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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HSA PRESIDENT *Judith Kopp*

*Dear Families,*

After this weekend's beautiful weather, I think it's safe to say...Happy Fall! I can't believe we've been in school for one month; it seems as if I was just speaking with many of you at the Orientation meetings. For those of you I didn't meet, my name is Judith Kopp and this is my second year as the HSA President at St. Margaret. My husband, Shane, and I have an 8<sup>th</sup> grader and a 10<sup>th</sup> grader at John Carroll. We love the families in the SMS community; everyone is extremely welcoming and supportive.

The month of September brings so much excitement to our two campuses but most especially to our ES campus in the form of the Fall Festival. This year we were blessed with beautiful weather, a ton of support from our faculty and administration, and so many helping hands from our community. Thank you to all of the families who donated their time and talents to ensuring the success of the festival. Our campus was packed full of help from many high school volunteers, 8<sup>th</sup> grade volunteers, and parent volunteers. Thank you for stepping up this year to ensure every booth could remain open and our kids could have a great time.

**The Fall Festival would not have been possible without the unending dedication, support, organization, and love of Jen Stuart.** Jen has been leading this event for numerous years; she has it down to a science and even has the amusement company locked in for next year. Jen, there are not enough words, cards, hugs, or anything to say **THANK YOU** for being you! Just as many thanks goes out to her small but mighty committee that works endlessly for our children! As an 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent, Jen will be graduating from SMS this year. We must find another leader in our community to run this event. I know it looks overwhelming; but the truth is there are many people who help to make it successful. The leader needs to be just that – someone who can plan, organize, and troubleshoot. Jen has a wonderful process in place – we just need someone to step in and take over the event. Along with a leader, we are in need of people who can run some of the sub-committees. Sub-committees consist of Solicitations, Kitchen and Food Coordinator, Prize Room, and Raffles. Many of us are full-time working parents who are involved in many activities for our children and ourselves but I am asking you to please prayerfully consider using your talents to ensure this event continues.

In a few short weeks, our Middle School campus will become a welcoming, haunted campus full of trunk or treaters! Thank you to Deanna Townsley and her team for all of the creative energy you bring to this event! As you enter the campus, please drive slowly and watch out for our little princesses, goblins, and creatures!

Spirit Wear is being re-vamped this year. Theresa DiPaula is diligently working behind the scenes to bring you a new and exciting spirit wear program. Current inventory will be sold at reduced prices during Trunk or Treat. To answer one question that we are receiving – yes, you will be able to place orders and have merchandise prior to the Christmas holidays!

Have you heard about Box Tops? It's easier than ever to support SMS with Box Tops for Education. Simply download the Box Tops for Education app, set up your account to support SMS, purchase qualifying products, take a picture of your receipt, and hit submit! SMS is automatically credited with a donation thanks to your purchase. Please don't throw away any current box tops which you have cut off of packaging. Send them in to school and Christina Wood will submit them on the school's behalf! What an easy way to help the school.

The HSA executive committee is also busily planning some social activities for families and parents. Please stay tuned for more information on upcoming events.

Please remember you can always reach out to any of us with any questions or suggestions. We are committed to listening and attempting to implement suggestions from our parent community. This year's Executive members and contact information is listed below.

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*Blessings,*  
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