



Dear St. Margaret Mary School,

Hello! Welcome to another exciting week at SMMS! We have quite a few events planned within the next few weeks. Yet, before I list all the wonderful events ahead, I do want to take a bit of time to acknowledge and thank two very important committees for their incredible contributions to our school:

**MISSION FAIR** – A big thank you to our outstanding 8<sup>th</sup> graders for planning and producing a fun and exciting *MISSION FAIR*. Loads of fun was had by all as our 8<sup>th</sup> graders set up game booths for the entire school to enjoy. All profits and proceeds will go to College Assistance Migrant Program at Long Beach State University. The College Assistance Migrant Program (C.A.M.P.) at California State University, is a program designed to meet the needs of students with migrant and seasonal farm working backgrounds. C.A.M.P. offers eligible students pre-college transition and first-year support services to help develop the skills necessary to succeed in college. C.A.M.P. collaborates with CSULB faculty, students services and community-based agencies to enhance educational and career opportunities for all C.A.M.P. eligible students.

**GRANDPARENTS DAY** – A huge ‘thank you’ to our Mom’s Club Chairman – Sandra Traversa and her group of awesome volunteers – Katie Lopez, Tracey Tran, Priscilla Marquez, Nakita Sankar and Mrs. Orozco for hosting the *FIRST ANNUAL SMMS GRANDPARENTS DAY*. This event, designed to thank and honor our wonderful grandparents was a spectacular success!!! Grandparents play a pivotal role in the development and health of our children. As traditional figures in their life, grandparents are typically viewed as the solid and dedicated caregivers in the family unit. Here at SMMS we appreciate and acknowledge that the emotional relationship between grandparents and their grandchildren, can significantly affect the children’s academic, psychological, and social development. It has been shown that children have a higher level of self-confidence when grandparents are involved in the daily lives of their grandkids. A thousand thank yous to all our SMMS grandparents!

Now for this week’s happenings...

1. **SPRING PHOTOS** - On Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> students will have the opportunity to take their ‘spring photos.’ The photo session is completely optional. Don’t forget to wear ‘green free dress for St. Patrick’s Day!
2. **IRISH DANCING IS HERE!** – A local Irish Dancing Company is offering Irish Dancing lessons for all our interested SMMS children. The classes will be given every Monday after school. Please look for the flyer and registration packet in this week’s family folder.

3. **FAMILY NIGHT** – Don't forget to visit CPK this Wednesday night from 11:00 a.m – 9:30 p.m. for great 'eats' and fun. This is a SMMS fundraiser so please present the CPK flyer! The school will receive 20% of all SMMS proceeds. Thank you Mrs. Hererra and Mrs. Arredondo for organizing the event.
4. **LENTEN RETREAT** – This Friday, the Junior High students will participate in a 'Lenten Retreat.' Ms. K and her team will lead the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students into a spiritual journey of repentance and renewal. From the rending of Ash Wednesday to the resurrection of Easter Sunday, Lent invites us to travel a path that engages all of who we are. Most of all, Lent invites us to know how completely God loves us, and to let go of all that would keep us from recognizing, receiving, and responding to that love. With the guidance of our religious coordinator, Ms. K the students will participate in prayer so that they may reflect on the heart of their relationship with your God.
5. **WINTER SPORTS BANQUET** – On Thursday, March 19th, all SMMS basketball players will gather together for good food and great company at the *SMMS WINTER SPORTS BANQUET*. On this evening, athletes will be honored for their participation and achievements in the areas of effort, participation and sportsmanship.
6. **JUNIOR HIGH FINALS** – Junior High Finals will begin next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

On Tuesday:

8<sup>th</sup> grade will take their Language Arts finals.

7<sup>th</sup> grade will take their Math and Science Finals

6<sup>th</sup> grade will take their Religion and Social Studies finals

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8<sup>th</sup> grade will take their Religion and Social Studies finals

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6<sup>th</sup> grade their Math and Science finals.

On Thursday

8<sup>th</sup> grade will take their Math and Science Finals

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FINALS ARE 8:00a.m – 10:15a.m AND 10:50a.m – 12:25p.m

7. **CESAR CHAVEZ DAY** – An exciting morning is planned for our students in honor of this great man. *SI SE PUEDE* (Yes we can!) will be the theme for the day when the entire student body attends an assembly given by Harper for Kids. Harper for Kids is an acclaimed children's nonprofit organization that teaches the principles for achievement from one of America's greatest coaches - legendary basketball coach John Wooden whose UCLA

dynasty won ten national March Madness championships. Coach Wooden's Pyramid of Success consists of specific character traits (building blocks) which he believed are necessary to achieving success according to his definition: *peace of mind which is a direct result of self-satisfaction in knowing you made the effort to become the best of which you are capable.*

Learning and mastering these character traits will give children the solid foundation and skills they need to achieve success in their lives. To convey this positive message, Tim and Peanut Harper, co-founders of Harper for Kids, utilize the positive impact top college coaches have as role models and teachers for young students. On March 31<sup>st</sup>, **ANDREA GASTON**, one of the most highly regarded coaches in the country, will speak to the students of Saint Margaret Mary School about how achieve their personal best and to live a happy, healthy successful life. 19th-year USC Women's Golf Head Coach Andrea Gaston has won three NCAA Nat'l Championships, five NCAA individual championships, four NCAA Players of the Year, five Pac-12 Golfers of the Year, three Honda Sports Award winners, has been tabbed WGCA and Pac-12 Coach of the Year three times apiece and has built the Trojans into one of the NCAA's powerhouse programs. We are thrilled that she will be coming to our school to speak to our students about achieving success.

8. **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - "Living Stations of the Cross" has become a long standing tradition at St. Margaret Mary School. Under the direction of our Religious Coordinator, Ms. K and our classroom teachers, each grade performs two stations on the morning of Holy Thursday. The performance will begin at 11:00 a.m with dismissal immediately following. All are welcome to attend this prayerful event.
9. **KNOTTS BERRY FARM** – As you are all aware of, every year the entire school takes a community building field trip to KNOTTS BERRY FARM. This year, the event will take place on May 21<sup>st</sup>. This long standing tradition will begin at 8:00 a.m and end at 5:00 p.m. The children, along with their chaperones, will be transported 'to and from' the event by school bus. Although the students will spend their day at the amusement park, it is indeed considered an 'official school day.' Student tickets were previously purchased last May during registration. However, if any parent, grandparent or friend of the family would like to purchase additional tickets at a discounted rate, please return the form below along with payment to Mrs. Zimmerman no later April 17<sup>th</sup>. Please know that orders will not be accepted after this date.
10. **MULTICULTURAL DAY** - The students at SMMS will celebrate 'MULTICULTURAL DAY' on April 24<sup>th</sup>. On this day, the children will wear clothes that represent their classrooms selected country, tour all other classrooms and enjoy delicious treats from various countries! The event will begin at 11:00 a.m and ends at 2:15. More information to follow.

As you can see, lots of fun and exciting events are planned for our students. If you have any comments, questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at [elisafimm1@cox.net](mailto:elisafimm1@cox.net) or 310 251-5645 (text only).

Blessings,

Mrs. Zimmerman  
Principal  
St. Margaret Mary School

**SAINT MARGARET MARY SCHOOL**  
**KNOTTS BERRY FARM ORDER FORM**

**1.NAME OF STUDENT \_\_\_\_\_**

**2.NAME OF PARENT \_\_\_\_\_**

**TOTAL NUMBER OF TICKETS  
PURCHASED \_\_\_\_\_**

**Regular (12+) \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_**

**Junior ( 3 – 11) \$27.00 \_\_\_\_\_**

**TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY  
ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_**