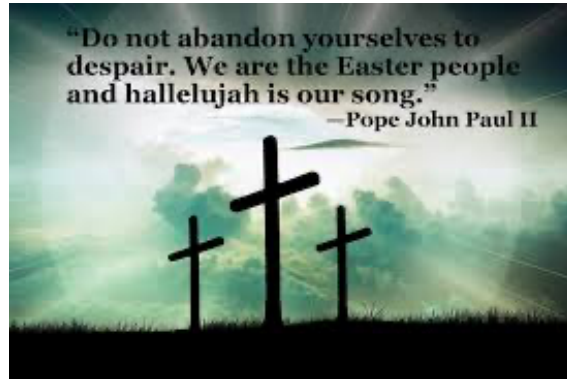


St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School

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HAWK HERALD



APRIL 30, 2025

Dear St. Mary Magdalen Families,

Tomorrow is May 1st! Can you believe it? We have so many wonderful events and celebrations on the horizon...Special Person's Day, May Procession, field trips, SMM's production of *The Little Mermaid*, spring sports, field day, promotion ceremonies, 8th grade graduation. I know everyone is getting super excited for summer, but there are so many things to enjoy before the school year comes to a close.

One of the attachments includes pictures of a few of our parents who were fully welcomed into the Catholic Church over the past few weeks. Congratulations to school parents, Christine Barker, Danielle Lebon, Rachael Mealy, Andrew Rumford, and Phil Solomon, as well as parishioners, Tess Papa, David Sim, and Alison Stempler. We are so happy for you and your families! Thank you for your example of faith and fellowship. If anyone is interested in process of Christian Initiation, please reach out to any of these individuals or Deacon Bob Szipszky for more information.

Please take some time to read through the Hawk Herald and the attachments. As always, thank you for your support and your involvement in our school and parish communities.

Fondly,

Mrs. Amy Bauer
Principal

Congratulations & Best Wishes

As I wrote a few weeks ago, Friday, 6/6 will now be a half day for students in grades 1-8 (students in Pre-K and K will have already celebrated their promotions ☺). The reason for our half-day is bittersweet. The school and parish will be hosting a luncheon for our three retirees: Jeanie Gosseaux, Gigi Hagan, and Sharon Higgins. Although we are sad to see them leave SMM, we are grateful for their dedication and many contributions over the years and wish them all the best as they enjoy retirement.

We will be adding an additional Pre-K 3 class next school year. Ms. Alexa Mazzola has been hired as the lead teacher for this new classroom. Ms. Mazzola did her student teaching at SMM in 1st grade with Mrs. McGowan and is currently serving as a long-term substitute for Mrs. Sheller who is out on maternity leave. As you know, Mr. Pat Hanway currently teaches Pre-K physical education and 7/8 Health classes. He will assume all phys. ed. classes next school year. Congrats, Ms. Mazzola and Mr. Hanway! We are so happy that you will be part of the faculty in '25-26!

Important Information

- Summer Math book orders are due **this Friday, May 2**. All students currently in Grades K through 7 are **required** to complete a summer math book. Orders must be placed through the online ordering system. Please see the attached letter with additional information.
- Please be sure to review the emails sent this week about morning drop-off/parking lot and Special Persons Day.
- Please note that students will no longer be allowed back into the building after 3:15 pm if they forget books/materials needed for homework. It is not safe for them to be in classrooms when teachers are not present. Thank you for your understanding.
- Please be sure to consult the [community page of the parish website](#) for information on summer and community programs. There are many coming in so be sure to check often.

Yard Duty and Lunch Duty

We are in need of volunteers for both lunch and yard duty. Please consider helping out in both the cafeteria and during recess. Many students, especially in the younger grades, require help with their lunches and there is a quick turn-around between the second and third lunches. Many hands make light work! Help is also needed with recess. A \$75 fee will be assessed to those who do not fulfill their third trimester requirement. Thank you so much in advance. We could not provide a wonderful lunch and recess experience for our students without your help!

[LUNCH DUTY](#)

[YARD DUTY – TRIMESTER 3](#)

Important Dates

- Friday, 5/2 – Special Person’s Day; 8:30 am First Friday mass; Noon dismissal; Kiwi Froyo Fundraiser
- Sunday, 5/4 – First Holy Communion for 2nd grade at 11:30 mass
- Monday, 5/5 – Friday, 5/9 – Teacher Appreciation Week
- Monday, 5/5 – Kindergarten field trip to The Please Touch Museum
- Thursday, 5/8 – 5th grade field trip to The Franklin Institute
- Friday, 5/9 – Mother/Son event at Sproul Lanes
- Monday, 5/12 – 1st & 2nd grades field trip to the Philadelphia Zoo
- Wednesday, 5/14 – 4th grade field trip to Citizen’s Bank Park
- Friday, 5/16 – May Procession
- Friday, 5/16 – Sunday, 5/18 – *The Little Mermaid* weekend
- Tuesday, 5/20 – 3rd grade field trip to Valley Forge National Park
- Friday, 5/23 – Monday, 5/26 – Memorial Day weekend; NO SCHOOL
- Friday, 5/30 – 7th & 8th grade field trips
- ***Thursday, 6/5 – Pre-K Moving-up Program
- ***Friday, 6/6 – Kindergarten Moving-up Program
- ***Friday, 6/6 – 12 noon dismissal for grades 1-8

Attachments

- 1) May Calendar
- 2) May Hawk Happenings
- 3) Kiwi Yogurt Fundraiser
- 4) Special Persons Day
- 5) Mother-Son Bowling Night
- 6) Summer Math Letter & Ordering Info
- 7) Little Mermaid Tickets (Saturday ONLY)
- 8) Camp Guadalupe 2025
- 9) OCIA Pictures

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Pope Francis



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A Prayer for the Repose of the Soul of Pope Francis

O God, faithful rewarder of souls,
grant that your departed servant Pope Francis,
whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of
your Church, may happily enjoy for ever in your
presence in heaven the mysteries of your grace and
compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

— From the Roman Missal,
Prayers for the Dead—For A Pope



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