



Hawk Herald



St. Mary Magdalen School to Home Communication

2020-2021

Academically Excellent and Passionately Catholic

"Lord, may you bless the world, give health to our bodies and comfort our hearts. You ask us not to be afraid. Yet our faith is weak and we are fearful. But you, Lord, will not leave us at the mercy of the storm. Tell us again: "Do not be afraid" (Mt. 28-5). And we, together with Peter, "cast all our anxieties onto you, for you care about us" (1 Peter 5:7)." ~ Pope Francis

July 15, 2020

It is my hope that all are well and staying safe. As I have been communicating with you, there have been several committees working on the plans for moving "ONWARD" in September as we open the doors of our school. The Archdiocesan Task Force (CSO) Catholic School ONWARD, finalized the framework of guidelines for the elementary schools last Friday. We then needed to adapt the plans as they apply to our school. The SMM committee and School Board have been diligently working to provide a document that will be very specific to our school, your children, and our teachers/staff. Please review this link for the Archdiocesan guidelines:

<https://aopcatholicalschools.org/catholic-schools-onward-cso-2/>

If you listen to the media and even the authorities, the scenario keeps changing. So please keep in mind that some of the plans are not solidified yet. **Our plan is to open St. Mary Magdalen School in September and provide guidelines as well as options so that everyone can be kept healthy and safe.** PLEASE review the first draft of the PowerPoint which outlines several areas that need to be brought to your attention as they will apply to SMM. As we develop the remaining slides with the guideline, we will forward them to you.

See the attached documents:

- Catholic Schools ONWARD ~ SMM Guidelines (more to follow)
- Entering the SMM Building Plan
- Parent Purchased Stationery List
- SMM water bottle

Family Directory

Please email Sharon Higgins (shiggins@stmarymagdalen.net) with any recent changes in your contact information for the Family Directory, no later than July 31. Please note that only one primary phone number and one primary email will be used in the directory.

School Uniforms

Flynn and O'Hara is having a 15% off sale on school uniforms until July 17th. See the link below for more information:

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:ec02fe26-f756-4ccf-a8eb-80a4fa88e991>

Spirit Store

- **GYM UNIFORM MUST be ordered by JULY 24th**



Please be sure to order before the deadline.

Orders are to be placed through the online ordering system found on the parent portal of the website.

IMPORTANT ---Your child's grade level has been updated reflecting 2020-2021 school year. Everyone has been placed in the **A Homeroom**. Final Homeroom assignments will be determined in August.

- **FACE MASK** – these cotton two-ply face masks with the Hawk LOGO will also be available through the Spirit Store. They can be ordered through the online ordering system.



The individual cost is \$10 per mask.

- **SMM Water Bottles** – we are requesting that every child brings a 24oz. water bottle to school to stay hydrated throughout the day. We are attempting to retro-fit or replace the current drinking fountains with water bottle coolers.

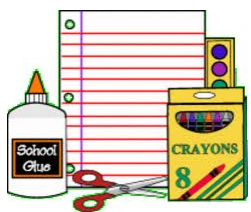
They too are available through the Spirit store at \$10 a bottle.

The Slim Grip 25 oz Tritan /TM/ Bottle. Flip straw lid. Heavy duty with a narrow center for easy handling. Dishwasher safe Tritan /TM/. BPA free / food compliant. Will not retain odor or flavor.

Stationery Supplies

- Attached is the list of supplies that your child(ren) will need for the start-up of school.

These items are specific to each grade level and are purchased by the parent. The school also purchases supplies that are utilized by the teachers to help organize and manage the curriculum.



Remember to AMAZON SMILE to support our school if you are ordering items online.



Safe Environment

Due to social distancing guidelines and Covid restrictions, we will not be offering a safe environment class at SMM this fall.

If you need the Protecting God's Children class now, please go to virtus.org and check for other options, including online classes being held with limited spots available.

If you have questions, please email Maureen Scheuerman at safeenvironment@stmarymagdalen.net

SMM Staffing changes for 2020-2021

There have been some changes at SMM over the past few weeks that I would like to bring to your attention and assure you that we are working diligently to interview and fill the two openings.

Jennifer Roehrig has accepted the position of **Vice Principal** at SMM for the 2020-2021 school year. There was a search committee that included School Board members, teachers, a parishioner, Monsignor and myself. Mrs. Roehrig will be a great asset to the school as we enter the new school year.

Maribeth Grasso Hill will be moving to the PreK 3 ~ 3-day program and then take on the role of **Early Childhood Director** to work on licensing procedures for 2021-2022 and offer a "special" for the other three PreK teachers on Tuesday and Thursday, so they will get PREP periods.

Katie McFillin, the long-term substitute in grade 5 (2019-2020), will be taking the **Second Grade** teaching position.

Jennifer McGowan will be moving over to the **PreK 4**.

Michele DeCarlo has tenured her resignation from her Kindergarten position at SMM. Michele will be continuing her on-line instruction program that she has been doing.

Dale Phillips will be assuming the **Kindergarten KB** position and leaving Grade 1.

The first grade position was again offered back to **Lori Henry** (she was on Family Leave) but she has declined. She will be continuing her education, doing work for her husband and watching little Danny, her grandson. She is just not ready to come back to the school setting. As always, keep her in your prayers.

We are in the process of interviewing for the **fifth grade and first grade positions**. I have six interviews set up this week. Final candidates will then interview with Monsignor. A decision is to be made next week and will be communicated to you.

CONGRATULATIONS to all mentioned above and blessings on your new paths.

Please see the attached document:

Catholic Schools ONWARD ~ Guidelines for SMM