

Dear St. Margaret Mary School families,

I hope this letter finds you rested and recovered from Friday's Halloween festivities! A goolish time was had by all as the children came to school in their costumes, enjoyed classroom Halloween parties and participated in the SMMS traditional parade. Thank you teachers, room moms and volunteer parents for a wonderful day!

As we look towards the week, please make note of a few important events:

1. **Monday** - the students will be participating in a DIA DE LOS MUERTOS prayer service. Día de Los Muertos is a tradition celebrated throughout Mexico and Latin America. The holiday focuses on gatherings of family and friends to pray for and remember friends and family members who have died. It is particularly celebrated in Mexico, where it is a national holiday, and all banks are closed. The celebration takes place on November 1, in connection with the Catholic holidays of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, November 2. Traditions connected with the holiday include building private altars honoring the deceased using sugar skulls, marigolds, and the favorite foods and beverages of the departed and visiting graves with these as gifts. This prayer service/celebration will begin at 1:00 p.m.

2. **END OF THE FIRST QUARTER** - Saturday, November 8th officially marks the end of the first quarter. Junior High Finals will take place on Tuesday, November 4th and continue Wednesday, November 5th ending Thursday afternoon. Report cards will be published from all grades the following week.

3. **PAST DUE SPORTS FEES** - If you have not contacted our Bookkeeper, Mrs. Schwab please make sure you do if you have a question about football and volleyball registration sports fees. All past due registration fees are now due. Any outstanding fees will be billed as an 'incidental' directly through FACTS TUITION.

4. **SCRIP** - This evening I will be sending out information about our new SCRIP procedure. Please look for that.

5. **JUNIOR HIGH SCIENCE FAIR** - information and instructions will be given to the students on Monday. Ms Brito will notify all parents through an informative e-mail.

6. **MOTHER'S CLUB MEETING** is on the 19th of November 7:00 p.m

7. **SPIRIT SHIRT ORDER FORMS** ARE available now! Deadline to order these shirts is November 8th. All SMMS students may wear their spirit shirts

EVERY Thursday. Sorry, students may not wear these spirit sweat shirts to school. This year, SMMS spirit shirts color will be hunters green.

8. **ALL FOOTBALL JERSEYS** ARE DUE NOW. Please return them to the front office to avoid replacement charges.

9. Please support our school!!! **FAMILY FUN NIGHTS** - **"QUIZNOS"**  
NOVEMBER 12 **"MCDONALDS"** DECEMBER 10TH JANUARY 15TH-  
**"ISLANDS"**

**\*\*REMINDERS FOR THE FUTURE -**

1. **NO SCHOOL** - **VETERANS DAY** - NOVEMBER 11

2. **C o o k i e d o u g h** Collection - NOVEMBER 12TH

3. **FACULTY MEETING** NOVEMBER 17 - Half day; 12:00 dismissal. Daycare provided.

4. **MAKE- UP PICTURE DAY** - Tuesday November 18th

5. **ENVIRONMENTAL DAY** - Thursday November 20TH 1:00 Assembly

6. Thanksgiving Holiday begins November 24th through Friday November 28th. **NO DAYCARE**

7. **JUNIOR HIGH SCIENCE FAIR** - December 8th

8. **LAS POSADAS CELEBRATION** - December 16th

9. **FALL SPORTS BANQUET** - December 17th

10. "Christmas Around the World" Concert - Friday December 19th - This is mandatory for all students

Christmas Holiday begins December 22 through Friday January 2nd. **NO DAYCARE. school resumes on Monday, January 5th.**

Thank you,

Mrs. Z