

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School

Passionately Catholic & Academically Excellent

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AUGUST 15, 2024

Dear St. Mary Magdalen Families,

I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying these beautiful August days. On this feast of the Assumption of Mary our Mother, I pray that she watches over all members of the St. Mary Magdalen school community, especially during these final weeks of summer.

Don't forget to remind the kids to be working on their summer reading and math. See you soon!

Fondly,

Mrs. Amy Bauer

Principal

Important Information

- Summer Reading is posted on the school website.
<https://www.stmarymagdalenschool.net/communication-forms> → Summer Reading Assignments
- Stationery lists are posted on the school website.
<https://www.stmarymagdalenschool.net/communication-forms> → 2024-25 Stationery Supply Lists

- FACTS will open on Friday, 8/16 at 3 pm for homeroom assignments. Individual classes for the grades that switch teachers are not yet listed, but homerooms for all grades will be open for viewing.
- 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.
- **WATER BOTTLE POLICY – Water bottles brought to school MUST be completely closed and sealed while in the gym and hallways. Stanleys with exposed straws are no longer permitted at SMM. Stanleys are allowed, but they must have internal straws and/or sealed lids. It is highly suggested that students in grades Pre-K – 2 bring plastic water bottles to school. Large, aluminum water bottles are heavy and cumbersome for our younger ones. We are trying to minimize the many, many spills that are happening in the gym, hallways, and classrooms. Thank you.**

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.

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>

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 for more information.

HOT LUNCH

There is no hot lunch on 9/4 or 9/5. All students must bring a lunch to school. Hot lunch begins on Monday, 9/9. Ordering for hot lunch, milk, and pretzels through the online Parent Portal opens on Tuesday, 8/20. 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. 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.

Attention 7th & 8th 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 25th. 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. 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
- ***The SMM school and parish picnic will take place after the 4:30 mass on Saturday, 9/21.
- ***Father Banecker's official installation as pastor of St. Mary Magdalen parish will be held at the 9:30 am mass on Sunday, 9/29.

Attachments

- 1) New yard duty policy for 2024-25 school year
- 2) H&S Hawk Highlights
- 3) September calendar



*O Immaculate Mary, Assumed into heaven,
you who are most blessed in the vision of God,
of God the Father who exalted you among all creatures,
of God the Son who willed that you bear Him as your Son and that you should be
His Mother,
of God the Holy Spirit who accomplished the human conception of the Savior.
O Mary, most pure
O Mary, most sweet and beautiful
O Mary, strong and thoughtful woman
O Mary, poor and sorrowful
O Mary, virgin and mother
woman very human like Eve, more than Eve.
You are near to God by your grace and by your privileges
in your mysteries
in your mission, in your glory.
O Mary, assumed into the glory of Christ
in the complete and transfigured perfection of our human nature.
O Mary, gate of heaven
mirror of divine light
ark of the Covenant between God and mankind,
let our souls fly after you
let them fly long your radiant path,
transported by a hope that the world does not contain eternal beatitude.
Comfort us from heaven, O merciful Mother,
and guide us along your ways of purity and hope
until the day of that blessed meeting with you
and with your divine Son
our Savior, Jesus. Amen!*