



Principal's Post

January 13, 2023

Good afternoon St. Margaret School families,

We are moving full steam ahead into January and preparing for one of our biggest weeks of the school year...Catholic Schools Week (CSW) January 29-February 3! We want to thank our faculty Catholic Identity Committee and our HSA volunteers, especially Mrs. Elmerraji, Mrs. Lynch and Mrs. Burghauser who provided wonderful ideas for fun activities and events to celebrate our students, faculty, staff and parish!

Our CSW Outreach collection will be **pajamas** for the Casey Cares Foundation (see attached flyer) and **cereal boxes** (any size or kind) for our parish food pantry. May God bless you for your continued generosity!

An important Catholic Schools Week message from our HSA:

We're thrilled to announce all of the fun activities we have coming up January 29-February 3. Attached you will find a flyer outlining the dress code for each day as well as the events that will take place. More details will be sent out next week about the dine-in and take-out food options.

Let's Rock and Bowl! To culminate Catholic Schools Week, we have rented Forest Hill Lanes from 1:00-3:00 and 3:30-5:30 for Friday, February 3! There is a flyer attached with important details. Please remember that you will need each student's first and last name, their homeroom teacher and shoe size to register for the event.

Tickets go on sale Monday, January 16th at 7:00 pm. Here are the links for each event:

1:00 pm: <https://cswbowling1pm.eventbrite.com>

3:30 pm: <https://cswbowling330pm.eventbrite.com>

If you have any questions, please reach out to Kellie Elmerraji at kelmerraji@gmail.com.

New Confirmation Program Information Meeting

Calling all parents of **current 8th grade** students interested in preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2024. There will be two Confirmation preparation informational meetings February 1st & 2nd at the St. Mary Magdalene Mission at 7:00pm. Parents are only required to attend one session. For more information, please contact Deacon Danny at dcajigas@stmargaret.org or 410-838-6969 ext.166

St. Patrick's Dinner Dance Saturday, March 4th 2023, 7PM to 11PM

St. Margaret's School Hall, 141 N. Hickory Ave. Bel Air MD. 21014

\$35 per person- adults only, Dinner, Live Band, Irish Dancers, and Irish Piper

Tickets on Sale in the Parish Office or GiveCentral

Questions, please contact Rick Finck 410-688-4727

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

From the Health Suite- As cold and flu season are upon us please follow our health suite policies to ensure the health and safety of our students. All illness related absences need to be documented by emailing the homeroom teacher as well as the office secretary and the nurse on each campus. Any student absent for 3 days or more requires a doctor's note to return to school. Our nurses will be in communication with families with illness related absences. Thank you for your support.

Elementary School:

Mrs. Currey (scurrey@smsch.org) and Mrs. Piechocki (kpiechocki@smsch.org)

Middle School:

Mrs. Schafer (pschafer@smsch.org) and Mrs. Zankowitz (lzankowitz@smsch.org)

Hot Lunch Hot Lunch online system: <https://stmargaret.h1.hotlunchonline.net> Order deadlines are one week prior to the hot lunch scheduled. In other words, orders can be placed 7 days prior to any scheduled lunch. If you have any questions or difficulty setting up your account or ordering process, please feel free to contact stmargarethotlunch@gmail.com

AOB Tuition Assistance - The Archdiocese of Baltimore is now accepting applications for Tuition Assistance Grants for the 23/24 academic year. FACTS, an independent third party, helps the Archdiocese objectively assess what a family is able to contribute to its student(s)

educational expenses. Awards do not need to be repaid, but an application is required each academic year. There is no automatic renewal process. Completed applications must be received **no later than February 28th** in order to be considered for a tuition grant. Please use the link for St. Margaret School's page <https://online.factsmgmt.com/signin/3QDJ0> and apply early for maximum consideration.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Blessings,
Mrs. Anna Shanahan
Principal