

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School

Passionately Catholic & Academically Excellent

HAWK HERALD

*Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of
the heavenly lights, who does not change like the shifting shadows.*

(James 1:17)

NOVEMBER 30, 2023

Dear St. Mary Magdalen Families,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and was able to enjoy time spent with family and friends. We have so much to be grateful for and lots to celebrate now that the Advent season is upon us. We are looking forward to a fun and faith-filled month in anticipation of the birth of Jesus.

Congratulations again to our 3 Neumann Scholars: Ella, Alex, and Ali! I am thrilled for these students, their families, and their teachers. Yesterday was a great celebration for them and St. Mary Magdalen School!

I continue to invite you to participate in the life of our school and parish, especially at weekly mass and through our Stewardship activities. Everything that we do is made better with your participation. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Fondly,

Mrs. Amy Bauer

Principal

[Events Board](#)

Please remember to frequently visit the [parish Events Board](#) for happenings in the school and community. Recently posted is registration for Media Little League--don't miss it!

Picture Retake Day

Picture Retake Day is on Friday, December 8. Any student who was absent on Picture Day (October 25th) or wishes to have his/her picture retaken should do so on December 8. If your child had a picture taken on October 25th, but wishes to have it retaken, the original picture package **must** be returned with your child on December 8th in order to have a picture retaken. Please be aware that the re-taken picture will be the final picture, with no opportunity for another retake.

Christmas “Dress Downs” for Students and Staff

We are looking forward to getting in the spirit and celebrating the season!

12/6 – St. Nicholas Day: Christmas/red/green TOPS; must wear uniform bottoms

12/15 – Full Christmas spirit dress down for Santa Shop and Stewardship Project

12/20 – Full Christmas spirit dress down; **may wear PJ bottoms**; cost is \$1 to benefit the Stewardship Fund

12/21 – All students will be attending the 8:30 am mass so children must be in either formal or gym uniforms; everyone may have a free pass to where their gym uniforms if they wish

SMM Spirit Store

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

Friday, January 12th

The SMM faculty and staff will be having their Christmas luncheon on Friday, 1/12. **This day will now be a half day for students with no CARES.**

Important Dates

- Friday, 12/1 – 8:30 all school mass; 12 noon dismissal
- Wednesday, 12/6 – St. Nicholas Day; Report Cards distributed
- Friday, 12/8 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception; all students attend 8:30 mass; FULL DAY; Picture Re-take Day
- Tuesday, 12/12 – Chipotle Fundraiser 4:00-8:00 pm (Newtown Square location)
- Friday, 12/15 – Santa Shop & Giving Tree Stewardship; NO HOT LUNCH
- Wednesday, 12/20 – Christmas Concert 6:30 pm in Church
- Thursday, 12/21 – all students attend 8:30 mass; FULL DAY; last day of school until 1/3/24!

Note from the Nurse

'Tis the season! Please be sure to review the important health information sent from Mrs. Bonsall via email on Tuesday, 11/28.

SMM Band and String Instruction

We will launch weekly after-school band and string instruction for all interested students in Grades 3-8 beginning in January.

- **Concert Band** instruments will include all brass, woodwinds, and percussion starting in Grade 4.
- **Strings** will include violin, viola, and cello starting in Grade 3.
- For students in Grades 5-8, **Modern Band** is also available which includes guitar, piano, bass, drums, ukulele, and vocalists.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the available band and string instruments. We invite students of all abilities and skill levels to join these exciting musical opportunities. Please see the attached agreement and reach out to Mr. Norton with any questions (band@stmarymagdalen.net).

Attachments

- 1) December Calendar
- 2) SMM December Hawk Happenings
- 3) Chipotle Fundraiser
- 4) Faculty/Staff Christmas Fund
- 5) Gala Save-the-Date
- 6) Adopt-a-Family Flyer
- 7) Adopt-a-Family Links
- 8) Knights of Columbus Flyer
- 9) Parish Events
- 10) SMM Hawk Band Agreement

