



# Hawk Herald

St. Mary Magdalen School to Home Communication  
2022-2023

Academically Excellent and Passionately Catholic



Look to the Lord and His Strength; Seek His Face Always. ( 1 Chronicles 16:11)

September 15, 2022



## Welcome Back!

*The start of the school year has been amazing. We are so happy that all of you are here.*

*I can both see and feel the excitement in the building!*

**Please consider joining us for our Opening School Mass on Friday,  
September 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am.**

**Student Council Inductions will take place immediately following mass.**

Here are just a few important reminders~

### **YAY Lunches:**

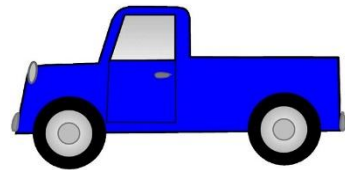
Please take a few minutes to update your YAY lunch accounts with each child's correct homeroom. Distribution of the lunches will run much smoother and efficiently if the lunches are labeled with the correct room number and teacher name. The lunch moms thank you in advance.

I encourage you to check in with your child as to how their lunch was. Some children did not care for what they had so it would be in your best interest to not order that for them again. Although the program is extremely convenient, it is not worth the money if your child is not going to eat the food.

### **Morning Car Line:**

There is a lot of traffic in the back parking lot each morning as the children are dropped off. If you are parking your car and crossing your child to the sidewalk, please do so at the crosswalk by Mr. Dave. He will stop the cars for you and help you cross safely. We ask that you hold your Pre-K and/or Kindergarten child's hand when in the parking lot. Do not cross in between the cars at spots in the car line.

If you are in the car line, do not get out of your car. It is very important that we keep the line moving so that traffic does not get backed up. It is also important that you move all the way up to Mr. Dave when you can. Please do not stop at random spots. This allows more children to get out of more cars all at once, which in turn keeps the line moving. If your child still needs help getting out of the car, please be courteous to others by parking and walking them over to the sidewalk yourself.



**Gym Dress Down Passes:**

Back by popular demand, a card containing 10 gym dress down day passes will be sold at each of the Back-to-School Nights for students in grades K through 8. Each pass is selling for \$15. Only one pass per child is allowed to be purchased. Passes can only be bought on these nights. Be sure to put it in a safe place. Lost passes will not be replaced. Thank you in advance for supporting this Home & School Fundraiser.

**Back-to- School Nights:**

- Pre-K and K                      September 14<sup>th</sup>~ thank you for attending!
- Grades 6, 7, and 8            September 20<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:30 pm in the gym
- Grades 1-5                        September 22<sup>nd</sup>~ 6:30 pm in the gym



**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Meeting**

At least one parent of each 8<sup>th</sup> grader is expected to attend this meeting as we make plans for a fabulous final year for your child at St. Mary Magdalen School. Please join us in the gym on Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

**CYO News:**

Many of our fall sports are underway. Here is the schedule we have so far in case you would like to attend an event and cheer on our SMM students.

9/15 Field Hockey vs. St. Pius AWAY @ 4 pm

9/16 Varsity Volleyball vs. St. Pius and St. Annie’s AWAY @ 6pm

9/18 JV Volleyball vs. Sacred Heart AWAY @ 1 pm  
Cross Country Meet @ 1 pm

9/22 Field Hockey vs. St. Andrews AWAY @ 4 pm

9/24 Field Hockey vs. St. Dennis AWAY @ 1 pm

9/25 Cross Country Meet @ 1 pm

9/29 JV Volleyball vs. St. Dot’s HOME @ 6 pm

9/30 Varsity Volleyball vs. St. Coleman Neumann and St. Dot’s HOME @ 6pm



**Message from Deacon Joe:**

**Want to answer the call to be a Missionary Disciple - Be a Catechist!**

*Catechists come from all walks of life and all ages: women, men, confirmed teenagers, parents, grandparents, singles, and religious. Catechists are not expert teachers or brilliant theologians. They are ordinary people, **just like you and me**, who generously volunteer their time to share our Catholic faith, values, and traditions with our youngest generation of Christians and to walk beside/bear witness to them. They are positive role models who help children grow in faith, spirituality and their relationship with God. Their gift of time and talents has tremendous value... because through their words, actions, and expression of love for their students, the message of Jesus Christ continues to spread throughout the world. Please prayerfully consider your call to be a Catechist. Guidance available!*

CLOW~

*The Children's Liturgy of the Word needs volunteers to bring the children to the chapel during the 9:30 Sunday mass Liturgy of the Word. The program is for grades 1-3. (September-June)*

*The readings are from a children's liturgy book (provided), with ideas and suggestions for discussing the gospel reading. The children enjoy sharing their thoughts. Together you pray the Apostle's Creed and the Prayer of the Faithful. It is very warming to hear their petitions for special loved ones.*

*Please consider, even if only a few times during the school year. Maureen Scheuerman, clearance coordinator at SMM, will host an upcoming Safe Environment Workshop on Wednesday, September 28, at 6:30 pm.*

*You can register at [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org)*

*If you have any questions or would like to meet in the chapel to look at the material, please email me-  
[cclow@stmarymagdalen.net](mailto:cclow@stmarymagdalen.net)*

*If interested, I will send you the link to sign up.*

*Thanks,*

*Carol Lachowicz*



#### **A Message from Mr. Norton:**

We are putting the band back together! **SMM Hawk Bands** resume lessons and rehearsals for our returning and beginner students in Grades 4-8, on Concert Band instruments: brass, woodwinds, and percussion. New this year: **SMM Hawk Strings**! This is open to all interested students in Grades 4-8, for an Orchestra String instrument: violin, viola, and cello. Families are encouraged to sit together for a few minutes to watch instrument demo videos, interviews, a listening challenge, and much more as found on our updated SMM Hawk Band/String site: [SMM Hawk Band & String Program](#).

And of course, we offer our **SMM Modern Band** for MS 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 will have the option to focus on the instrument(s) of their choice, as well as try others if desired or available. Vocals will be included but not required for performances (and we know there are some voices ready to *rock out!*) There will also be technology integration for students to produce their own music!

Students of all abilities and experience are invited to join in these exciting ensemble opportunities. Our inaugural Spring Concert last May was a great success for our instrumental program, but only the first of many wonderful music experiences for returning and new students to enjoy! Please be assured all music instruction will be utilizing the most current protocols as part of the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) to ensure that music education is available to all students and provided safely. Be sure to check any upcoming Heralds and SMM website for more information to come via **Michael Norton, SMM Hawk Band/String director**: [smmhawkband@gmail.com](mailto:smmhawkband@gmail.com)

Home and School News:

**Family Picnic THIS SATURDAY!!**

4:30 Mass presented by 8th grade

5:30 Picnic with food trucks for purchase at the lower lot!

***Upcoming events:***

**Adult social at Sterling Pig - October 8th** (see attached flyer for more details)

**Halloween Dance (Grades 6-8) - October 28th**

**Trunk or Treat (Grades PreK-5th) - October 29th**

***Please be on the lookout for more information on these upcoming events!!***

Thank you parents for helping us with the start of the school year. We make a great team!

Blessings,

Mrs. Jennifer Roehrig  
Principal

Ms. Kathleen Logan  
Vice-Principal

Ms. Denise Winterberger  
Principal Emeritus

