

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School

Passionately Catholic & Academically Excellent

HAWK HERALD

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.
And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

(Philippians 4:6-7)

DECEMBER 30, 2023



Dear St. Mary Magdalen Families,

Happy Christmas season! I hope you had a few wonderful days of joyous celebration and are enjoying your holiday break. On behalf of the faculty and staff, thank you to all of the families who generously donated to the Christmas collection. Your kindness to us at this special time of the year is greatly appreciated. Thanks, too, to our fantastic Home & School association for assisting me with our "12 Days of Christmas" fun. I am certain that the amazing SMM Christmas spirit and feelings of community will help us get through the winter months. Best wishes for a happy, healthy, and peaceful 2024!

Fondly,

Mrs. Amy Bauer
Principal

Reminders and Requests

A reminder that the school day begins at 8:00 am *sharp*. All students are expected to be in the building by 8:00 am. Each day begins with communal prayer in the gym. This is a part of our culture and identity as a Catholic school. It is what sets us apart as a school and a community of faith. The children enjoy this tradition and it creates a positive start to the day. Please be mindful of this as we begin the new year. Thank you!

In addition, I have received numerous reports about erratic driving in the school lot at morning drop off. I implore you to please follow the established protocol. Please utilize both the bottom lot and car line for dropping off older children. If using the car line, pull up as far as possible to Mr. Dave and have your children exit the car immediately. Please do **NOT** go around cars in the line in order to exit the lot. If younger children need assistance, please park and walk them through the lot using the crosswalk with Mr. Dave. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe!

Seussical Jr. Registration

I forwarded an email from the *Seussical Jr.* production team to families on 12/26. All students in kindergarten to grade 8 are welcome to be a part of the SMM Players. There are cast/crew roles for everyone! Registration closes on Monday, 1/1 and auditions will be held on Thursday, 1/4 after school.

MLK Day of Service

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is Monday, 1/15 and it is recognized not only as a national holiday, but also as a day of service. Please see the attached service opportunity for SMM students (ages 8 and up) and families. I would love for you to join me!

SMM Spirit Store

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

SMM Band and String Instruction

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

- **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).

Important Dates

- Wednesday, 1/3 – Classes resume
- Friday, 1/5 – First Friday mass at 8:30 am; FULL DAY
- Friday, 1/12 – 12 noon dismissal
- Monday, 1/15 – MLK Jr. Day; NO SCHOOL
- Wednesday, 1/24 – General Home & School Meeting at 6:30 pm
- Sunday, 1/28 – 9:30 am mass for the opening of Catholic Schools Week

Attachments

- 1) January Calendar
- 2) MLK Day of Service
- 3) SMM Hawk Band Agreement

