

Good morning! Check out the news for the upcoming weeks!

Important Dates coming up:

- **Tonight, November 15** ~ 6 P.M. 5th Grade Parents Meeting in classrooms with SMMCS alumni and the Middle School faculty
- **Friday, November 16** ~ Thanksgiving Feast, Noon Release, no P.R.I.D.E.
- **Sunday, November 18** ~ Parish Blood Drive, 8:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M. Call/text Rosa Herrera at 281-687-5823 to make an appointment.
- **November 19 – 23** ~ No school – Thanksgiving Break
- **Wednesday, November 21** ~ Knights of Columbus Annual Turkey Fry
- **Monday, November 26** ~ Return to school from Thanksgiving Break
- **Tuesday, November 27**
 - Free Dress Day for Mass attendance on 11/11
 - 6:30 P.M. Cub Scouts meeting in St. Mary's Hall
- **Wednesday, November 28**
 - 6 P.M. Booster Club meeting in Library
 - 6 P.M. Girl Scouts meeting

THANKSGIVING FEAST

If you are **attending the Thanksgiving Feast**, please use the **glass doors** in the **FLC** to enter. Only the students who bring a lunch, have purchased a meal or have told us they are attending will be sent to the FLC at their Feast time. If you are bringing your own food but haven't let me know, please send me an email at smckinney@smmcs.org. We want to make sure your student(s) join you in the FLC. Students who are attending the Feast will be signed out from the FLC after their family is finished eating.

Students not eating at the Feast may be checked out through the front office any time after their Feast time begins. The Feast times are:

10:00 A.M.	K3, K4 & K5
10:45 A.M.	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd
11:30 A.M.	4 th , 5 th , 6 th , 7 th & 8 th

Our parents supply the desserts for the Feast. The sweet treats can be store bought or homemade. Please drop them off in the FLC tomorrow morning when you bring your student(s) to school. Thank you!!!

THANKSGIVING BREAK

Students attending the Thanksgiving Feast will be dismissed from the FLC after they have finished eating. Any student not attending the Feast will be dismissed at noon tomorrow if they have not already been signed out. The P.R.I.D.E. Academy will **NOT** be held. All students will need to be picked up **before 12:20 P.M.** School will be back in session on **Monday, November 26th**.

TURKEY FRY

Each year, the Knights of Columbus spend the Wednesday before Thanksgiving frying turkeys. If you would like to have your turkey fried for you, please take it to the FLC between 7:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. The turkey must be completely thawed and less than 12 lbs. The cost is only \$15! Call Tony Butera at 832-279-7072 for more information.

CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Our 2nd graders would like to thank all of our families for helping them to fill the Magdalene House food pantry! Your generous donations will help a lot of families have a Thanksgiving meal. We are very thankful for all of you!

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

The Knights of Columbus sponsor a "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest among children ages 5 through 14 (age is determined as of November 1). Last year, one of our students, Alyssa Cacanindin, won the State competition and competed at the National level. Let's see if one of our talented students can win the International competition this year! Information about the contest is attached. The original art work is due in the school by December 7th. Good luck!

SHOW YOUR SMMCS SUPPORT

Did you know you can support St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School when you are shopping at Kroger? If you already have a Kroger Plus Customer Card, you can link your card to our reward number (TS493). If you do not have a Kroger Plus Customer Card, you can sign up for one by clicking on www.kroger.com/account/create/??redirectUrl=/account/communityrewards. Once you have created an account and/or linked it to the SMMCS number (TS493), all you do is give the cashier your Kroger card when you check out. At the end of each quarter, Kroger sends SMMCS a check representing a percentage of all the sales our families made in that quarter!

When you do your Black Friday and Cyber Monday shopping on Amazon, you can help SMMCS! When customers shop at AmazonSmile (smileamazon.com), the AmazonSmile Foundation donates 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organizations selected by customers. Visit <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/76-0650806> and sign into your Amazon account. Once you link your account to SMMCS, you will receive an email confirmation ~ then just start shopping! Most products are eligible on Amazon Smile, and if they are not, you will be notified. You check out like you normally would on Amazon. SMMCS has received almost \$800, just in the last year. Thank you very much!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS to put on your calendar now:

- **Friday, November 30 ~**
 - Ice Cream for 8th grade
 - 3:45 P.M. Chess Club, Room 209
- **Saturday, December 1:**
 - Breakfast with Santa (FLC) ~ R.S.V.P. is attached
 - Enchanted Christmas Winter Book Fair begins (Library)
 - PTO Used Uniform sale (St. Joseph's Hall)
- **Tuesday, December 4 ~ 6:30 P.M. 27th Annual Humble Christmas Parade of Lights "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"**
- **Wednesday, December 5 ~**
 - 4 – 7 P.M. Spirit Night at McDonald's at Mesa & Beltway 8
 - Registrations for PTO Kids' Night Out / Parents' Night Off are due
- **Thursday, December 6 ~ Polar Express Day**

- **Friday, December 7 ~**
 - “Keep Christ in Christmas” poster art work due
 - Ice Cream for Steps for Students
- **Saturday, December 8 ~** PTO Kids’ Night Out / Parents’ Night Off
- **Sunday, December 9 ~** 9 A.M. School Mass
- **Friday, December 14 ~** 2 P.M. release
- **Tuesday, December 18 ~** 6 P.M. School Christmas program in FLC
- **Wednesday, December 19 ~**
 - 11 A.M. Christmas parties
 - Noon Release, no P.R.I.D.E. Academy
- **December 20, 2018 – January 7, 2019 ~** No school, Christmas break