



Without the brave efforts of all the soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines and their families, this Nation, along with our allies around the world, would not stand so boldly, shine so brightly and live so freely.

Dear St. Margaret Mary School Families,

Happy Veterans Day. It was nice to have a break in the middle of the week and I hope that a bit of time was taken to remember the veterans of our military service.

Last Saturday marked the end of the first quarter. The children did a fantastic job buckling down into their studies after a long summer. The faculty and staff will continue to work in partnership with you, the parents because together we can achieve new heights, new growth and new challenges for your child. Our job is to help each child find their own potential and success. We will continue to lead our students to success with the support and involvement of families and the community. A heart felt thank you to all parents who attended our school events in support of their child – Back to School Night, Family Fun Night, Halloween Parade, Red Ribbon Week and Parent / Teacher Conferences. We had a magnificent turn out for all events. The parent and community support has been incredible thus far and I appreciate it! I would also like to thank the teachers and staff for putting in the extra time and effort to partner with you to enhance your child's school experience. Saint Margaret Mary School is your child's second home. We want the children to feel that they are safe, cared for and a part of our family. We also want you to feel comfortable in communicating with us. We invite you to stay in close contact with your child's teachers through the use of the student planners, voice mail or e-mail. When parents and teachers communicate positively, it naturally results in success and happiness for the children.

Students will be bringing their first quarter report cards home on Friday. The report card provides students and parents with achievement levels for curriculum expectations and learning skills taught from September to November. The first section of the report card provides information about learning skills and work habits that are needed for success in school and adult life: responsibility, organization, independent work, collaboration, initiative, and self-regulation.

The second section of the report card provides achievement levels, areas of strength and areas of improvement for each of the subject areas. Please set aside time to review the report card with your child.

As we step into the second quarter, we also step into the Holiday Season. Mrs. K, Director of Campus Ministry, and the entire staff are planning faith-filled events to enrich your child's Thanksgiving/Christmas experience. SMMS will kick off the holiday season with an 'All School Thanksgiving Celebration' on November 21st. On that particular morning the students will participate in a Christian Service Awareness gathering followed by an all school Mass. Please make special note of all November/December events.

NOVEMBER

12th – Cookie Dough Fundraiser Collection

12th - FAMILY NIGHT AT QUIZNOS. Please visit and support!!! (P.C.H and Narbonne)

17th – Early Dismissal – Faculty Meeting

17th – Christmas Tree / Wreath / Centerpiece - Order due!!!!

18th – Make – Up Picture Day

19TH MOTHER'S CLUB MEETING

19th Thanksgiving Grocery Bag Collection Day

21st ALL SCHOOL THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION (more news to follow)

24th – 28th Thanksgiving Holiday – No school, no daycare. School will be closed for repairs.

DECEMBER

2nd – 5th Santa's Secret Shop

6th - Christmas Tree/wreath/ centerpiece PICK UP

8TH - Junior High Science Fair

15th - Faculty Meeting

16th – Las Posadas Prayer Service

17th – Fall Sports Banquet

19th – Noon Dismissal

19th CHRISTMAS CONCERT

22ND – Jan 2nd – No school, no daycare. School will be closed for repairs. Open Jan 5th

Have a wonderful week!

Mrs. Zimmerman (: