



Catholic Schools Week



3rd grade Mass of Love



Grandparents Day



Father/ Daughter Dance



Free Throw Tourney

Dear St. Margaret Mary School families,

Happy Sunday! Today marks the end of a very exciting week. Once again, **'Catholic Schools Week'** proved to be a week-long celebration of events and tributes! The students recognized and honored their teachers, principal (me! Thank you kids!), parents and clergy with gifts and cards. Yet, the highlight of the week was most certainly when we, the teachers, received the opportunity to celebrate our students on **Student Appreciation Day!** On Thursday afternoon, each teacher (along with very helpful room moms) planned and implemented fun activities for their students – pizza parties, popcorn, movies, pasta bars and relay races to name a few!

On Friday, the entire school gathered in the church for the *Mass of Love* hosted by Mrs. Hines and her awesome third graders. The Mass was prepared beautifully by our precious little ones who brought to light God's love for all of us. This particular Mass was made uniquely special when the entire student body were witnesses to a very prayerful event – the First Holy Communion of **Alina Manyari**. Congratulations Alina!

On Saturday, the MOMS CLUB were busy hosting two very exciting SMMS events: **Grandparents Day** and **The Father Daughter Dance**. In the morning, it was wonderful to recognize the grandparents who play such an important role in our students' lives. Thank you Mrs. Traversa and her MOMS CLUB crew for partnering with our students to honor their grandparents. On Saturday evening, Hegarty Hall was transformed into a beautiful hall made for princesses! At this event, Fathers and daughters came in their 'Sunday best' to enjoy an evening of fine dining and dancing. A huge 'thank you' goes out to our MOMS CLUB hosts, Mrs. Poasa, Mrs. Mares, Mrs. Padilla and their team for an elegant event. Thank you Mr. Traversa, our resident chef, for planning and preparing the meals for both events. Thank you 8th grade boys – **Alessandro Mares, Mark Waronek, Jamil Hines, Aiden Ferstadt, Ian Flores, Ryan Barba and Jonah Poasa** for your services in serving food and clean up.

But wait! There's more! While grandparents, fathers and daughters were enjoying their events inside the hall, our basketball players were shooting free throws outside on our campus courts in a competition hosted by **THE KNIGHTS OF COLOMBUS**. Thank you Coach Solomon Lenon and his team of coaches for encouraging and mentoring our students. Congratulations to our top scorers Maximo and Marcus Adams who earned the top prizes.

As we look toward the week ahead, there are a few important calendar events and changes that you may want to make special note of:



MONDAY FEBRUARY 8TH – Half day due to a monthly faculty meeting. Daycare will be available.



WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 10TH – *ASH WEDNESDAY*. All SMMS students will be receiving ashes on this day. Due to the number of services held in the church, WEDNESDAY IS A HALF DAY. Daycare will be available.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

RE- REGISTRATION PACKETS FOR THE 2016 – 2017 SCHOOL YEAR WILL BE GIVEN OUT on WEDNESDAY. PLEASE LOOK IN YOUR CHILD’S FAMILY FOLDER FOR THIS.



FRIDAY FEBRUARY 12TH - VALENTINES DAY AT SMMS! Although the official Valentine’s Day lands on Sunday, our Saint Margaret Mary School students will be celebrating on Friday. Please contact your child’s teacher or classroom room mom for a schedule of parties and activities planned for that day.



If you have not done so yet, please read the flyer attached and consider sending a VALENTINE GRAM to a special friend or teacher. The 8th grade class is busy creating special Valentine Grams for anyone who would like to purchase one. Last day to order is Thursday February 11th. All grams will be delivered on Friday morning.



WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 17TH – **FAMILY NIGHT AT CHILI VERDE AND COLDSTONE**- Please take a night out with the family to enjoy a delicious dinner and dessert while supporting our school. Chili Verde invites all SMMS to have dinner at their place! Buy a dinner and Chili Verde will donate a percentage of the profits to SMMS! For dessert, just walk a few steps next door to COLD STONE! They too will donate a percentage of profits to our school!!!! See you there!

SAVE THE DATE MAY 6TH

PLEASE ‘**SAVE THE DATE**’ FOR SAINT MARGARET MARY SCHOOL’S **BIGGEST EVENT OF THE YEAR...**

SMMS DINNER DANCE FUNDRAISER!!!!!!

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE GATHER AS A SCHOOL COMMUNITY FOR AN EVENING OF EXTRAORDINARY FUN OF DINNER, DRINKS AND DANCING. THE COMMITTEE HAS ALREADY STARTED PREPARING FOR THIS AWESOME EVENT. DON’T MISS OUT! MORE INFO TO FOLLOW SOON!!



Have a great week! Many Blessings to you and your family,

Mrs. Zimmerman
Principal