



# ST. MARY MAGDALENE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## LION'S ROAR



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Important Dates:

- ♦ 1/19-2:00 Release
- ♦ 1/22-Make-up Talent Show Practice
- ♦ 1/22-Sacrament Prep Class
- ♦ 1/23-PTO Free Dress Day
- ♦ 1/26-Jeans Day
- ♦ 1/26-Lion's Fund-Kiss A Pig
- ♦ 1/26-Protecting God's Children Class
- ♦ 1/28-Catholic Schools Week 2018 Begins
- ♦ 2/6-Trash for Cash Free Dress Day
- ♦ 2/8-PTO Meeting
- ♦ 2/12-Valentine's Day Parties
- ♦ 2/13-Mardi Gras
- ♦ 2/4-Ash Wednesday
- ♦ 2/15-PTO Free Dress Day
- ♦ 2/17-Steps for Students
- ♦ 2/19-President's Day/Teacher In-Service-No School for Students

### REPORT CARD

Math **A+**  
English **A+**  
Science **A+**  
History **A+**

- Report cards will be sent via email on Monday, January 22nd!

### TOMORROW IS 2:00 RELEASE!

Students will be dismissed at 2:00pm tomorrow. The After School Program will be available.

Early Release Days are also Spirit Days, so wear your spirit shirt or organizational shirt, along with your favorite jeans!

**There is no cost on Spirit Days!**

### ICE CREAM FRIDAY

8th grade will be selling ice cream tomorrow!

All items are one dollar and will be bought and served during lunch.



FIC Balances will be sent home on Monday, January 22nd with your youngest child.

Balances are not due until May 16th, but this is a great opportunity to see where you stand and make any corrections necessary.

**The PTO Free Dress Day is now scheduled for Tuesday, January 23rd!**

**Students will receive a Free Dress Coupon on Monday.**

**If your student took today as their Free Dress Day, they will not receive a coupon.**



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*In addition to those students named in last week's newsletter, we have three 8th grade students who will be recognized during the UST Essay Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, January 24th. The ceremony will begin with a Mass at 10:00am at the Co-Cathedral.*

*Congratulations to Ashley Chavez, Noah Brelinski and Andrew Cromwell. We are so proud of all of you!*

**Need FIC Hours?** Please contact Trish at [tduhon@smmcs.org](mailto:tduhon@smmcs.org) for more information!

# THERE'S STILL TIME TO JOIN

## STEPS FOR STUDENTS 5K RUN/WALK



JOIN US ON SATURDAY,  
FEBRUARY 17, 2018

REGISTER TODAY AT  
[STEPS4STUDENTS.ORG](http://STEPS4STUDENTS.ORG)

#STEPS4STUDENTS



### Look who's joining us...

Donna Mohrman, Micha Rucka, Roxanne Acevedo, Anthony Acevedo, Alexis Acevedo, Christina English, Kevin Saye, Barbara Saye, Mark Nuar, Benjamin Nuar, Meris Bridger, Joshua Raab, David Lulloff, Cody Grizzoffi, Kaley Lulloff-Grizzoffi, Kaden Lulloff-Grizzoffi, Carmen Rodriguez, Laura Valladares, Eddy Valladares, Natalia Valladares, Alessandro Valladares, Sandy Everett, Carry Everett, Callie Everett, Natalie Everett, Cathi Hughes, John Hughes, Tom Walsh, Janet Orth, Haylee Hoang, Luke Hoang, Thanh Bui, Katie Decker, Leticia Garay, Michael Garay, Trinity Garay, Samuel Garay, Lynda Buchanan, Laura Rocha, Brianna Rocha, Matthew Rocha, Jose Rocha, Elizabeth Reed, David Herrera, Lexi Herrera, Rebekah Herrera, Rosa Herrera, Merna Canavati, Emily Billafuerte, George Billafuerte, Janet Billafuerte, Jorge Billafuerte, Zachary Rubio, Jacob Rubio, Anna Rubio, Martin Rubio, Angela Holden, Albert Holden, AJ Holden, Donna Holden, Sabra Holden, Eric Huddleston, Donna Huddleston, Vera Huddleston and Quinn Huddleston!

**Where do I sign up? Go to:**  
[steps4students.org/register](http://steps4students.org/register).

Scroll under "Registration" to find St. Mary Magdalene and click to join! Please contact Nurse Donna with any questions that you may have.



Games that were scheduled for Tuesday, January 16th and Wednesday, January 17th will not be rescheduled.

This week's schedule is as follows:

#### Today, Thursday, January 18

Girls Varsity: At Our Lady of Guadalupe (4:30)

Address: 2405 Navigation Blvd, Houston, TX 77003

Boys Varsity: Home Game vs. St. Theresa (4:15)

#### Friday, January 19

Girls Varsity: At Assumption Catholic School (4:30)

Boys Varsity: At Assumption Catholic School (5:30)

Address: 801 E Roselane St, Houston, TX 77037

### *Attention 3rd through 5th Grade Students..*

#### *Join the SMMCS Spirit Club*

Show your school spirit and Lion Pride by joining the SMMCS Spirit Club!

The spring semester is open to all students in grades 3rd-5th.

Students will practice every Thursday beginning February 15th from 3:45-4:45.

The cost to join Spirit Club is \$40, which includes a t-shirt and hair bow. Your child's updated physical form needs to be filed with Nurse Donna. Your child cannot join Spirit Club without an updated physical form. Please return all forms, along with your payment, by Wednesday, January 31st.

Please contact Mrs. English at [cenglish@smmcs.org](mailto:cenglish@smmcs.org) or Ms. Ruth at [rmclin@smmcs.org](mailto:rmclin@smmcs.org) with any questions you may have.



## There Are Still Spots and Time!

The next *Protecting God's Children* (VIRTUS) class at St. Mary Magdalene will

be held Friday, January 26th. Class will be from 6:00pm to 9:00pm in McGivney Hall.

The Archdiocesan Office of Safe Environment requires that all volunteers of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School and Community attend VIRTUS.

Anyone who does not complete VIRTUS training or the refresher course **CANNOT** participate in anything involving minors. Once these classes are completed, it can take between four to six weeks for your status to be updated into the VIRTUS system. There are **NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.**

Please make every effort to maintain your VIRTUS status.

Visit [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) for registration. You can also contact Ms. Sam in the front office for any questions that you might have.



Some of our 8th grade students will be taking their High School Entrance Exams this weekend, and we would like to wish them lots of luck!

Our prayer for them:

*Come Holy Spirit, be light to their minds and peace to their souls, that they may work with confidence and be successful in this time of testing. We give you thanks and praise now and forever. Amen.*



### The SMMCS Talent Show

There will be a "make-up" practice on Monday, January 22nd from 3:45 to 4:30, as well as the scheduled practice on Wednesday, January 24th.

Anyone interested in helping out is asked to contact Mr. Whitworth at [bwhitworth@smmcs.org](mailto:bwhitworth@smmcs.org).

# HOUSTON OPEN

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We are currently looking for someone to be the Lead for this year's Houston Open. The school has a concession stand at the tournament beginning Wednesday, March 28th through Sunday, April 1st (Easter).

The hours are long and the commitment is a bit demanding, but the outcome (\$\$\$\$\$) is **AMAZING!** This is a great time to network, market and get to know other families.

Anyone who may be interested is asked to contact Trish at [tduhon@smmcs.org](mailto:tduhon@smmcs.org) for more information.





# Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2018

January 28 –  
February 3  
#CSW18

National Catholic Schools Week is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. The observance starts January 28<sup>th</sup> and continues through February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The theme for 2018, “Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.” encompasses the core products and values that can be found in Catholic schools across the country. Not only are we teaching students to become future servant leaders, faith-filled disciples and enriched citizens in our communities, we, as educators, are growing with them. In Catholic schools, we are all learners, servants and leaders. These shared qualities are what make Catholic schools work. They are what make Catholic schools succeed.

The official CSW logo brings the theme to life. The open book made up of multi-colored pages symbolizes how all areas of Catholic schools blend together, with faith — symbolized by the cross — at the forefront. Catholic schools are vibrant, dynamic and excellent.

SMMCS will observe this year’s celebration week with special Masses, an Open House and a few other exciting activities for our students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, we will focus on the value Catholic education provides to our students and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

*Below is a list of the events which will take place during Catholic Schools Week:*

## Sunday, January 28th

**9:00am-Family Mass**—All families are encouraged to attend this Mass and sit together as a school. Children should come in full dress uniform.

**9:00am to Noon**—Open House!

## Monday, January 29th

**6:30am to 8:00am**—Parent Appreciation Breakfast \*\*\*Please stay tuned for more information!

## Tuesday, January 30th

**Student FUN Day!**

## Wednesday, January 31st

**8:30 am**—Vocation Day Mass

**10:00am**—School Geography Bee!

## Thursday, February 1st

**Student Appreciation Day!**

## Friday, February 2nd

**11:30am-1:00am**—Teacher Appreciation Lunch - Sponsored by the PTO!

**7:00pm**—Talent Show!

## Saturday, February 3rd

**6:30pm**—PTO Family Fun Night

As always...we will need your help! Please stay tuned for more info!

*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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**THE LION FUND**  
*Share the Spirit*

As part of the Lion Fund Fundraiser, we have various challenge goals that, when reached, we have dedicated awards for the students. These goals are just an added incentive to raise awareness about the Lion Fund by getting the students excited and enthused.

The first goal of \$10,000 has been reached, so the students drew names of six faculty/staff to be voted on to kiss a pig: Ms. Sam, Ms. Dee, Mrs. Rucka, Ms. Trish, Ms. Brown and Mrs. Valladares! The top three "money getters" from student/family donations to the specific jar (in the front office) will be puckering up on January 26<sup>th</sup> to KISS A PIG! All parents are welcome to attend.

Our next goal is \$25,000, which we are only \$5,000 away from meeting! The student award for this goal is making a faculty/staff member into a human sundae!

Want to contribute to the Lion Fund? Consider adding this to your monthly tuition fees or making a one-time payment. Pledge Forms can be found at <http://smmcs.org/lionfund>. Remember this is one of the few ways to support SMMCS that is 100% tax deductible and applies to your FIC.

For more information, please contact our Development Volunteer Eddie Greene at [egreene@smmcs.org](mailto:egreene@smmcs.org).

**RE-ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2018/2019 SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS FEBRUARY 15TH!**

It is very important that everything is completed by February 28th, along with the \$300 Re-Enrollment Fee per student enrolling. Once a class is full, it will be closed, and a waiting list will be implemented.

**APPLICATIONS FOR 1ST TIME STUDENTS OF AN ALREADY REGISTERED FAMILY WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FEBRUARY 15TH!**

If you have another child (sibling of a present student), his/her online application (available February 15th), \$125 Application Fee and \$300 Enrollment Fee need to be completed and turned in before February 28th.

All Re-Enrollment and New Enrollment Applications must be submitted online. More information regarding tuition, the Before and After School Program, FIC, School Calendar and FACTS Account information will be sent home with next week's newsletter. Payments of fees must be paid online at the end of the application process. No application will be considered complete until all documents have been completed and fees have been paid.

**On March 1st, all open seats will be made available to the public.**

*Don't forget, if you recommend a family for next year, and they enroll and use you as a reference, your family will receive \$100 off one month of tuition during the 2018-2019 school year!*