



Hello St. Margaret Mary School Families!

Happy Martin Luther King Day! I hope you have a restful day off. Please take the time to remember and discuss 'Martin Luther King' with your children. A man of great spiritual strength, Martin Luther King advocated for peace and equality through non-violent means. He has left a legacy of hope and inspiration that continues today.

Last week was a bit of a challenging week as a result of many of our students and faculty members fell victim to the flu. According to doctors at Torrance Memorial Hospital, this year's flu shot did not 'hit its mark' and many of us who thought we would escape the flu season, did not. Last Wednesday our school saw the highest number of absences with 36 students and 6 faculty members out with the flu. Thank you parents who kept their little ones home with the sniffles and above normal temperatures.

Yet despite the flu, Saint Margaret Mary School saw much success throughout the week. For example, a record breaking SMMS parent crowd supported **FAMILY NIGHT** at Islands Restaurant. Thank you **Aly Arredondo** and **Angie Herrera** for arranging that event. Another big success was the **First Grade Bake Sale!** Lots of yummy treats were had by all on Friday! A big thank you to **Juliana Hefford and her first grade parent team** for putting on that fundraiser. At the student level, our girls and boys basketball teams represented our school well through numerous competitions. Congrats to our athletes! Thank you **Coach Eron and Coach Sol** for all your efforts towards all our basketball teams. More success to come!

This week, without a doubt, will prove to be another busy week on our campus.

- On Tuesday, a representative from **St. John Bosco High School** will visit our 8th grade boys to offer more information about the school.
- On Thursday night, **The Mom's Club** will host our second '**Parent Information Night**' at 7:00p.m. Please join us as I review the many happenings from September to December and briefly speak about my vision for the rest of the school year and beyond! We will also take the opportunity to honor **Mr. and Mrs. Richards** and their crew for all their tireless efforts with **THE FAIR**.
- The Junior High School will be taking their **2nd Quarter Finals** on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
- **Girls A team Basketball and Boys A & B team Basketball** will compete this week. Both Girls and Boys teams have games on Tuesday. The Boys will be in Torrance on the Nativity campus playing against the Nativity team at 3:45p.m. The Girls will be at American Martyrs School to compete against their varsity team at 4:45. The Boys B Team will travel to Redondo Beach on Wednesday to play against St. Lawrence Martyr School. That game begins at 3:45 p.m. Girls B team and Girls C teams have practice this week but no games until next week.

- Please mark your calendars for SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH. On that day, Saint Margaret Mary School will play ‘SHOW OFF’ as they open their doors on this Sunday to show the wonderful qualities of their school. **SAINT MARGARET MARY OPEN HOUSE** will begin at 8:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m.
- **ACRE TESTING** for the 5th and 8th grades will begin this week.
- Our fabulous 8th graders will be taking their **HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMS** on Saturday
- **DINNER DANCE NEWS** –Every year our Saint Margaret Mary School Community gathers together to not only raise money for our school but to also share laughter and friendship with members of our SMMS FAMILY. This year’s event will be spectacular as we honor our own NFL Star...Anthony Barr. If you would like to help with the preparations for this event, please come to our planning meeting this Thursday Night at 6:00 in the 8th grade classroom. We welcome all!!

SMMS TID BITS

- **SOCCER SEASON** is just around the corner. If you would like your Junior high son/daughter to play on the *SAINTE MARGARET MARY SCHOOL SOCCER TEAM*, please contact Tim Flores at tim4sc@sbcglobal.net
- Support the ATHLETIC DEPT by purchasing **SMMS Athletic tee shirts**. Students may wear these shirts every Thursday (Spirit Day). For more information, please call the school office or download an order sheet off the web-site.
- **SMMS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM VIDEO** is available. Please contact Mrs. Hines for information.
- Re-registration packets will be sent home this week. Please look for them.
- WANTED!!!!!! Parents/ friends of SMMS to share their career with our students at CAREER DAY!!!! Please contact Mrs. Traversa if you are interested.

If you have any comments, questions or concerns please never hesitate to contact me at elisafzimm1@cox.net or text me at [elisafzimm1@cox.net](tel:6024421111).

Sincerely,

Mrs. Zimmerman

Principal