

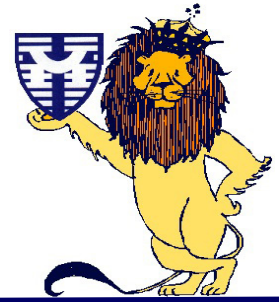


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THROUGH FAITH, REASON AND VIRTUE" AUGUST 18, 2016

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LION'S ROAR



Tomorrow is Jeans Day!

Students are invited to wear their favorite pair of **blue jeans**, along with their uniform polo, spirit shirt or organizational shirt.

The cost is one dollar!

This week's collection is going to our SMMCS Athletics!

Looking For A Way To Be Involved?



There are always volunteer opportunities, and we will make sure you know about all of them.

At this time, we are planning a **BINGO Night for September 17th!**

We will begin volunteer signup within the next couple weeks, so please stay tuned!

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Important Dates:

- ♦ 8/19-Jeans Day for Athletics
- ♦ 8/23-Cub Scout Recruitment Night
- ♦ 8/25-8th Grade Parent Meeting
- ♦ 8/26-Jeans Day for Safety Patrol
- ♦ 9/2-2:00 Release
- ♦ 9/5-Labor Day-No School
- ♦ 9/7-VIRTUS Training Class
- ♦ 9/8-PTO Meeting
- ♦ 9/9-Jeans Day for 8th Grade
- ♦ 9/10-Steps for Students Spaghetti Dinner
- ♦ 9/11-Festival of Ministries
- ♦ 9/16-Annual Fund Kick Off
- ♦ 9/16-2:00 Release
- ♦ 9/16-BINGO



Calling All Substitutes!

We are looking to add to our Substitute Teacher/Staff/Nurse's call list.

How do I apply? Contact Mrs. Rocha at 281-446-8535 and she will be more than happy to walk you through all the steps.

Do I have to be VIRTUS certified? Yes! If you are not yet certified, please visit the VIRTUS website to sign up for the next class.

Do I have to be degreed? To sub as a teacher/staff member, you do not have to be degreed.

If I sub. can I use it toward my Family Involvement Commitment? Absolutely! If you would rather volunteer your time instead of being paid, we will happily credit your FIC account!

Get VIRTUS Trained So You Can...

Attend class parties, chaperone field trips, have a lunch date with your student(s), volunteer within the school building, substitute, coach a team, be a Cub Scout/Girl Scout leader, become an organizational leader/sponsor, etc.!

On Wednesday, September 7th at 6:00pm, St. Mary Magdalene will host the Protecting God's Children for Adults (VIRTUS). Spots are still available, but they won't last long.

If a parent/grandparent/guardian/adult friend/adult family member wants to be involved in any of the activities listed above, they must be certified by VIRTUS. This is the three hours class.

The initial class (Protecting God's Children) is good for five years. On or after the five year anniversary mark, an email from the Safe Environment Office is sent out as a reminder to enroll in the Keeping the Promise Alive (1 ½ hours) in order to keep the VIRTUS certification.

Should you have questions/concerns, please email Ms. Sam at smckinney@smmcs.org.

WHAT MAKES NEWS

We love to brag about our kiddos, so if you have special news and/or pictures, please send them our way! We love hearing about and seeing new places, special events and exciting moments!

Please email information to Trish at tduhon@smmcs.org.

News from Nurse Donna



If you have not turned in the required items (physical dated after June 1, 2016, Parent Consent Form and updated immunization), please do so immediately.

If your student has medication that is to be distributed during the school day, a Medication Consent Form must be signed by a physician and kept on file in my office.

A TB Screening Questionnaire Form was sent to all families. Please complete and return page one as soon as possible. If "YES" is the answer to any of page one's questions, please have your physician complete page two.

Thank you for your help,
Nurse Donna / dmohrman@smmcs.org

Arrival and Dismissal Reminders

- The only adults allowed to enter the building between 7:40 and 8:00am are PreK parents/guardians, and they should enter through the courtyard doors only.
- Enter your carline from the correct street (Ferguson St for A-L and South Houston for M-Z). Remain in the carline. Do not cut across the parking lots.
- Dismissal ends at 3:40pm on regular dismissal days. Any student remaining on campus after 3:40pm will be checked into the After School Program, and the family will be billed.
- Drive as slowly as possible through the parking lots.
- **No Cell Phone use.**

Please understand that these rules are put into place for the safety of your children.

The SMMCS Family Handbook is being sent out TODAY as an attachment to the Newsletter Email.

Please contact us with any questions/concerns that you may have.



KEEP
CALM
AND
DON'T BE
TARDY

The Tardy Policy Is Now In Effect

Please see page 17 of the Family Handbook for any questions regarding the school's Tardy Policy.

Dress Code Reminders

We have now completed our first week of school, and we have answered many of your students' questions regarding the Dress Code.

Dress Code information and guidelines can be found on pages 49 through 54 of the SMMCS Family Handbook. *There will be no exceptions to these rules.*

If you have specific questions or concerns, you are asked to contact your child's teacher or Mr. Raab at jraab@smmcs.org.

Family Involvement Commitment

The purpose of the Family Involvement Commitment is to promote equal participation among families of the school and generate funds. Participating in SMMCS is one the most important things a family can do.

The guidelines can be found on

Parents are responsible for completing FIC Volunteer Cards, which can be found in the front office.

pages 63 and 64 of the SMMCS Family Handbook. Please understand, every family MUST participate. Multiple

balance sheets will go out through the year, including semester balances in December and May. A final balance sheet will be sent home at the beginning of May.

Please contact Trish at tduhon@smmcs.org if you have questions.

Attention SMMCS Families



Be on the lookout for:

- **The 2015/2016 SMMCS Yearbooks!**
Yearbooks are being handed out today and tomorrow.
- **A flyer regarding the upcoming Internet Safety Meeting.**
Flyer is attached to today's email.
- **The 2016/2017 SMMCS Family Handbook.**
Handbook is attached to today's email.
- **The 2016/2017 SMMCS Athletic Handbook.**
Handbook is attached to today's email.
- **VIRTUS signup instructions.**
Instructions are attached to today's email.

8th Grade Families/Students: Mark Your Calendars

IMPORTANT DATES:

Thursday, August 25th-8th Grade Parent

Meeting at 6:00pm in the school's library.

Topics to include: 8th grade field trip, high school visits, application process for Catholic High Schools, etc.

Wednesday, October 12th-Visit St. Pius X High School

Thursday, October 20th-Visit Frassati High School

Wednesday, October 26th-Visit Incarnate Word and St. Thomas High School

For more information, please contact Mrs. Valladares at lvalladares@smmcs.org.



Benefitting

Come join us for a Spaghetti Dinner

Menu

Spaghetti & Meat
Sauce
Salad
Garlic Bread
Dessert
Soft Drink

Saturday, September 10, 2016
McGivney Hall
5 PM
Tickets: \$10 Adult
\$5 Child (3-13)

Please contact Donna Mohrman at dmohrman@smmcs.org with further questions.

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NOTICE:
Important Calendar
Change

**THURSDAY, MARCH 30TH
AND FRIDAY, MARCH
31ST ARE NOW BOTH
NOON RELEASE DAYS.**

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School exists to develop students who have academic strength, strong moral values and a deeper understanding of their Catholic faith, so that they succeed as individuals who make wise choices, serve others and attain a deeper relationship with Christ.

How you begin your education will influence your learning for the rest of your life.
Msgr. Paul Procella

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St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church is hosting a Middle School "Summer Celebration" with water balloons and watermelon tonight, Thursday, August 18th, from 6 - 7:30 P.M. Join the fun in the Youth Room in the new CCE building. Bring a friend and a snack!

Attention Athletes and Parents

All SMMCS Athletes must have the official Sports Physical on file in Nurse Donna's office.

Students will not be allowed to play any SMMCS sponsored sport until the proper documents have been completed and received by Nurse Donna.

If you are unsure about the status of your student, please contact Nurse Donna at dmohrman@smmcs.org.

ALSO...The 2016/2017 Sports Fee is \$75/individual sport and must be paid at time of registration for a particular sport. Fees can also be added to your FACTS account. Please contact Ms. Sam for FACTS information.

Contact Coach Walsh at twalsh@smmcs.org with any questions.

Calling all Pack 1610 Cub Scouts and future Scouts!

Please join us Tuesday, August 23rd at 6:30pm in St. Mary's Hall. This is Pack 1610's Recruiting Night and Recycled Rain Gutter Regatta!

The first den meetings will be held at 6:30pm on Tuesday, August 30th. All current members and potential members are asked to meet in front of the flag pole at the entrance of the school.



For more information about Pack 1610, please contact Mrs. Bible at magic_angie@yahoo.com.

Thank You

Before We Go...

We would like to thank you for choosing to be a part of the SMMCS Family!