St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School

Passionately Catholic & Academically Excellent

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So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

(1 John 4:16)

OCTOBER 30, 2023

Dear St. Mary Magdalen Families,

November is upon us! Happy Halloween, All Saints' Day, Month of Holy Souls, and Month of Thanks! This month's virtue is Love of God. Our challenge is to put God first and to live with gratitude for all we have.

In this spirit of gratitude, I would like to thank all of the parent volunteers who hosted fun holiday events for our students this past weekend. The middle school Halloween dance and Trunk-or-Treat were wonderful events that truly showed SMM spirit.

November is a busy, but short month due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Please be sure to read about all that is going on at SMM. I invite you to participate in the life of our school and parish, especially at weekly mass and through our Stewardship activities. Thank you for your continued support!

Fondly,
Mrs. Amy Bauer
Principal

Home & School Fundraiser

All Otis Spunkmeyer and Cherrydale Fundraiser orders must be submitted by Wednesday, 11/1. Please get those orders in to support our wonderful H&S!

Halloween Activities

As shared in yesterday's email, each grade will have a fun, holiday-themed assembly on 10/31. Halloween parties will be organized by homeroom moms and take place in classrooms during the afternoon of 10/31 (10 am for Pre-K).

Pre-K and K will be dressing in costume and grades 1 & 2 will be taking on storybook characters. They are permitted to wear Halloween attire under their costumes. **Grades 3 - 8** are allowed to wear Halloween shirts and accessories with their uniform bottoms (jumper, kilt, school pants) and shoes. They may wear Halloween socks as well. They do not have to "dress over".

SMM Spirit Store

The Spirit Store will be open every Monday from 2:30 - 3:30 pm. Stop in to get your SMM gear!

Save-a-Seat and Inquiry Forms

Last call! The deadline was 10/23 for "Save-a-Seat" forms for grades Pre-K - 3 and FACTS inquiry forms for new students. Please submit these forms asap. Open registration will begin in November.

New Altar Server Training

Attention parents of $4^{th} - 8^{th}$ graders! Is your child interested in becoming an altar server? If so, Deacon Joe will offer altar server training for students in grades 4-8 on:

- Monday, November 13th from 3:15 to 4:15
- Monday, November 20th from 3:15 to 4:15

We ask that students attend both trainings. Please complete <u>this Google Form</u> if your child is interested in joining the altar serving ministry and contact Lisa Stratton (<u>lastratton@yahoo.com</u>) with any questions. Thank you!

Events Board

Please use this <u>link</u> to access information for parish activities and events.

2nd Grade Parent Meeting

All 2^{nd} grade parents are reminded of the sacrament meeting on Tuesday, 11/7 at 7 pm in the church.

Important Dates

- Tuesday, 10/31 HALLOWEEN
- Wednesday, 11/1 ALL SAINTS DAY; 8:30 mass
- Friday, 11/3 First Friday; 8:30 mass; 12 noon dismissal
- Tuesday, $11/7 2^{nd}$ Grade Sacrament Parent Meeting at 7 pm in the Church
- Wednesday, 11/8 La Locanda Fundraiser
- Tuesday, 11/21 Harvest Bash
- Wednesday, 11/22 Thanksgiving Prayer Service; 12 noon dismissal

Attachments

- 1) November Calendar
- 2) La Locanda Fundraiser
- 3) Candy Care Drive
- 4) Thanksgiving Stewardship Flyer
- 5) Thanksgiving Baskets Signups by Homeroom
- 6) Top Golf Flyer
- 7) SMM Board Recruitment Flyer
- 8) SMM Blood Drive

