

Good afternoon! Please see below for this week's newsletter:

Important Dates coming up this week:

- **September 21 ~ 2 P.M.** release ~ any student not picked up by 2:20 P.M. will be signed into the P.R.I.D.E. Academy
- **September 21 ~ Grandparents' Sock Hop** at 2 P.M. in the FLC
- **September 22 ~ PTO Family Fun Night Block Party** at 6:00 P.M. in the FLC
- **September 25 ~ Cub Scouts** in St. Mary's Hall at **6:30 P.M.** (time change!)
- **September 26 ~ Girl Scouts** meetings at 6 P.M.
- **September 28 ~ Jeans Day** – students must pay \$1 if they want to wear blue jeans
- **September 28 ~ Ice Cream** will be sold for \$1 for each item

Our **Grandparents' Sock Hop** will be tomorrow afternoon!!! This year, our grandparents and grandchildren will be hopping and bopping to music from the 50s and the 60s. Make sure you are chrome-plated (*dressed up*) in those poodle skirts, sweater sets, peg-leg jeans and saddle oxfords. The bash (*great party*) will be out of this world!

It takes a little while to decorate for the Sock Hop, so our students will be eating in their classrooms on Friday, September 21.

Also, in order to accommodate the Grandparents' Sock Hop, the **P.R.I.D.E. Academy** will be moved to the school. You will need to sign your student(s) out from the front office entrance. **Please note:** If you need to reach the P.R.I.D.E. Academy after the front office is closed, please dial **ext. 139** when the message comes on the phone. That extension allows the P.R.I.D.E. staff to be able to talk to you directly from the FLC, if that is where it is being held.

The **PTO Family Fun Night** (aka the **Block Party!!!**) will start at 6:00 P.M. and last until 9 P.M. in the FLC. on Saturday, September 22. We are asking everyone who would like to attend to please R.S.V.P. using the Block Party Evite (<http://evite.me/DqSP3HDEkz>). Your responses will help us get a better picture of how much food we will need to have on hand, because we will be selling Walking Tacos for \$2 each. We are also still looking for more donations of Legos and Duplo's. Please drop them off at the Front Desk. If you would like to help set up or serve or clean up, please click here for the SignUpGenius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094ea9aa2aa2f58-block>

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Spirit Night at **Chick-fil-A** on Tuesday. We appreciated your support!

At St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School, we like to encourage our students to give back to their community as part of their faith-based training. Each month, we will be highlighting a different **Service Project** for a different class. This month, our **1st graders** are raising fund for **Wreaths Across America**. Please see the attached information sheet on how you can help them with this worthwhile cause!

We would like to announce our new National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) officers for the 2018-2019. They are:

President: Itzel De Leon
Vice President: Hannah McCready
Secretary: Makenzie Taylor
Treasurer: Vera Huddleston
Historian: Elizabeth Hunt

Congratulations to all of our new officers!

Tuesday morning, I sent out several emails to parents who need to take the **VIRTUS** refresher class, **Keeping the Promise Alive** (KPA). In the email, I suggested you try to sign up for the class that St. Martha's was offering on Saturday morning. **Well!!!** I just received an email from the Safe Environment Office saying they have cancelled all KPA classes. Protecting God's Children Online Awareness Session 3.0 will replace the KPA training and can be done from home! Please watch your email inbox for an email from system@virtus.org, which will contain a link to log into your VIRTUS account and begin the training. You must complete the training within one month of receiving the automated email and, once you are done, you will be good for another 5 years! If you don't find it in your inbox, check your Spam folder. As always, please email me if I can help you out with the process

Help Wanted!!!

- Coach Walsh is looking for someone to coach the 5th & 6th grade soccer team. If you are VIRTUS trained and want to help out, please contact him ASAP at twalsh@smmcs.org.
- Mrs. Ruth was unable to obtain any assistance for Spirit Club. The plan now is to postpone Spirit Club until second semester. Watch for more information in January.

Counselor's Corner: Mrs. Laura Valladares will begin another series of Love and Logic on October 10 at 6 P.M. Keep watching for more information about this class.

Upcoming Events to put on your calendar now:

- **September 25 – 28** ~ 5th Graders to Camp Kappe
- **September 29** ~ Catholic Daughters' Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Dance
- **Wednesday, October 3** ~ Lifetouch individual and group photos for the yearbook. Information will be coming home this week on how to order pictures on line!!!
- **Monday, October 8** ~ No school but the teachers will be at an all-day In-Service
- **Thursday, October 11 & Friday, October 12** ~ Noon dismissals both days for Parent-Teacher Conferences
- **Sunday, October 14** ~ School Mass at the 9 A.M. Mass
- **Wednesday, October 17** ~ end of the 1st quarter

The very best place to check for up-to-the-minute information about all of our school events is on the www.smmcs.org website! There is a small bar across the top and you can click on "School Calendar."