



Hello St. Margaret Mary School Families,

Good evening! I hope your weekend was fun and restful. As we step into the third week of October, I thought I would recap October's first couple of weeks and inform you on the days ahead.

Our sports program is well underway. Thanks to our Athletic Director Eron Calip, SMMS students are participating in more school sports than ever before. I personally enjoy watching our incredible athletes represent our AWESOME school when competing against other schools. Currently, our students are participating in boys football (A team, B team and C team), girls volleyball (A team, B team), Cross Country and Golf. If you enjoy soccer, then come out to our campus during the junior high lunch hour. At that time, you will witness soccer at its best. The 7th grade boys, along with a few 5th and 6th graders, jump daily into a highly competitive soccer match up. I always make it point to step away from my busy schedule to watch these young men play. Yesterday's game ended with a tie and a controversial goal. My vote was "no goal" ending the game with a tie. Our tough competitors are: *Joe Vilchis, Joe Taylor, Ciarian O'Lionain, Camrin Burkhammer, Jonathon Hardin Thaos Figaro, Conrad Vaimoso, Tristan Nozaki, Liam McDermott, Simon Cisneros and Elijah Galarza.*

Now that we are on the subject of sports, I would like to briefly reveal to you one of my projects that I am currently working on

1. A few years ago, **our field** located at the back end of the parking lot was removed and paved over. Although there were many 'parking lot' benefits to this decision, 'the field' was the only piece of green grass that our children had to play on. Since then, our children have had to resort to the 'asphalt' when playing recess sports such as football, soccer and volleyball. While it's true that our students do indeed still participate in recess play despite the lack of a green field, I feel we can do better for them! Studies have consistently shown that there are "cognitive and psychological benefits of natural environmental experiences." These studies have found that playing on a natural field has positive impacts on "children's social play, concentration and motor ability." Further, natural environments have advantages over asphalt playgrounds because they stimulate more diverse and creative play. According to the National Environmental Education and Training Foundation in the U.S., when schools make a concerted effort to integrate natural environments onto their school grounds, academic performance improves across the curriculum. Since the removal of the field, the idea to rebuild a grassy field for our children to play on, has been on my 'to do' list. This field, would not only enable the children to play on it during lunch and recess, but it would also prevent them from traveling to Lomita Park and other fields for SMMS football, track and soccer practice. My initial plan is to first create a field complete with a low sliding gate and a sprinkler system. However, as funds replenish, I would like to add a scoreboard, bleachers and possibly lights. On Friday, I received my first monetary donation to making 'the field' a reality. I am absolutely thrilled! The school family, who wishes to remain anonymous, certainly shares my goals, aspiration and vision for SAINT MARGARET MARY SCHOOL! As I move forward with my plan, I would like to form a team to assist me with the many facets of my 'field plan.' If you are a positive person who is interested in the creation of an official SMMS SPORTS FIELD, please send me an email or text. Let's do this!





2. **This past Thursday**, our students participated in the ‘**Great Shake- Out.**’ The ‘*Great Shake Out*’ is an annual opportunity for students in schools to practice what to do during earthquakes, and to improve preparedness. During this practice, the kids learned many safety procedures as a result of the drill. We will experience three more drills during the course of the year.



3. On Friday, the entire student body gathered together as a SMMS family to celebrate the **Feast of Saint Margaret Mary**. Hosted by the Class of 2016, the student body was treated to a wonderful re-enactment of the life of Saint Margaret Mary. In addition, Fr. Marinello’s Homily was inspiring! His wise words kept the student captivated and engaged. A big thank you to our incredible 8th grade class, our Religious Coordinator Sandra Traversa, Music Director Kent Eggert and Fr. Marinello.



4. **Congratulations to Saint Margaret Mary School’s Academic Decathlon Team**. The Academic Decathlon Competition is a statewide event where more than 110 Catholic Schools compete in 9 academic events. These ten students listed below, will begin their four month preparation for this incredible one day event. Good luck team!!

1. Andre Celeste 2. Ian Flores 3. Amanda Spincola 4. Isabella Fernandez 5. Jonai Poasa
6. Danielle Luzano 7. Lian Vicente 8. Robert Meza 9. Catherine De Guzman 10. Lauren Mitchell

LOOKING AHEAD...

Next week represents a very busy week for our SMMS students.

5. **On Tuesday**, the children must arrive in full uniforms for their **FALL PICTURES**. Hunter’s

green, yellow, white and navy blue collared shirts with logo are all acceptable. **Please know that hair bows that are not of these colors just mentioned, and socks that are black, are not acceptable.** At the start of the second quarter, we will be conducting formal uniform checks. Although the kids have diligently adhered to the uniform code, the most common infractions are with hair bows and socks. Please know that hair bows must be a solid color of hunter’s green, yellow, blue and white. Socks can be either blue or white. Black is not acceptable. I have attached our uniform code to read.

6. **High School Night** is set for Thursday night at 7:00p.m. The evening will feature Catholic High Schools from Orange County to Los Angeles. SMMS welcomes interested parents and students to preview the programs offered by our Catholic high schools. Please contact the Admissions Office at each respective school for additional information regarding admissions policies and requirements.

7. **TACO TUESDAY** begins this week. *The Mom’s Club* will provide tasty tacos for all those students who have ordered in advance.

8. Don’t forget to turn in your November **HOT LUNCH ORDERS**. As you are all probably aware, our hot lunch provider has now changed. Mrs. Eubanks is now serving delicious lunches daily. If your child would like to receive school lunches, please print a copy of our form, fill it out and attach payment. I have enclosed a copy of the form or you can obtain it from our school web site.

9. **Halloween** is less than two weeks away. SMMS will celebrate Halloween on Friday, October 30th. Students are allowed to come to school in their Halloween costumes. Please refer to your



child's teacher for party times. **Please note that this day is a HALF DAY.** The schedule is as follows:

10:00 – Classroom parties (optional)

10:45 – Classes must be ready for the parade

11:00 – Halloween parade begins.

12:00 - DISMISSAL

10. **JUNIOR HIGH FINALS** - ARE NOVEMBER 2ND 3RD AND 4TH. DUE TO A 6TH GRADE FIELD TRIP ON NOVEMBER 4TH, THE 6TH GRADE WILL TAKE THEIR THIRD SET OF FINALS ON THURSDAY NOVEMBER 5TH.

MONDAY – FINALS FOR 6TH, 7TH AND 8TH GRADES

TUESDAY- FINALS FOR 6TH, 7TH AND 8TH GRADES

WEDNESDAY – FINALS FOR 7TH AND 8TH GRADES. 6TH GRADE IS ON A FIELD TRIP.

THURSDAY- FINALS FOR 6TH GRADE

**FINALS REVIEW WEEK WILL BEGIN OCTOBER 26TH. All students will receive a study guide to help them prepare for their Finals*

11. **PARENT – TEACHER CONFERENCES** are scheduled for Friday November 6th. No school will be held on that day. PLEASE FILL OUT THE ENCLOSED ‘CONFERENCE SHEET’ for appointment times. You will be notified on Wednesday October 28th via FAMILY FOLDER of your exact appointment time.
12. ****CALENDAR CHANGE** – NO SCHOOL DECEMBER 18TH – WASC INSERVICE.
13. **DAYCARE CHANGES** – Ms. Corona, our 1st grade Instructional Aide, has been named Director of Daycare. She will work with Mrs. Bender, Ms. Dawn and Ms. Ruiz to provide a quality childcare which includes academic programs and homework time for students. Childcare

is offered before and after school, as well as on non-school days and summer.

14. **FAMILY FUN NIGH FUNDRAISER** – Come join the Saint Margaret Mary School and Church community at California Pizza Kitchen on Wednesday, October 21st. All purchases benefit the school! Please come out and support!!

Have a great week!

Blessings,

Mrs. Zimmerman
Principal





PARENT - TEACHER CONFERENCES

A Parent-teacher conference is a short meeting or conference between the parents and teachers of students to discuss children's progress at school and find solutions to academic or behavioral problems. Parent-teacher conferences supplement the information conveyed by the progress report on Schoolspeak by focusing on students' specific strengths and weaknesses in individual subjects.

Please fill out the form and return it to the office no later than October 23rd.

Name of student _____

Name of parent _____

Grade _____

Teacher _____

Date: FRIDAY NOVEMBER 6TH

Times:

FIRST CHOICE _____ A.M or P.M

SECOND CHOICE _____ A.M or P.M

THIRD CHOICE _____ A.M or P.M



Note to the teacher:

SPORTS FIELD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Yes! I would like to serve on the SPORTS FIELD committee

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Do you have a child currently attending St. Margaret Mary School? yes _____ no _____

If so, what grade? _____



NOVEMBER HOT LUNCH ORDER FORM

NOVEMBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	CHICKEN NUGGETS	TAQUITOS	PEPPERONI PIZZA	SPAGHETTI	NO SCHOOL	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	NOON DISMISSAL MAC N CHEESE	MEATBALL SANDWICH	NO SCHOOL	SLOPPY JOE'S	LASAGNA	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	PEPPERONI PIZZA	MOTHER'S CLUB SEE FLYER PLEASE PAY SEPARATE	McDONALD'S HAMBURGER	HOT DOGS	THANKSGIVING BOWL	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	

**Please highlight the day of your selection. All orders must be prepaid and attached to this form.

The cost per meal is \$4.00.

ALL ORDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, October 23, 2015.

1. NAME OF STUDENT _____

2. GRADE OF STUDENT _____



3. NUMBER OF LUNCH DAYS _____

4. AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

ONE FORM PER PERSON

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL FIRST QUARTER FINALS SCHEDULE

Monday November 2nd

English 8:00 a.m – 10:30 p.m

Religion 10:50 a.m – 12:15 p.m

Tuesday November 3rd

Math 8:00 a.m – 10:30 p.m

Science 10:50 a.m – 12:15 p.m

Wednesday November 4th * Due to a field trip, 6th grade will not be taking their FINALS today. 7th and 8th will be taking FINALS today.

Literature 8:00 a.m – 10:30 p.m

Social Studies 10:50 a.m – 12:15 p.m

Thursday November 5th

Literature for 6th grade only 8:00 a.m – 10:30 p.m



Social Studies for 6th grade only 10:50 a.m – 12:15 p.m

**Friday November 5th NO SCHOOL. PARENT TEACHER
CONFERENCES**

STUDENT DRESS CODE

Saint Margaret Mary School students wear a uniform in order to promote a feeling of equality for all children while discouraging competition in dress. The uniform provides a means of identity for the students with Saint Margaret Mary School. In addition, the uniforms are cost effective. A child can be outfitted for an entire year at less cost than a varied school wardrobe. The uniform should always be neat and in good repair. Parents and students both share in the responsibility for seeing that the Saint Margaret Mary dress code is appropriately observed and maintained. Students are expected to be in uniform every day. All uniforms must be purchased at Norman Uniforms.

Sweater: TK-8 Boys and Girls: Navy blue cardigan sweater with Saint Margaret Mary (Sacred heart) logo.

TK-8 Boys and Girls: Navy blue V- neck sweater with SMMS Sacred Heart logo.

TK-8 Boys and Girls: Navy blue sweater vest with logo.

*Beginning August 24th 2015, all students wear either a Saint Margaret Mary School sweater vest, cardigan, or v-neck sweater on Mass days. Sweatshirts are no longer allowed.

Sweatshirt: TK-8 Boys and Girls: Navy blue crew neck only sweatshirt with the SACRED HEART logo only. No other sweatshirts will be allowed.

* Each child is to have an accurately sized sweater or sweatshirt.

Pants: TK-8 Boys and Girls: Navy blue cotton twill.

* Pants are to be appropriately fitted at the waist and worn at ankle length.

All boys and girls must wear a belt with their pants. Belts must be leather. Colors are exclusive to black, brown and navy.

* All students are encouraged to wear pants on colder days.

Shorts: TK-8 Boys and Girls: Navy Blue Twill.

• The length of all boys and girls shorts must meet at ½ inch above the knee.

- All shorts are to be worn with belts visible. “Low rider” type shorts are not acceptable.
- Uniform shorts maybe worn at anytime at the discretion of the parents. The principal will have final decision on shorts on any day deemed appropriate.

Skirts &

Jumper: TK-8 Girls: Plaid Jumper.

TK-8 Girls: Plaid box pleat skirt.

Girls Navy blue skort (kool lot).

* Skirts, skort (kool lot) and jumpers are to be worn at the appropriate length.

They are to be hemmed no shorter than 2 inches above the knee.

Belts must be leather. Colors are exclusive to black, brown and navy.

Shirts: TK-8 Boys and Girls: plain white short sleeve polo shirt or blouse with logo.

TK - 8 Boys and Girls: plain yellow, short sleeve polo shirt with logo.

TK - 8 Boys and Girls: plain blue short sleeve polo shirt with logo

TK - 8 Boys and Girls: plain hunter’s green short sleeve polo shirt with logo

* **White** only long sleeve turtlenecks for colder days are permitted.

All shirts must be tucked in while in the school building.

* Oversized shirts or blouses are not acceptable. Only plain, white undergarments or t-shirts may be worn under any uniform shirt.

Shirts and blouses are to be tucked in. All shirts must have the St.

Margaret Mary logo. They must be tucked in at arrival and dismissal and any other time when students enter the building.

Socks: TK-8 Girls: Blue or white socks only must be worn with all shoes. Crew and tube socks are the only styles available. Ankles must be covered.

Tights may be worn however, they must be either solid blue or white.
Acceptable colors: White and Saint Margaret Mary

blue. NO ANKLE SOCKS.

TK-8 Boys: White or blue socks must be worn with all shoes. Crew and tube socks are the only styles available. * Ankles must be covered. NO ANKLE SOCKS_

Belts: TK- 8 Boys: Belts must be black brown or navy leather. It must have a buckle.

TK- 8 Girls: Belts must be black, brown or navy leather. It must have a buckle.

Shoes: TK-8 Boys: Shoes are to be a sturdy athletic shoe. Shoes must primarily be of one the following colors: white, navy blue or black. Matching shoe laces of the three mentioned colors may be worn. K-8 Girls: Shoes are to be a sturdy athletic shoe, primarily of one of the following colors: white, navy, blue or black. Matching shoe laces of the three mentioned colors are to be worn. Slip-ons, penny loafers, Mary Jane shoes may be worn on NON-P.E DAYS.

MASS DAYS – the guidelines below are considered proper attire for Eucharistic Celebrations (Mass days).

- a. Collared shirt with emblem
- b. V – neck, cardigan sweater or crew neck sweat shirt with emblem
- c. White or blue socks only. All socks must fit well above the ankle
- d. ‘knee – highs’ or tights may be worn and may be blue or black
- e. Solid blue or black belt (belts are required)
- f. Scout uniforms may be worn on the day of the scout meeting in lieu of the school uniform.
- g. Spirit Day is every Thursday. On this day, students are allowed to wear a tee shirt as long as the tee shirts says “Saint Margaret Mary School.”

Coats & Jackets TK-8 Girls & Boys:

DESIGNATED SMMS coats and jackets with the SMMS logo may only be worn outside at recess, lunch and P.E class. All coats and jackets must fall within the uniform code and can only be purchased at NORMANS Uniform Store.

P.E Uniforms – P.E uniforms are available from NORMAN’S uniform at any time during the year.

- P.E uniforms must be worn on all P.E days except permission to do other wise is given.
- All P.E. uniforms must be purchased at NORMAN’S uniform store and bear a Saint Margaret Mary log.
- P.E shorts must be fall ½ inch above the middle knee line.
- Sweat shorts with logo.
- P.E shirts must fit appropriately and tucked in when the student is in the building.
- Cotton shirt with logo

General Grooming: Parental approval, common sense and discretion are the primary guidelines. Students are expected to come to school neat and clean. Hair must be of natural color. Students may not highlight, dye or change their natural hair color in any way. Hair should be neat and clean. Boys' hair length will be above the collar and ears, off to the face and out of the eyes. Exaggerated hairstyles are not permitted. Spiked hair, no longer than ½ inch, is permitted. Decisions with respect to this half inch length of hair will be made by the principal, if necessary. Students not complying with the hair code will not be allowed in class. They will not be able to return to school until their hairstyle conforms to the student dress code.

THURSDAY – SPIRIT DAY – On Thursdays, all students must come in proper uniform. However, students are allowed to wear any tee shirt of their choice provided that the tee shirts have 'Saint Margaret Mary School written on them.

Make-up and Jewelry: No make-up of any kind is allowed. Students are not allowed to wear any nail polish whether it be colored or clear. Jewelry may consist only of the following:

- a) a pair of matching studs in the ear lobe for girls is only allowed. Boys are not permitted to wear earrings.
- b) Due to liability issues, chain necklaces and bracelets with a cross are not allowed.
- c) A watch.

Girl Scout, Boys' Scouts, Brownie and Other Service Organizations- Students are allowed to come to school in their service organization's full uniform if there is an official meeting or scheduled field trip for that particular day.

Free Dress- Free dress days will occur on a limited number of days during the year. Clothing on FREE DRESS days may be the wearing of P.E uniforms or other free dress as approved by the principal. Students and their parents will be informed by written notice regarding the free dress days. All policies regarding socks, shoes, jewelry, and grooming apply on non-uniform days.

HAIR BOWS – ribbons, hair bows and headbands are allowed for girls. All three hair accessories must be a solid color and are limited to yellow, black, hunter's green and blue.

*The principal or his designee is the final arbiter regarding compliance with FREE DRESS day attire. Students not dressed according to stated rules will not be allowed to enter class. The parents will be called to bring acceptable clothes to school.

Discipline- All required elements of the uniform are to be purchased from Norman's Uniform Store. Should an extraordinary circumstance (not dirty laundry) prevent a child from being in complete uniform, a note from the parent is required. If the student is out of uniform without an acceptable written excuse, a used uniform will be provided.

3 out of uniform warnings = 1 detention.