



Hello St. Margaret Mary School Families,

I hope you all are enjoying your Sunday morning! We are at mid-May! Can you believe it? Although we are planning for the summer months, there is still much to do before we close out the school year.

The month of May always represents a very busy time. So much has transpired and we still have two more weeks!!! We began May with a Mass hosted by our fantastic first graders. At this Mass, they honored our Mother Mary beautifully.

On May 8th the entire school community gathered together (on a very blustery evening) to sing songs of Disney. Dressed in thematic costumes and singing their hearts out, our children not only showed how multi-talented they are, but that we are truly the best school in Southern Cal!!

On May 13th, the last SMMS Athletic Banquet was held for this year. On this occasion, parents and students feasted on a homemade cooked meal prepared by our volunteer chef Mr. Traversa (thank you!) while the faculty and staff honored our school athletes who played soccer, softball and track and field for our school. A big thank you goes to our coaches Coach Flores (boys' soccer), Coach Valdovinos (girls soccer), Coach Val (softball) and Team Schwab (track and field), for their time and dedication to our students.

This past Friday our wonderful 2nd graders were united with Christ as they received the **Sacrament of Communion**. The Mass was a blessed event and it was great to see so many of our families gather together in Hegarty Hall for a celebratory meal.

As we approach the last two weeks of May, there is certainly more fun ahead. This coming Wednesday, May 20th is **FAMILY NIGHT AT E PASO CANTINA**. **Please enjoy a good meal and support the school as well!! Your support is very much appreciated!!**

On that night as well, the *KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS* will be holding a speech contest for all junior high students who would like a chance to win a scholarship!! Thank you so much *KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS* for your generosity towards the school and our students.

Thursday, the school community will venture out on a fun filled outing to *KNOTT'S BERRY FARM*!!! Chaperones have been selected and tickets purchased. For those of you who have been named a 'designated chaperone,' you will receive a list of students for your group and a spot on the bus has been reserved for you. The park opens at 10:00 a.m and the buses will leave promptly at 8:30 a.m. At the end of the day, the buses will start transporting students back at 5:00 p.m. It's going to be an awesome day!! Parents, please make sure that your children are in proper non-uniform dress and adhere to our school policy. Some of the important rules for our students to remember are:

1. **Shoes** – No sandals or 'flip-flops' allowed. Tennis shoes must be worn with socks. Socks must be worn and above the ankle.
2. **Shorts or skirts** – shorts and skirts must be appropriate in length. Shorts and skirts may not be shorter than 2" above the knee. Baggy and oversized shorts may not be worn. All shorts and skirts may not have rips, tears or holes.
3. **Hair** may not be dyed

4. **No purses** or back packs allowed
5. **No electronic** devices.
6. **Hats** and sunscreen may be worn
7. **No 'bag lunches'** allowed. Children must bring money for lunch, snacks and souvenirs.

Please know that Friday, the day after our Knott's Berry Farm event, is a school holiday. No school or daycare on that day (May 22nd) or the following Monday (May 25th).

When we get back from our Knott's Berry Farm weekend, we will only have four days left of May. During that week, the **2015-2016 INFORMATION WELCOME PACKETS** will be distributed to those students who are on next year's roster. These packets contain important information such as the calendar, school supply list, uniform code, summer reading and much, much more. Parents, please make sure that you have fulfilled all your tuition, fundraising and scrip obligations otherwise your child will not be on next year's roster. For those of you who received tuition delinquent notices today, I am sorry but your child is not on the roster for the 2015 – 2016 school year. Please call the office with intention of payment if you would like your child's name to be put back on their class roster.

Although I will publish a newsletter with important June information in a couple of weeks, here are some important tid-bits that may be of value to you:

1. Faculty meeting June 1st HALF DAY
2. FACTS TUITION FIRST PAYMENT DUE IN JUNE
3. 8TH grade FINALS begins Monday June 1 through June 3rd. 8th grade will be dismissed at 12:00
4. 8TH grade DISNEYLAND TRIP on Thursday June 4th
5. June 5th - 8th grade Ditch day
6. Monday June 8th 10:30 dismissal for all 8th graders. Memory Night begins at 6:00 p.m
7. Tuesday June 9th PARENT BREAKFAST begins at 8:00 a.m
8. Wednesday June 10th 8TH GRADE RETREAT AT THE KOREAN CENTER
9. Thursday June 10th Baccalaureate Mass begins at 9:30 a.m. Graduation begins at 7:00 p.m
10. June 16 – 18 - 6th and 7th grade FINALS
11. Last day of school is JUNE 25TH
12. Half days during the final week of school

Have a great day!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Zimmerman
Principal