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Important Dates:

- ♦ 8/24-Room Parent Meeting
- ♦ 8/25-Jeans Day for 8th Grade
- ♦ 8/29-Cub Scout Recruitment Night
- ♦ 9/1-Jeans Day for Football
- ♦ 9/4-Labor Day-No School
- ♦ 9/5-8th Grade Meeting
- ♦ 9/7-Trash for Cash Free Dress Day
- ♦ 9/8-Noon Release
- ♦ 9/9&10-Festival of Ministries
- ♦ 9/10-School Mass @ 9:00am
- ♦ 9/14-PTO Meeting
- ♦ 9/15-Jeans Day for Volleyball
- ♦ 9/19-PTO Free Dress Day
- ♦ 9/22-2:00 Release

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 8th Grade Class!



If you're not following us on Facebook, you are missing out!

We are actively posting on a daily basis, and you never know who you might see!



St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School utilizes the IRIS Dispatch system in the event of an emergency; however, our system was updated with IRIS earlier this week and may not be completely active (especially for new families) until next week.

In the event of an emergency over the weekend or the beginning of next week, a mass email will be sent out to all families via Trish Duhon.

Another source would be Humble ISD. SMMCS will always follow Humble ISD's decisions regarding school closures, late starts, etc.

Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Trish at tduhon@smmcs.org.

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 Friday, September 29th 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. Visit www.virtus.org to register.

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 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.

Please contact Nurse Donna at dmohrman@smmcs.org with any questions you may have.

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 of the most important things a family can do.

The guidelines can be found

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

on pages 61 and 62 of the SMMCS Handbooks. Please understand, every family MUST participate.

Multiple balance sheets will go out through the year. A final balance sheet will be sent home at the beginning of May.

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

DON'T BE TARDY...

The Tardy Policy Is Now In Effect

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

SMMCS Spirit Shirts are now on sale!

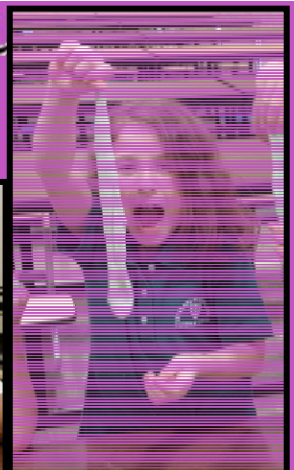
Parents / grandparents/friends and families of SMMCS can now purchase the 2017/2018 SMMCS Spirit Shirts!

Sizes are limited, so contact Ms. Sam ASAP.

There are NO Youth XS or Adult Large.

Shirts are being sold for \$10 each.

After School Program



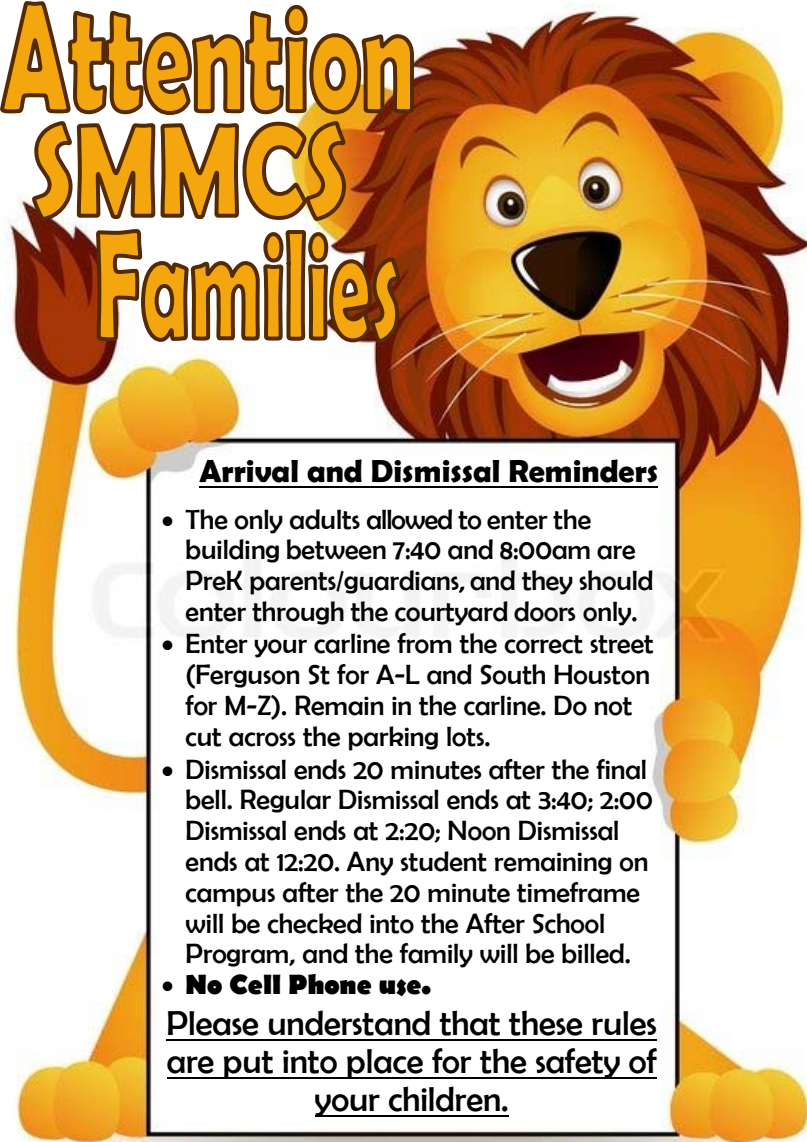
Whether it's Moon Sand or Slime, the After School Program is always a BLAST!

CHANGE OF plans

The After School Program is being moved to St. Mary's Hall for today.

Please park in the large church parking lot and follow the sidewalk along the side of the parish offices. SMH is located at the end of the building.

Attention SMMCS Families



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 20 minutes after the final bell. Regular Dismissal ends at 3:40; 2:00 Dismissal ends at 2:20; Noon Dismissal ends at 12:20. Any student remaining on campus after the 20 minute timeframe will be checked into the After School Program, and the family will be billed.
- **No Cell Phone use.**

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

8th Grade Families/Students: Mark Your Calendars

IMPORTANT DATES:

Tuesday, September 5th-8th Grade Parent Meeting

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

Catholic High School Visit Dates:

Tuesday, October 3rd-St. Pius X High School

Thursday, October 5th-Frassati High School

Tuesday, October 10th-St. Agnes and Strake Jesuit

Tuesday, October 17th-Cristo Rey Jesuit

Wednesday, October 25th-Incarnate Word and St. Thomas High School

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

News You Need to Know from the PTO!



Please join us on 9/14 @ 6:30pm for our 1st PTO Meeting!

Join the Fun! Calling All Future Cub Scouts!!!



All boys entering the first through fifth grades are invited to attend our scout meeting on Tuesday, August 29, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in St. Mary's Hall to hear about the fun, friendships, and fellowship Pack 1610 has to offer. Cub Scout Pack 1610 is chartered by St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School and is open to all church and school families.

Cub Scout activities include weekly meetings on Tuesday evenings, camping, hiking, Pinewood Derby car racing, and service projects, to name a few. Cub Scouts teaches our young men to be self-reliant, dependable, confident, and good stewards of the community.

Please contact Angie Bible at magic_angie@yahoo.com or 832-846-7684 with any questions that you may have.



We would like to wish Incarnate Word freshmen (and SMMCS alumni), Pilar, Maddie and Anna the very best of luck with their new journey...
HIGH SCHOOL!



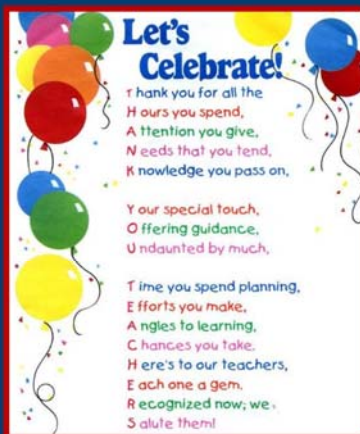
Now On Sale!!!

Please sell, sell, sell the Fall Festival Raffle Tickets that are being sent home tomorrow with your youngest student! And when you run out, just let us know, and we will send home some more! Your family will receive 100% of the total sold toward your FIC (Family Involvement Commitment). Tickets are being sold for \$5 each. Each envelope should contain 20 raffle tickets (\$100 worth). Please return any unsold tickets so that they can be sold by someone else.

Prizes will be awarded to the family with the highest sales amount!!! \$100 will be deducted from your family's December tuition payment if your family sells the most! **Each child whose family sells at least \$100 in raffle tickets will receive a Free Homework Pass in November!!!**

Raffle tickets are always an easy sale, especially with such GREAT prizes! The drawings will take place on Sunday, October 22nd, during the Fall Festival. The prizes are: Grand Prize-a \$10,000 Visa Gift Card; 2nd Prize-a \$5,000 Visa Gift Card; 3rd Prize-a \$2,500 Visa Gift Card; 4th Prize-a \$1,000 Visa Gift Card; 5th Prize-a \$500 Visa Gift Card; 6th Prize-a \$500 Visa Gift Card; 7th Prize-a \$500 Visa Gift Card;

Raffle Tickets MUST be returned to the school by Wednesday, October 18th. *Tickets and money must be turned into the school's front office in order to receive credit for your Family Involvement Commitment.* Please make checks payable to St. Mary Magdalene. It is also important to make sure your *student's name and teacher's name appear somewhere on the returning envelope.*



Help Us Celebrate Those Who Make A Difference EVERYDAY!
by participating
in...

Teachers' Tasties!

We are looking for donations (on a weekly basis) of snacks and goodies to be placed in our Teachers' Lounges. Snacks and goodies can be delivered on Mondays through the school's front office.

Snack Ideas:

- Chips
- Cookies
- Granola Bars
- Popcorn
- Bottled Water
- Yogurt
- Fruit
- Cheese and Crackers
- Homemade Baked Goodies
- Nuts and Trail Mix
- Fresh Donuts
- Bagels
- Muffins
- Anything Chocolate
- Cheese Sticks
- Pretzels
- Protein Bars
- Whatever Your Heart Desires!

A signup link will be sent out sometime next week!

Soccer News for Elementary Students

There will be no Archdiocesan Soccer League for Elementary Students this fall.

SMMCS will have Intraschool Soccer for all students, PreK3 through 8th grade) in the spring.

We will be looking for volunteer coaches and referees (parents/family members) beginning in February. Keep in mind, all volunteers must be VIRTUS trained.

Stay tuned for more information.



Perfect Attendance!

Perfect Attendance could mean a NEW BIKE!

That's right, those students with Perfect

Attendance for the entire school year will be entered in to a drawing for a brand new bike thanks to Realtor, Merna Canavati, mom of PreK4 student, Joseph.

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.

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Help support SMMCS and earn a "Free Dress Day" for your student!!

Here is how it works!

To qualify for a **FREE DRESS DAY CERTIFICATE** you must have 50 points per child/per month. Submissions must be turned in to the school's collection box in the school's front office by the last school day of the month to earn a Free Dress Day for the following month. You can turn in all your points at any time (no need to wait to reach the 50 points). Remaining points will roll from one month to the next, even into the following school year.

When turning in a submission, please write your student's name, grade and teacher's name on a piece of paper inside a Ziploc bag.

-Please do not turn in expired Box Tops

-All items can be mixed in 1 Bag with the exception of the small ink cartridges. Ink needs to be in a separate bag.

The following point system is for the 2017-2018 school year:

- Box Tops = 1 point
- Bonus Box Tops = Value is specified on the label
- Tyson Project A+ labels = 1 point
- Community Coffee/Tea = 1 point (unless specified for more on label)
- Coke products plastic caps = 1 point
- Coke products cardboard codes = 5 points
- Coke products plastic cover codes from cases = 10 points
- Small ink cartridges = 5 points
- Large ink cartridges/toners = 10 points
- Cell phones = 15 points

For any urgent questions, please call Kristine Fayard at 832-607-9258 or text Carmen Espinoza at 713-261-5352. Email any other questions to boxtops@smmcs.org.

Thank you for supporting SMMCS!

Your Trash for Cash Team,

Kristine Fayard, Carmen Espinoza, Danielle Clemmer, and Lyn Sarmiento