



Principal's Post

February 17, 2023

Good afternoon St. Margaret School families,
We are excited for our 8th grade students who received their high school admissions emails yesterday! Please keep our 8th graders in your prayers as they make their choices for high school.

Next week we begin the season of Lent. Students will attend Ash Wednesday Masses on each campus. 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. Our Lenten outreach will be a collection of paper towels and toilet paper to assist the parish with their outreach efforts for the local food pantries.

\$2.00 out of uniform on Tuesday, Feb. 21 - Student Council is sponsoring a schoolwide 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.

Professional Speaker Series with Dr. Shreya Hessler - Thursday evenings February 23, March 30 and April 27, 2023, 6:30 to 7:30. **Please RSVP here: [RSVP Speaker Series](#)**

Dr. Hessler is the founder and director of The MINDset Center. 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. For planning purposes, please RSVP for each date. Doors will open at 6PM.

Thank you for your support of our World's Finest chocolate fundraiser! 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 BY FEB. 21st.**

Read Across America Week and Book Fair (February 27-March 2nd):

Book Fair Please see the attached parent letter for more specific information!

Read Across America Week- As we celebrate Read Across America week, we will be collecting used book donations at both campuses as a Green School initiative. Used books will be donated to schools in need.

Schedule for the Week -

Monday, Feb. 27th - “Curl Up and Read” Day- Out of Uniform- wear your PJ’s! Younger students may bring stuffed animals and blankets.

Tuesday through Thursday: Students may choose to wear their PE uniforms.

Tuesday - “Read a T-shirt Day”- Uniform Add on- Tshirt with a positive message

Wednesday - “Reading Makes You Bright” Day- Uniform Add on- wear neon colors (Tshirt, accessories, no face paint or hair color). ES students bring a flashlight.

Thursday - “Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss” Day- Uniform Add on- Dr. Seuss add ons (Tshirt, crazy socks, hats, headbands, etc.)

Used Uniforms - Our next Used Uniform drop off will be before and after school on February 24 and February 27. On March 6 we will hold our next Used Uniform sale (rain date March 10th). More information to come soon.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Friday, March 3 - School Closed; Professional Development for teachers

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.

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.

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. March dates will be input this weekend.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Blessings,
Mrs. Anna Shanahan

Principal