

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School

Passionately Catholic & Academically Excellent

HAWK HERALD

“What you are is God’s gift
to you, what you become
is your gift to God.”

—Hans urs von Balthasar

APRIL 15, 2024

Dear St. Mary Magdalen Families,

I hope that your spring is off to a wonderful start. It has been so nice to have the sun shining over the past few days. Thank you for taking the time to read through the Hawk Herald and the attachments. As always, I am grateful for your participation in the life of our school and parish. Have a great week!

Fondly,

Mrs. Amy Bauer
Principal

Special Announcements

- Thank you to everyone who has returned solar eclipse glasses. If you still have a pair or two, please send them in by Friday, 4/26. We will be donating the glasses to schools in Latin America, where there will be a solar eclipse in August.
- Be sure to visit the Events Board on our [school website](#) to find information on camps and community organizations.
- We are in desperate need of yard duty volunteers. Please [sign up](#) to fulfill your commitment or maybe pick up a few extra shifts. Thank you!
- **HERSHEY PARK HAPPY!** One of the attachments is a Hershey Park order form. HP and the archdiocese have partnered to offer discounted tickets. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please print this form and complete it. **Send it into school with a check made payable to St. Mary Magdalen School in an envelope.** We will put a school order together to send directly to Hershey Park. All orders must be submitted by **April 30th**. This is a firm deadline. We have to get our SMM order to Hershey Park so that all tickets can be distributed before the end of school.

AOP STREAM EXPO at CARDINAL O'HARA



This year's STREAM EXPO for Delaware County Catholic schools is scheduled for Wednesday, 4/24 from 4:00 – 7:00 pm in the cafeteria of Cardinal O'Hara High School. St. Mary Magdalen will have tables full of student work covering all levels and areas of our integrated STREAM curriculum. All are invited to stop by this wonderful showcase of teaching and learning.

Danny Hammond Dance Marathon @ COHS



The Danny Hammond Dance Marathon (DHDM), a 12-hour extravaganza, will take place at Cardinal O'Hara on Friday, 5/3. DHDM is named for Danny Hammond, a 2010 graduate of O'Hara who battled pediatric cancer for many years before passing away in 2014. Danny was charismatic, passionate and funny. During his battle, he always remembered what was important: helping others. Since 2015, the Danny Hammond Dance Marathon has tried to honor Danny's legacy of happiness and compassion for others. Funds raised throughout this year will support Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Charities Appeal, Bringing Hope Home, the HEADstrong Foundation, and Alex's Lemonade Stand.

DHDM is a student-run organization led by a senior leadership team. Each year, team members ask their elementary principals if they can host a dress down day to support DHDM. This year, Lily Marquis and Cassidy Martin had an easy job...their moderator is the principal of their former school ☺ SMM will have a \$1 dress down day on Friday, 4/26 and all funds will be donated to DHDM.

I would also invite you to stop by O'Hara on 5/3. We will be standing/dancing from 1 pm until 1 am. Our family hour(s) are 6-8 pm and conclude with a prayer service. These hours represent "why" we dance, but every hour is special and open to visitors. Come be inspired!

Important Dates

- Friday, 4/19 – Noon dismissal; Faculty meeting
- Friday, 4/19 – Cereal boxes due; honeygrow Fundraiser
- Monday, 4/22 – No school for students; Professional Development Day
- Thursday, 4/25 – Progress reports distributed
- Thursday, 4/25 – 8th grade to Washington DC
- Friday, 4/26 – All school \$1 dress down to support DHDM at COHS
- Friday, 4/26 – 8th Grade Spirit Night (All are welcome!)
- Monday, 4/29 – Clean calendar dress down (grades 4-8)
- Monday, 4/29 – Kindergarten to Please Touch Museum
- Tuesday, 4/30 – 5th grade to Franklin Institute
- Friday, 5/3 – Special Person's Day; Noon dismissal

Attachments

- 1) April Calendar
- 2) April Stewardship Project
- 3) Hershey Park Tickets
- 4) Homework Planner Sponsorships
- 5) SMM Spirit Night
- 6) honeygrow Fundraiser (4/19)
- 7) 2023-24 SMM Yearbook
- 8) H&S Volunteers
- 9) Chipotle Fundraiser (5/15)
- 10) Special Person's Invitation (please share with your child's "special person")
- 11) May Snow Cones

Thank you to all who attended and/or contributed to the St. Mary Magdalen Gala in honor of Monsignor Chieffo. What a wonderful night celebrating our leader and gem of a school! Thank you, Monsignor, for all that you have done and continue to do for Catholic education!

