



Principal's Post

February 10, 2023

Good afternoon St. Margaret School families,
Thank you for your continued support of our World's Finest chocolate fundraiser! Please send checks when able in lieu of cash as it assists in the processing. All the proceeds of this fundraiser will be used to help support St. Margaret School. All money is due by Tuesday February 21st, 2023 in order to qualify for prizes. **IF YOUR FAMILY DOES NOT WISH TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE RETURN THE UNOPENED BOX.** Thank you for supporting our school!

On **Tuesday, February 14**, the students may wear Valentine's Day **add-ons** including red/white t-shirts, sweatshirts and accessories (such as ties, socks, headbands, etc.). Please follow the guidelines in the school handbook including no hair dye or make up.

Johns Hopkins School Survey - The Archdiocese of Baltimore schools are participating in the School Culture 360™ Survey developed by researchers at Johns Hopkins University. Parents, teachers, staff, administrators, and students in Grades 4 to 8 are asked to take the survey. This survey is completely anonymous. Students in grades 4-8 will take the survey in school next week. If you do not want your child to participate, please advise your child to answer "NO" to the first question on the survey. **Parents, please follow this link to access the adult survey:**
https://jhuedu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0JxYXhx5S7bjYcC?Source=ArchdioceseCatID

PreK area Handicap parking spaces- Please obey handicapped parking near the PreK building. These are not visitor parking spaces. They are reserved for handicapped persons only with tagged vehicles. Additional handicapped spaces/visitor spaces are located closer to the AEC building.

Lenten Rice Bowls - Lent is just around the corner. As Christians we are called to repentance in an intentional way by praying, fasting and giving alms during this holy season. At SMS we offer opportunities for our students to experience these three areas both at school and with their families. Rice Bowls provide the chance to fast from a treat or do something extra and contribute to the rice bowl to help those around the world who live in poverty. Rice Bowls will be sent home on Thursday, February 16th.

\$2.00 out of uniform on Tuesday, Feb. 21 - Student Council is sponsoring an Out of Uniform to raise money for Earthquake victims in Turkey-Syria on **Tuesday, February 21st**. Funds raised will be donated to Catholic Relief Services to assist with this disaster.

Read Across America and Book Fair - We will be holding our Book Fair and celebrating Read Across America Week from Monday, February 27th to Thursday, March 2nd. Please look for more specific details coming soon!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

HSA Designer Bag Bingo

We are looking forward to our wonderful HSA Bingo! Don't forget to sign up for your donation and a chance to win a tuition credit or cash! Donations must be received before February 17th. Follow this link for more details and to sign up: [St. Margaret HSA Bingo Fundraiser: 2023 Designer Bag Bingo and Raffle Basket Donations \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)

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
- 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 or 410-879-1113 x159.

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.

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

Have a wonderful weekend!

Blessings,
Mrs. Anna Shanahan
Principal