

October 4, 2015

Dear St. Margaret Mary School Families,

Happy Sunday evening! As we gear up for another work week, I thought I would inform you on the latest happenings at St. Margaret Mary School!

1. **The Fair** proved to be another big success. I don't know exactly how much was made but I heard from a very reliable source that attendance (and therefore profits) were up!
2. It was wonderful seeing you all at '**BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT.**' I particularly enjoyed 'chatting' with you all about both long term and short term plans of the school. Thank you so much for all your comments, suggestions and most importantly **support.** Your words of encouragement and hope meant so much to me and the entire faculty.
3. Our **new lunch program** is a success! Sure its only been two weeks but the food is great and the kids are happy!! Thank you Mrs. Eubanks for taking on our new lunch program!
4. We had a great turn out from our school families at *ISLANDS RESTAURANT* for our monthly fundraiser. Thank you Mrs. Arredondo and Mrs. Herrera for all your efforts in organizing the event.
5. **S.M.M.S SPORTS** are underway! Both the girls volleyball and football teams have started competitive play. Our golf team even competed in their first tournament this last Sunday!!!! Their game schedules are posted on our web, so come out and support our athletes!!
6. **Mom's Club** participated in the parish-wide garage sale and did quite well. This group of fun and energetic moms work quite hard to support the teachers, parents and most importantly our students!! Thank you so much Sandra Traversa (moms club president) and her crew of fun loving women for all your efforts in support of our school community.
7. **Our FIRST FRIDAY MASS** prepared by our STUDENT COUNCIL was beautiful. Thank you Mr. Ramirez, Mrs. Hines and her Student Council team for a lovely Mass.
8. **The 8th grade (Class of 2016)** ventured of on a field trip to Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral. After an informative tour, they attended Mass and six of our students were selected to altar serve. Thank you to our wonderful parent chaperones and 8th grade teacher, Ms. Benitez

Looking ahead...

7. On Wednesday, October 7th, the faculty and staff will attend an all day on-site meeting. There will be no school on this day however we will offer **DAYCARE**. DAYCARE will open at 6:30 a.m and close at 6:00p.m.

8. **THE SAINT MARGARET MARY SCHOOL MASS** will be held on her feast day in October. Ms. Benitez and her 8th grade class will host the Mass which will feature a re-enactment of the life of St. Margaret Mary.

9. **Halloween** is just right around the corner. More information in regards to classroom parties, costume procedures and parade details will follow.

10. The second round of STANDARDIZED TESTS (**Star Testing**) will begin during the last week of October. The faculty and staff are particularly anxious for these tests to commence because it will allow us to compare and contrast our students baseline test results from August. More news to follow in November.

11. During the month of October, an **earthquake drill** will take place. In light of the recent tragic events, I have enclosed our school disaster procedure. A copy of this procedure will also go home this Thursday via FAMILY ENVELOPE.

Have a wonderful week!

Blessings,

Mrs. Z