



Principal's Post

September 23, 2022

Good afternoon St. Margaret School families,

Each Friday afternoon you will receive this "Principal's Post" highlighting important SMS information. Please take the time to read these weekly posts (including any attachments) and use the information for your planning purposes throughout the year.

The Fall Festival excitement is in the air! Please see the **attached program** for more information on the activities for this weekend! New this year...be sure to check out our "Where's Maggie" Scavenger Hunt (see **flyer** for more info!) We are looking forward to our fun filled weekend and we thank our HSA Committee and all of our wonderful Fall Festival volunteers for preparing for our biggest fundraiser of the year!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Lunch Duty PreK 4 - Grade 5 - Lunch duty parent helpers will begin in October! Look for the school Sign Up Genius coming on Monday!

Parking in the Church Lot - Please do not park in the handicap parking spaces during the school day. Please also remember not to park or stop at the yellow curb. Thank you for helping to keep our students safe!

Dress Code and Uniform Policies - (Handbook pages 20-23)

Please be sure your child is following the uniform (including hair) guidelines in our handbook (pages 20-23). Uniform slips will be given for not following the school uniform guidelines.

Parent/Student Handbook link: <https://smsch.org/assets/imgs/featured/Handbook-St.-Margaret-School-2022-2023.pdf>

Save the Date - Used Uniform Drop Off! On Sept. 28, bring your used uniforms and spirit wear to drop off at both schools. Middle School drop box will be at the front door of the school. Elementary School will have volunteers that will be located by the car drop off loop, between the brick and white buildings, to collect donations. EDC will have a collection box as well.

Next Used Uniform Sale - October 6 - more details to come!

September outreach assists the *Choose Hope Women's Center* in Bel Air. The most needed items are: baby lotion, wash, shampoo, diaper cream, socks, towels, blankets, pacifiers, small

sleepers and onesies, 18-24 mo. clothing, large diapers, and Pull-ups. Donating to our monthly outreach is optional. Please offer your prayers to those in need in our Harford County community.

Arrival Reminders - Students may not exit vehicles prior to 7:20am at the Middle School campus and 7:45am at the Elementary School campus.

Campus Safety - Please be aware that students should not remain outside on the campuses after school (on playgrounds, etc.). Students should not be returning into the buildings to use the bathrooms or water fountains after school. We all love our pets, however dogs should not be outside of vehicles on the campuses. Students should not be petting or playing with pets for safety reasons. Thank you for your cooperation.

Volunteer Compliance VIRTUS - Please review the VIRTUS requirements for volunteering. All those who wish to volunteer in our school must be appropriately screened and provide three written references to the school. Parents may not volunteer without completing this mandatory screening. <https://smsch.org/giving/volunteer/virtus>

Looking ahead!

Oct. 7: School Closed - AOB Professional Development Day

Oct. 15: HSA Trunk or Treat (rain date Oct. 22)

Oct. 31: Early Dismissal Day

Have a wonderful weekend!

Blessings,
Mrs. Anna Shanahan
Principal