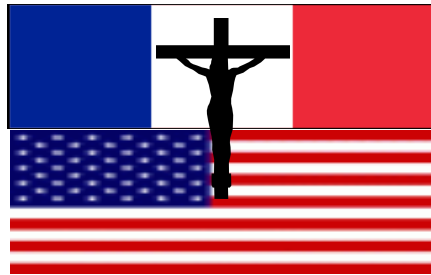




Dear St. Margaret Mary School,

On behalf of the entire faculty and staff, I would like to wish my sincere condolences and strong support for all the victims of the terror attacks in France. All of our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families.



Last week...

Tuesday – the 8th grade took a trip to the Los Angeles Zoo where they participated in a SMMS tradition called The Zoo Race. Six teams of five competitors raced through the zoo's many animal sites while solving riddles and puzzles. All 8th graders competed tirelessly throughout the day for the first prize trophy. However in the end, it was Mr. Tim Flores's team who barely beat out Mrs. Mares team to capture the top prize. A fun time was had by all!

Wednesday – No school in observance of Veterans Day. A huge 'thank you' to all our servicemen and women who have served our country bravely and proudly so that we may live free!

Thursday - Our students at Saint Margaret Mary School participated in an ANTI- BULLYING ASSEMBLY called 'The Power of One.' The Power of One, is the power inside each person to help victims of bullying. Everyone has the power inside, students were told, and they should tell a teacher or another trusted adult.

- "What should you do when you see bullying?" "Tell your teacher!"

Students yelled the mantra during Thursday's *Power of One* anti-bullying program at SMMS! They were divided into two groups—kindergarten through fourth grade and fifth graders through eighth—to learn about how they can do their part to stop bullying. The production unfolded in a series of skits. Each presenter wore colored masks to show the different people who can be involved in bullying. Green was for the bully, purple for the victim and yellow for the bystander-who can laugh at or ignore bullying. For the younger grades, the presenters showed verbal and physical bullying, and the older students also learned about cyberbullying and texting. In one skit, a girl invited the whole school to her birthday party except one because she is "a loser." In their informative skits, they told the students they need to step in when they see their friends in trouble because of bullying and stop being a bystander. "Don't think of it being a 'tattle tale,' they stated, "so much as helping someone who is in trouble. "

Friday – Report cards were distributed today via FAMILY FOLDER. Along with report cards, lots of wonderful information was also enclosed in these folders. Please check your child's back pack!

Next week...

Monday- Students will experience their first of many Fire Drills scheduled this year. SMMS is a very fire safe place to be. Here at SMMS, we will conduct fire drills several times a year to be sure everyone in the building knows how to get outside quickly and quietly. The element of surprise is not important to practicing the school fire drill, however we must emphasize to all our students that fire drills must be taken seriously – everyone in the building must participate.

Tuesday – Fall make-up pictures today. If your child was absent for the FALL PICTURES, he or she has an opportunity to sit for those pictures today. Formal uniform required. Also, today is the first day of our Christmas Program rehearsal.

Wednesday - 6th grade venture off to the Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral. FAMILY NIGHT AT MCDONALDS TONIGHT!!!!
-THANKSGIVING FOOD BAG COLLECTION TODAY!

Thursday – **USC VS UCLA DAY!!** Show your support for your favorite team by wearing either Trojan or Bruin colors. For just a dollar, students will be able to arrive in FREE DRESS wearing colors of their favorite team. Donations to this event will go to support a needy family at Christmas.



y – Thanksgiving Presentation 9:00 a.m hosted by Mrs. Rosato and her mighty first graders! Class Thanksgiving parties also on this day.

*NO SCHOOL NOVEMBER 23RD, 24TH, 25TH . DAYCARE OFFERED ON THESE DAYS FROM 7:30 TO 4:00p.m.

Many blessings to you and your family,

Mrs. Zimmerman
Principal