunch. Monies earned go toward the 8th grade graduation expenses including: field trip, yearbooks, diplomas, etc. Orders are placed by the Trimester. Pizza is coming from *1010 Pizza*.



- **Stewardship Lunches:** We conduct 3 Stewardship lunches a year to help support expenses incurred with our other stewardship projects. Orders are also placed by the Trimester. The first Stewardship Lunch is Chicken Nuggets on September 24th.

➤ YAY LUNCHEES

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LUNCH!

- You can step up your ordering account **NOW**. Menus will open September 23rd for lunch for the week of September 27th. **Orders MUST be placed by Mid-Night on September 25th**. Yay lunch has it's own link on the Parent Portal on the School Website.
- Orders can be placed weekly or longer. Orders can also be placed for up to 4 days each week. Monday – Thursday.
- If you child(ren) is absent on a particular day, **YOU** can cancel that lunch for that day. If you don't cancel it, you will be charged for it.



- **LUNCHEES from September 9th through to September 23rd**. Students **MUST** bring their lunches on these days. Please make sure they have necessary utensils, a drink (water bottles) and at least two napkins or paper towels. Children should also be able to open all packaging and containers. Please make sure your child's name is on their lunchbox. (no knives / no glass)

✚ COVID 19 HEALTH and SAFETY Protocols

- **Archdiocesan CSO** (Catholic School Onward) guidelines are posted on the school website.
- **The SMM Guidelines** are attached to this email as well as being posted on our website.
 - **Major aspects**
 - **MASKS** ~ Everyone (students, staff, volunteers and visitors to the school) must be in a MASK while in the building and on the buses.
 - **Social Distancing** ~ a minimum of 3ft.
 - **Contact Tracing** ~ will still be in effect
 - **Cafeteria** ~ limited use by grades; others will eat in classroom; rotating schedule.
 - **Morning Prayer** ~ we will start out the year doing morning prayer in homeroom
 - **Water Stations** ~ students will need to bring a water bottle; drinking from the water fountains is highly discouraged.
 - **Entering / Exiting the Building** ~We will return to using the main entrances into the building. Students will go to their homerooms in the morning.

+ Vaccinations

Vaccination by all eligible individuals is highly encouraged, but not mandated. Through a Google Form, the school will attempt to get an accurate count of vaccinated individuals in the building. This information will only be used to help guide our mitigation efforts and/or in contact tracing of a positive case. Participation in this survey is optional. All information shared will be kept confidential.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeLJvoch7a1zBE23Gb4bM3XBMmlaAVu2DmEGbl6hU00JaTLYA/viewform?usp=sf_link

+ Drop-Off (7:40 am) and Pick-up (3:00pm) Procedures

- **Bus Riders** will enter and exit through the main door.
- **Walkers** will enter through main door; exit by gym door and will cross N. Providence Road with the assistance of the crossing guard.
- **Car Riders**



- **Prek and Kindergarten** ~ parents may park in the top lot center and walk your child to the sidewalk by crossing where Mr. Dave is standing by the PreK door.
- **Single Child Families** ~ please drive down to the lower lot and exit there; they will walk up the path to the teacher/administrator on the top lot to cross them to the sidewalk.
- **Two or more Child Families** ~ please follow the coned ▲ path all the way down past the shed, move up to the car in front of you. Once you STOP your car, you children may exit the car and go to the sidewalk (drivers side preferred) if they need to get out on the passenger side they should cross in front of your car to the sidewalk.
- **Students in grades PreK, Kindergarten, Grade 4 and 5** will enter through the PreK door.
- **Students in grades 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, and 8** will enter through the back gym doors
- **Dismissal Procedures**
 - Car must park in parking spots; **not along driveways**.
 - Car should **not** be parking in the church lot.
 - Parents are to turn off your car and walk over to get your child from the standing area behind the cones.
 - If you are late (3:10pm+) the teachers on duty will bring your child to the office for pick-up at the front door.



+ Classroom Locations

- **There have been some changes in classroom locations mainly because of the size of the class.**
 - Grade 1 rooms are the two rooms to the left of the front office.
 - Grade 2 rooms are two rooms to the right of the office toward the cafeteria.
 - Grade 6 are on the first floor of the Middle School wing.
 - Grades 7 and 8 are on the second floor of the Middle School wing.
 - The principal is back in her office to the left of the main office.
 - Teachers have their lunchroom back.
 - See attached map to your child(ren) classroom.



Uniform Policy and Dress Code

- **All students are to be in uniform the first day of school.**
- Please review Dress Code policy below.

DRESS CODE

We ask that you adhere to the following guidelines concerning grooming and dress. Any student in violation of the dress code policy will be subject to disciplinary action. We thank you for supporting us by sending your child/children to school groomed and dressed accordingly.

HAIR STYLES/GROOMING

Student's hair is to be neat and clean, and groomed conservatively. No extreme styles such as tipped or streaked are permitted. Hair is to be its natural color. **Boys' hair should NOT be below the ears or covering their eyes.**

JEWELRY

Although jewelry is not a part of the school uniform, post earrings of a small and conservative style are permitted to be worn by the girls (one earring in each ear). Boys are not permitted to wear earrings. Wrist and ankle bracelets, pins, and buttons are not a part of the school uniform. This includes any and all types of wrist and ankle bands. A small religious medal or cross on a chain is permitted.

MASKS

The school will provide each student with a Break-Away lanyard for their mask. We ask that the students have their mask on this lanyard, so it is accessible when needed. They can remove them when eating snack and lunch, when outdoors and during brief mask breaks.

SMM Family Fall MEET and GREET Picnic

- The H&S will be sponsoring a **Family Picnic**
- **SEPTEMBER 18th after the 4:30pm Mass.**
- We invite all to join us at the 4:30pm Mass as we commission the teachers as catechist.
- See flyer for details and the sign-up genius to assist with set-up and clean-up.
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Things to Remember

- **Snack each day** (students have a snack break at 10:00 each day) Snacks should be healthy. **NO CANDY.**
- Students may bring a **water bottle** to school. They can be refilled at the water fountains that have been retrofitted to do so.
- **We ask every student to bring:**
 - Large container of Lysol or Clorox wipes
 - 2 boxes of tissues
 - Small bottle of hand sanitizer in their lunch box
- **BACK -TO-SCHOOL NIGHTS ~ 6:30pm**
 - **September 14th ~ PreK 3 and 4, and Kindergarten**
 - **September 16th ~ Grades 1-5**
 - **September 21st ~ Grades 6-8**
- **Opening School Mass ~ September 17th 8:30am**



STRIKE UP THE 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 entering Grades 4-8 for Concert Band, including all brass, woodwinds, and percussion instruments. We will also be offering Modern Band for students in Grades 6-8, which includes guitar, piano, bass, drums, and vocals; 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. Please click on this link for more information about the SMM Hawk Band program: <https://www.bepartofthemusic.org/group/index.php?id=6678>

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. Questions? Please contact Mr. Michael Norton, SMM Hawk Band director: smmhawkband@gmail.com "



SMM Children's Choir

- Please see the attached flyer from Ms. Rose.

SEE YOU on SEPTEMBER 8TH

FIRST BELL rings at 7:55am

SCHOOL STARTS at 8:00am

