



Principal's Post

January 6, 2023

Good afternoon St. Margaret School families,

Happy New Year! We were so excited to welcome our students back to begin 2023! Although it felt like spring this week, the winter weather may be with us again soon. In the case of inclement weather, SMS follows the delay/closing decisions of Harford County Public Schools. Fr. Kevin is eagerly awaiting the first snow day so he can reward the annual Snow Day Contest winners with their gift cards!

A message from St. Margaret Parish Outreach: *School families at St. Margaret I would like to thank you for your continued support to our Outreach Ministry here at St. Margaret's. You have been instrumental in many of our projects, most recently the Spirit of Giving. With your donations during Thanksgiving and Christmas you helped us reach 613 families with food, toiletries, coats, blankets, and socks and the adoption of 9 large families! Our food donations also help support 6 food pantries in Harford County. You have been very generous with funds you have earned from baked goods to school sales, which helps support the people who reach out with electric bill cut off notices, water shut offs and eviction prevention. You also help impact our Lenten Alms Giving program which will be here before we know it! Thank you again for your support as it means so much to those in need! God bless you and I look forward to our continued work together. Ms. Nina Heck - Outreach Director*

Catholic Schools Week January 29-February 3 We are finalizing our Catholic Schools Week activities! Look for more details to come in next week!

Creative Arts Musical- We are excited to announce that our Middle School Creative Arts Club, led by Mrs. Gerstmyer, will be performing *The Little Mermaid Jr.* this spring. Auditions will be held after school on Wednesday, January 11th at the middle school campus. Students should use the Sign Up Genius link posted in the middle schoolers' Music Google Classroom. Those students who audition should be prepared to sing 30 seconds of any song and read from the script as the character they would like to play. Rides should be ready to pick up students when the audition is over. Thank you!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Trimester 2 and 3 Expectations - Please refer to the **attached** parent letter that was sent on 12/1/22 regarding Trimester 2 and 3 expectations. Thank you for your partnership and support.

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 (pschfer@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.factsmgt.com/signin/3QDJ0> and apply early for maximum consideration.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Blessings,
Mrs. Anna Shanahan
Principal