



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)

October 15, 2021

❖ General Home & School Meeting

October 19th ~ 6:30pm in the gym

GUEST SPEAKER ~ Michael McLeod, MA, CCC-SLP TSSLD

ASHA Certified Speech-Language Pathologist
ADHD/Executive Function Pro: Creator of the Internal Language Model
Founder of GrowNOW Therapy Services, LLC
DIR-Floortime & PROMPT Trained Clinician

(see attached Bio)

TOPIC ~ *“Influences of Social Media on our Children”*

***Parents that attend all three General Meeting will be eligible to win a \$500 credit toward your 2022-2023 tuition.

❖ Halloween Activities ~ deadlines for registration

6,7,8 Hayride at Linville Orchard ~ **closes October 15th**

PreK – 5 Truck or Treat ~ **closes October 20th**



❖ October Stewardship Activities

- Coat Drive ~ the school and parish will be collecting used COATS/JACKETS from October 15th to October 29th
 - Large boxes will be available for the coats at the school and in the narthex of the church
 - Coats will then be delivered to **CITY TEAM** for distribution to our less fortunate brother and sisters in Christ
 - See attached flyer
- **Candy Drive** ~ too much candy from Halloween! Share the extras with St. Joseph's House.
 - Have students bring the “extra” candy in a bag November 1st through November 5th

❖ Mid-Term Progress Reports

- Mid-term progress reports will be available on Option C on October 20th after 3:00pm
- Please print and sign a copy to be returned to the teacher by October 22nd
- Teachers will reference the Progress Report at Parent Conferences



- Please note the change in the process for determining the grade for the Effort and Study Skills and the Personal and Social Growth grades for students in grades 4 to 8.
 - Each of your child(ren)'s teachers will enter a grade for your child(ren)'s performance in the subjects they teach, including special subject teachers.
 - Those grade assignments will then be averaged to determine the final grade in the areas of Effort and Study Skills and the Personal and Social Growth.
 - Parents will have access to the individual grades by teacher in Option C under those course titles.

❖ Parent Conferences

- Please see the Homeroom Teachers Website for the Sign-up Genius to make your appointment(s)
- Students in grades 6,7,8 are to accompany their parent for the conference
- Conferences are:
 - Thursday, October 28th 3:30pm to 7:30pm
 - Friday, October 29th 8:00am to 1:00pm (NO SCHOOL for students)

❖ Formal Uniforms

- October 25th is the first day of Formal Uniforms
 - See attached flyer for specifics



❖ Picture Day

- **Wednesday, October 27th is Picture Day**
- Students are to be dressed in formal uniform; every student gets their picture taken for use in the yearbook
- Ordering information was sent home in the Communication Envelope this week.

❖ Book Fair

- Our FOLETTE Book Fair will take place October 25th through October 29th
- Information will be sent home in the Communication Envelope
- Parents can visit the Book Fair during conferences (Christmas is just around the corner)

❖ SAVE-A-SEAT ~ 2022-2023



St. Mary Magdalen School will be starting tours and the application process for **new families** during October and November. Due to the number of requests that are coming in, we would like to have an idea of how many current school families will be registering **a new** or **returning** child in the Pre-K 3, Pre-K 4, Kindergarten, First Grade and Second Grade for the Fall of **2022-2023 school year**.

The **SAVE-A-SEAT** form was sent home in the Communication Envelope this week. Please complete this form if you have a new in-coming child and/or a child returning for the 2022-2023 school year. This form simply holds a spot for them, it is not a registration form.

As you may know, when accepting new students into our school, we follow the criteria below:

- Siblings of students already enrolled at St. Mary Magdalen
- Active members of St. Mary Magdalen Parish
- Active members of other Catholic Parishes
- Non-Catholic Families

No determination has been made yet regarding the number of days being offered for PreK 3 for the 2022-2023 school year. Currently it is a full 5-day program. More information to follow.

Walking with Purpose

Please see the attached flyer regarding the “Walking with Purpose” organization in our parish. This is an invitation to learn more about this program.

MIDDLE STATES ASSOCIATION ACCREDITATION

All the Archdiocesan Catholic Elementary School are Accredited every seven years by the Middle States Association. St. Mary Magdalen’s Accreditation expires in May of 2022. Due to all the COVID restrictions during the 2020-2021 school year, we requested and were granted an extension to do our self-study and seek our accreditation for the 2022-2023 school year.

This year’s In-Services and Faculty Meetings have been dedicated to writing our self-study and determining the direction of school improvement for the next seven years. The self-study is based on input from all our stakeholders, including our parents, students, teachers, staff, Home & School Association and our School Board.

Data is gathered through surveys (developed by the Middle States Association) to then be analyzed to formulate goals for the school.

Your input as our parents is vital to this process. We are requesting that you take the time to complete the survey connected to the link below by October 27th so that your information can be utilized in this process.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3XQDMZS>

Our goal is to have 100% participation in this survey. We are very interested in knowing how you feel we meet the Standards of the Middle States Association. Thank you, in advance for your participation.