

Good afternoon! Since we have **noon dismissals tomorrow and Friday**, we thought it would be best to send out the newsletter one day early. Please see below for the news for the upcoming week!

Important Dates coming up this week:

- **October 11 & October 12 ~ Noon dismissals** both days for **Parent-Teacher Conferences**
- **October 14 ~ School Mass** at the **9 A.M. Mass**
- **October 15 – 19 ~ Middle School Bake Sale** for Breast Cancer Awareness month **before school**. All items will be \$1.
- **October 17 ~ end of the 1st quarter**
- **October 18 ~ Free Dress Day** for attending school Mass on October 14
- **October 21 ~ St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Community Fall Festival**

Parent-Teacher Conferences and P.R.I.D.E. Academy Notice

All students will be dismissed at noon tomorrow and Friday and must be picked up **before 12:20 P.M.** Lunch will **not** be served so we ask that younger students bring a heavy snack.

For your student(s) to attend the **P.R.I.D.E. Academy** on noon dismissal days, you have to **reserve** a spot by notifying the director, Mrs. Hughes, at least 2 days in advance. If you did not reserve a spot for your student(s) for tomorrow, they must be picked up by 12:20 P.M. You can still reserve a spot for Friday if you contact Mrs. Hughes **today**. You may email your request to chughes@smmcs.org.

Since we are not staying all day on Friday, students may wear Blue Jeans at no cost. They may wear a Spirit Shirt, the Fall Festival shirt, an organizational shirt or their polo, also at no charge. If they want to wear a **Pink Shirt**, they must donate at least a \$1 for Breast Cancer Awareness. Thank you!

School Mass

Our **School Mass** for the month of **October** is **Sunday, October 14**, at the **9 A.M. Mass**. All of our students and their families are encouraged to attend this Mass, with the students wearing their Mass uniforms. Our students will be serving as Lectors, Ministers of Hospitality, Gift Bearers, Altar Servers and Choir. Please join us as we celebrate with the St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Community!

Approved Outerwear

Before the weather turns colder, we want to remind you that students may wear any outerwear that will keep them warm while they are outside; however, they are only allowed to wear SMMCS approved clothing while they are inside the building. The approved garments they may wear inside are the green zip-up fleece jacket and navy blue V-neck cardigan sweater available from Sue Mills; the Navy blue SMMCS zip up and pullover hoodies and sweatshirts, including the ones being sold for the Fall Festival; and the outerwear with our logo sold in the past by Britelideas.

Several parents have inquired about purchasing the Briteldeas outerwear again. We do not order extra jackets from Briteldeas. Now is the time to order if you want one, using the order form attached to this newsletter. Briteldeas cannot accept returns because the jackets are embroidered with our logo so please make sure you double check the measurements for the sizes on the order form. All orders must be turned in by **Friday, October 19**, when the orders will be consolidated and sent to **Briteldeas**.

Fall Festival Update

We still need volunteers to help with the games at the Fall Festival. If you would like to help, please click <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094EA9AA2AA2F58-volunteers3>.

Did you know that your family will receive **100% Family Involvement Commitment (FIC)** credit for all Raffle Tickets sold *when you turn them into the school*? If you need more raffle tickets, please notify Mr. Eddie Greene at egreene@smmcs.org.

Mr. Greene is filling orders for the Fall Festival t-shirts and zip up hoodies. Please see the attached order form. You can send the completed form in with cash or a check made out to SMMCC (no credit card orders or FACTS) with your student, and the shirts will usually be returned the same day.

Our Room Parents have been very busy preparing the class baskets for the Silent Auction. If you have any items you would like to donate, please contact Mr. Greene. We will be happy to find a home for any items you might have!

October Service Project

For their October Service Project, the Middle School students are raising money for the IBC Network in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness. Please support them on one or more of the following days:

- **October 12** ~ Noon Release for Parent/Teacher Conferences. Students do not need to pay to wear blue jeans that day, but if they would like to wear a **Pink Shirt** they are asked to donate at least \$1.
- **October 15-19** ~ Bake sale before school every morning from 7:30-8:00 A.M. All baked items are \$1, with the money collected going to the IBC Network.
- **October 19** ~ Jeans Day monies collected will be donated to the IBC Network. The cost is \$1 but, again, any additional donations will be gratefully accepted!
- **October 30** ~ **Pink Shirt** Day: Students wishing to wear a **Pink Shirt** may do so if they donate at least \$1.

Mrs. Turner is still accepting the name of any person in your family's life that has faced the battle of Breast Cancer. The Middle School students have helped her create a wall for those people you would like to honor. The names she receives will be written on a pink symbol and remain on the wall for the month of October. Please send your names to mturner@smmcs.org and please indicate if the dedication should be in honor of or in remembrance.

Mr. Raab has approved pink hair ribbons and bows for the month of October.

Coach Walsh is looking for adults interested in **coaching Basketball**. Please contact him at twalsh@smmcs.org if you are VIRTUS trained and ready to have a great time!

NJHS Fundraiser

Our National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) students have fundraisers for some of our favorite holidays and one of them is Halloween! You can use the attached form if you would like to send a Halloween Gram to your favorite student, friend or teacher. Each gram is \$1 and all profits will go to NJHS. The form(s) and money must be returned to school by Friday, October 19th, for delivery on Wednesday, October 31st. Happy Halloween!

Halloween Parties

Halloween parties for our K3 through 5th grade classes will begin at 2 P.M. on Wednesday, October 31. Your room parents will contact you with more information. Please R.S.V.P. to the room parent or to your student's teacher if you plan to attend. Parents and grandparents are welcome to attend but all visitors **MUST** be VIRTUS certified. Visitors must also sign in through the front office before going to a classroom. There are **NO SIBLINGS** in attendance during the class parties.

Halloween costumes should be in keeping with our school basis of Christianity. If you have any questions about a costume's suitability, please call the school. If we feel a costume is inappropriate, the student will remain in the nurse's office until something more appropriate is brought for him/her to change into.

1st Grade September Service Project

Thank you to everyone who bought a t-shirt for **Wreaths Across America!** The 1st graders raised over **\$430** for wreaths to be placed at the Houston National Cemetery.

BoxTops

The **BoxTops** fall submission deadline is November 1st. Our BoxTops moms are asking that all BoxTops be turned in by **Friday, October 26th** so they can be included in the fall submission. (They need a little time to process them.) Remember to place all of your BoxTops in a Ziploc bag with your student's name and teacher's name written on a slip of paper inside the bag. The names are sometimes rubbed off if they are written on the outside of the bags. ****This is just for the fall submission ~ please continue to collect and turn in the BoxTops throughout the year!****

Counselor's Corner

The first Love and Logic Parenting class this year is tonight. The classes begin at 6 P.M. and will be held in the Technology Room (Room 208).

Upcoming Events to put on your calendar now:

- **Friday, October 19** ~ Ice Cream for \$1 for Steps for Students
- **Friday, October 26** ~ Noon release for a Staff In-Service
- **Saturday, October 27** ~ Knights of Columbus 5K Halloween Fun Run and 1K Trick-or-Treat Walk (see the attached flyer for more information)
- **Tuesday, October 30** ~ **Pink Shirt** Day

- **Wednesday, October 31** ~ No school Mass. Halloween class parties at 2 P.M.
- **Thursday, November 1** ~ Mass Day switched to Thursday for the Feast of All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation). No school Mass on Wednesday, Oct. 31.

Remember to check our school website to stay updated about all of our events. Go to www.smmcs.org and click on the small bar across the top labeled "School Calendar."