



Principal's Post

January 27, 2023

Good afternoon St. Margaret School families,

Our Catholic Schools Week outreach collection includes **pajamas** for the Casey Cares Foundation and **cereal boxes** (any size or kind) for our parish food pantry. The schedule of activities for CSW is **attached**. Please join us at the 10:00am Mass this Sunday, January 29 to celebrate our wonderful school! Students please wear your uniform to Mass this weekend (uniform passes will be given). We are looking forward to Catholic Schools Week!

**Mucho Gusto:** DINE-IN on Monday, January 30th from 4:00-9:00pm

**Open House Tuesday, January 31** - 8:30am-11:00am - parents who have signed up to attend Open House may visit other classrooms as well and are not required to stay the entire time.

**Tutto Fresco:** TAKE-OUT on Wednesday, February 1st from 4:00-9:00pm - Use this link: <https://www.tuttofrescos.com/> to order your family meal. Orders are open now through January 28. Use code SMS2023 in the promo code box when you order to help earn money for our school.

**Trimester 2 Mid Term Progress-** As we have reached the halfway point of trimester 2, parents in grades 3-8 should be checking grades in PowerSchool. Interims will be sent home soon for students in grades K-2.

**Enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year** - Please visit your School Admin Parent Portal to see the checklist items that need to be completed to secure your family's enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year. All of the following can now be completed on line through the School Admin site: Financial Agreement - One per child – please be sure you have completed an agreement for each student you are enrolling. Due by February 10, 2023.

\*Preschool parents – please be sure you have selected the correct session for your child based on which session they have been accepted into (2-day, 3-day, 5 day, half day, full day etc.). If you are unsure of your session, please email Mrs. Pleiss at [CPleiss@smsch.org](mailto:CPleiss@smsch.org)

\*If there is joint responsibility for tuition payments, both responsible parties must electronically sign the document

Tuition Deposit – \$565 per family (payment option is on the oldest/only student checklist)

· Non-refundable tuition deposit of \$150 per family due by **February 10, 2023**

- Non-refundable \$350 tuition deposit and \$65 Home School Association dues (total \$415) per family due by **May 5, 2023**. This payment can be made through the portal at any time.
- Families have the option to pay the full \$565 deposit and dues by February 10, 2023, if they choose to do so

Banking Agreement - One per family – found on the oldest/only student checklist

- If you already have a Banking Agreement on file with the Business Office, there is an option to renew your current arrangements
- If you need to change your banking or do not already have a Banking Agreement on file, you will need to print this form from the portal and return to the Business Office by **May 5, 2023**.
- The Banking Agreement cannot be completed or submitted through the portal.

Other - Please complete any other forms on the checklist, such as health forms, emergency contact forms, and other annual forms that need to be updated/reviewed.

If you have any questions regarding the enrollment process or School Admin site, please contact Admissions Director Cecilia Pleiss at [cpleiss@smsch.org](mailto:cpleiss@smsch.org) or 410-879-1113 x159.

**ES Dismissal** - Parents please form lanes of cars in the parking lot and do not block the lane behind the school building; MS students picking up siblings should be monitored and should not be play on the ES grounds (no footballs, playing “tag”, etc.); younger students awaiting siblings in the white building are not permitted to play with the doors or play on the stairs. Thank you for your help with keeping all of our students safe.

**Parents Save the date! Professional Speaker Series with Dr. Shreya Hessler** - Thursday evenings February 23, March 30 and April 27.

**Dr. Hessler is the founder and director of The MINDset Center. She has been in private practice for over fifteen years. She specializes in the identification and treatment of anxiety disorders, attention deficit-hyperactivity disorder, depression, and behavioral disorders. Dr. Hessler is trained in cognitive-behavioral and applied behavioral therapy for the treatment of children, adolescents, and adults. She frequently presents locally and around the country on topics regarding anxiety and behavior management.**

**Archdiocese of Baltimore Catholic Schools Family Night** -Join Catholic school families from around the Archdiocese for a night of fun at the Baltimore Blast game on Saturday, February 11 , 2023 at the SECU Arena (Towson University).

### **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](mailto:scurrey@smsch.org)) and Mrs. Piechocki ([kpiechocki@smsch.org](mailto:kpiechocki@smsch.org))

Middle School:

Mrs. Schafer ([pschafer@smsch.org](mailto:pschafer@smsch.org)) and Mrs. Zankowitz ([lzankowitz@smsch.org](mailto: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 [stmargarehotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:stmargarehotlunch@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 28<sup>th</sup>** 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.