



Hawk Herald

St. Mary Magdalen School to Home Communication

2019 ~ 2020

Academically Excellent and Passionately Catholic



*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13*

Good afternoon everyone, I cannot believe it is already October! Please take the time to read this memo because there is a great deal of information about upcoming events and activities at school.

Wednesday, October 2nd ~ NO SCHOOL ~ all teachers in the Archdiocese will be attending an in-service day.



Funeral with a gun salute. On Thursday, September 26th there was a funeral at the church for a 95 year old gentleman who served in several wars. At the end of his funeral there was a 3 gun salute for him outside of church. I was informed of this about 30 minutes before it happened. It was scheduled to happen between noon and 1:00pm so in order to prepare the students, I did get on the PA system to explain what was going to happen, why and what they should do during this time. I also asked the teachers to talk about it with the students especially in grades K, 1 and 2 because they would be outside for recess. I did ask the K-2 if they could show respect during the time of the salute by stopping their play, stand quietly and say a little prayer for this man. I was so proud of them because they did what was asked of them. Recess went quiet and the respect shown was wonderful.

I unfortunately forgot to inform you that this did occur during school hours in the event that your child(ren) didn't understand what was happening and came home afraid. I sincerely apologize for this lack of communication.

The Upper Providence Police

A few years ago, the Upper Providence Police Department have made a point of stopping by the school at least once or twice a week to check on the school and our safety. They sign-in at the office and walk through the building and around the building checking on doors and making sure all is good. The students come to get familiar with their presence and welcome them in our school. I will be explaining their presence in the building to the students next week.

From The Nurse:



Please be advised if you have not submitted your students' **Physical exam (grades K and 6th) and Dental (K, 3rd, 7th), these forms are now past due.** A physical or dental dated anytime from Sept 2018 to now is acceptable. These forms are needed in addition to the immunization record since the physical is a more complete assessment of your child's health. Both forms are available on the school website under the "Nurse's Notes" tab. I also accept any forms individual Drs or Dental offices may use. Please contact me with any questions. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Family Bingo ~ October 4th

See attached Flyer for details.



It's Box Top Collection Time





Please send in any box tops collected over the summer by October 14. Please send them in to the care of Julie McAnally 3A. The traditional Box tops clipping program will be phased out this year.

The program has now gone digital, no more clipping required! The Box Tops program is using an app. It's simple now to collect box tops for SMM in 3 simple steps:

1. Download the app at the app store both for Android & Apple Phones
2. Set Saint Mary Magdalen as your school
3. Just scan your store receipt within 14 days of purchase using the app. The app automatically finds participating products and instantly adds Box Tops to St. Mary Magdalen's school earnings online. No clipping required!

STEWARDSHIP at SMM

See the attached memos regarding the 2019-2020 Stewardship Projects

-  Calendar of events
-  October's Gently Used Coat Drive



GO BLUE for Blair ~ 5K Fall Family Fest ~ October 11th

See the flyers attached regarding the Fall Family Fest and Go BLUE for Blair

Go BLUE for Blair will be a Fundraiser to benefit the Henry Family ~ students and families can order a “**GO BLUE for BLAIR**” bracelet to support this fundraiser. Students may wear the bracelet to school. Students purchasing bracelets may wear their gym uniform shorts with a gym shirt or a blue T-Shirt on October 11 to support the day for BLAIR.

SAVE-A-SEAT for 2020-2021 (IMPORTANT)

On Thursday, October 3rd we will be sending a “**SAVE-A-SEAT**” flyer home in the Communication Envelope (bright orange paper). It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that the parents of students in our Pre-K 3, PreK 4, Kindergarten, and Grade 1 return this document to save a seat for your child for the 2020-2021 school year. It is also important that if you have a child still at home that you return this form for that child if you are planning on enrolling them into SMM.

We begin our tours and accepting applications for the new school year (2020-2021) in Mid October and through November. We have 10 new families already seeking tours and information.

Having your information and a count allows us planning for the next school year.

The following Protocol is used for accepting families:

- Current students
- Siblings of current students
- Parishioners
- Catholic Families that are not Parishioners
- Non-Catholics



SMM HAWK BAND Program



- Mr. Michael Norton, our new Band Director is aiming to GROW our Band Program. See the flyer for more info.

KIDS STUFF Coupon Book



One of the few fundraising activities of our Home and School Association is the “KIDS STUFF” coupon book. Every family was sent a book this past week. Please remit your payment if you are purchasing the coupon book. If you are not going to purchase the book, we ask that you please RETURN the book with your child.

The Home & School Association receives 50% commission on all books purchased. All monies or BOOKs are due by October 7th.

TIME CHANGES for Lunch and RECESS Duty

There was a change made in the schedule for lunch and recess times, please note the time differences:

RECESS/YARD DUTY now **begins at 12:00 and ends at 1:15**. We ask all yard duty volunteers to be at school by 11:50 and stay until recess ends at 1:15.

If you have not signed up yet for your duties, please do so on the Parent Portal of the website.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE LUNCH



The hot lunch program at SMM depends on our parents to help serve the lunches to our children. The set-up of the program has a dual purpose and goal: to offer a lunch program for our children and raise funds to support the Home and School activities. It cannot do these things without your help. If you or even a grandparent can assist during lunch time (11:30 to 12:50) on Mon. and/or Wed. it would be greatly appreciated. On Fridays, our 8th grade parents serve the pizza lunches to benefit their 8th grade children.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN FOOTBALL!

Please join us for our **Annual Homecoming Football Game!** We need your support to bring home a pair of wins! Come out for a fun-filled day to cheer on the **Magdalen Football** team and show your school spirit! There will be tons of food, football apparel, cheerleaders and more! Go Hawks!



Where: Cardinal O'Hara HS

When: Saturday 10/5

Varsity: 10 AM

JV: 11:30 AM

PICTURE DAY - October 23

All students will be photographed in their winter/formal uniforms. Their picture will be included in the class composite and the school yearbook.

Look for ordering instructions in the October 16 Communication Envelope. If you wish to order pictures using cash or check (not online), you **MUST** complete the order form and have your child bring the form to school on Picture Day. Contact information for specific ordering questions is contained on the order form.

SAVE THE DATES

October 7th ~ Living Rosary ~ Students in grades 4 and 7 conduct a Living Rosary ~ 2:00pm

October 10th ~ First Home and School Meeting ~ info to follow

October 14th ~ Columbus Day ~ **NO SCHOOL**

October 21st to October 25th ~ Book Fair