

ST. MARGARET MARY ELEMENTARY WEEKLY UPDATE

DATE October 10, 2018



St. Mary Catholic Schools
Grades P3-5

St. Gabriel Elementary
St. Margaret Mary Elementary
St. Mary Elementary

IMPORTANT DATES



SMCS EMAIL NEWSLETTER



SMCS CALENDAR PAGE

October

Thursday 11

Parent Teacher Conferences

Friday 12

Anointing Mass 8:00am

Tuesday 16

Feast of St. Margaret Mary
Parent Teacher Conferences
Scholastic Book Fair Ends

Wednesday 18

Divine Mercy Chaplet 1:00pm

Thursday

Friday 19

Liturgy 8:00am 3B
FACES Meeting 9:00am

Saturday 20

Halloween Carnival

Thursday 25

No School

Friday 26

No School

Wednesday 31

Halloween –wear orange and black!

November

Thursday 1

All Saint Day Mass 8:00am

Friday 2

No School – end of 1st quarter

Feast of St. Margaret Mary

On Tuesday, October 16 we will celebrate the Feast of St. Margaret Mary. Students will learn about her life and devotion to Jesus. Thank you to FACES for providing heart shaped cookies for all. Please note, we are rescheduling our Living Rosary due to a funeral.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Please click on the link to sign up for a parent teacher conference. We ask that all parents take the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and find out about their progress this year. Please note there are 21 teachers tabbed across the top of the sign up genius. Please make sure you are signing up for the correct teacher. The black arrows will tab you across to the teacher or specialist you would like to see. [Parent Teacher Conference Sign Up](#)

Scholastic Book Fair - October 10-16, Online October 1 - 20

The Scholastic book fair opens tomorrow! This is a fun way encourage reading while supporting SMM. You can stop by the gym stage 7:30-8:15 am, 10:45-11:30 am, 2:45-3:30 pm, and until 7 pm on conference nights. Online ordering through the homepage provides more titles and free shipping to school. Many volunteers are still needed, please join us.

[Book Fair Volunteers](#)

[SMM Scholastic Book Fair Homepage](#)

Halloween Carnival

October 20th is the date for our annual Halloween Carnival. All proceeds from this event will go to the SMM Parish, Haiti Mission. Please consider donating items needed to help make the carnival a success.

[Halloween Carnival Donations](#)

Student volunteers are needed to run the games at the carnival. These hours count toward volunteer service hours. Volunteers must be in grade 6 and up.

[Student Volunteers for Halloween Carnival Games](#)

Halloween Celebration

Each class will celebrate Halloween with a classroom party. Room parents are currently working with teachers to plan snacks and activities. Students can wear Halloween colors on the 31st. Costumes are not allowed in school for grades K-5. Our school tradition is for the preschool and Pre K students to wear costumes and parade through the school. The older students look



forward to the parade and seeing the preschoolers in their costume. Thank you to all that are helping make this a fun day for our students.

Halloween is on it's way, but why should the kids have all the fun? Come join us (in costume of course) for a night of fun and revelry at Greene's Pour House for this **Wines Around the World (WAW) Adults-Only Halloween Party at Greene's Pour House** on Saturday, October 27th, starting at 7pm. We will have drinks, bar food, a DJ spinning music, and a photo booth. Prizes for the best costume at the night's end! Those that signed up at WAW should have received an Evite last week. If you'd like to join your SMM community at this event, use the SignupGenius link below to sign up! Hope to see you there!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c44aaae22a0ff2-halloween>

Read the full [system newsletter](#) and click on the following links for upcoming events and news:

| [High School & Middle School Information Night](#) | [Spirit Stop](#) | [Robotics Open House](#) | [Taste!](#) | [SMCHS Fall Play](#) | [Elementary Halloween Events](#) | [Z-Night](#) |

Food Service News

This is school year, Food Service has changed to *PowerLunch* for cafeteria software. This program is linked to *PowerSchool* and your account. The advantage of this program is that you can now go into your child's *PowerSchool* account to check on lunch balances and transactions. The less advantageous part of this software is that the food service account balance notifications only go out to parents that establish an account in *PowerSchool* and designate that they would like email notifications to come to them. Below are instructions on how to accomplish that!

If you already have a *PowerSchool* account established, you can sign in and look for the balance tab on the left of the screen--look for the coins icon with **"BALANCE"** (see circled in blue in picture on left). That will bring up account balances and transactions. For those of you that do not already have a *PowerSchool* account, letters were sent home with students with information on how to set one up. If you need assistance setting up a *PowerSchool* account, please email Anne Greif at agreif@smcatholicschools.org. Please reference your child's name in the email.

Here is the process to receive balance alerts:

1. Go to **"EMAIL NOTIFICATION"** on the left side.
2. Check the box after **"BALANCE ALERT"** and an email will be sent to you when your student's **balance is below \$10.00**. Be sure to change the frequency of how often you would like to receive email notifications.

Also, if you have the *PowerSchool* app installed on your phone, you can view your child's balance by scrolling all the way to the bottom to **"MEAL BALANCE."**

Please keep in mind that our hot lunch program is a pay in advance program and we request that these accounts always maintain a positive balance. We appreciate your patience in this transition. If you have questions, please contact Ann Greif in Food Service at agreif@smcatholicschools.org.