



Principal's Post

February 24, 2023

Good afternoon St. Margaret School families,  
We thank Dr. Shreya Hessler, founder and director of the MINDset Center, for visiting SMS last evening for our first Speaker Series. Our next meeting with Dr. Hessler will be held on Thursday March 30 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. **Please RSVP here: [RSVP Speaker Series](#)**

We are excited for our Designer Handbag Bingo this evening. Thank you to committee co-chairs Gail Rohleder and Nikki Karrasch and the Bingo committee for planning and organizing this wonderful school event!

**Smile! Picture days are coming soon!** On March 14 and 15 students will have their class pictures taken.

**SMS Yearbooks** are on sale now! Yearbook orders are due by April 16.

Look for flyers with more information on picture days and yearbooks to come home next week.

**Spirit Wear:** The SMS Spirit wear Store is now open!  
Shopping will be available beginning Friday, February 24th through Monday, March 13th  
Lots of new items for spring! Link to order: <https://smsapparelsspring2023.itemorder.com/>  
Thank you for your support of our school!

#### **IMPORTANT REMINDERS:**

**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, Feb. 28th** - "Read a T-shirt Day"- Uniform Add on- Tshirt with a positive message

**Wednesday, March 1** - "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, March 2** - "Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss" Day- Uniform Add on- Dr. Seuss add ons (Tshirt, crazy socks, hats, headbands, etc.)

**Uniform Collection and Sale** - In preparation before switching to spring uniforms on April 1st. A Used Uniform and Spirit Wear donation drop off will take place at both campuses on Feb 24<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. A container will be placed by the- middle school garage and at the gym exit of the elementary school near the flagpole. A Used Uniform Sale will take place March 6th (rain date March 10th) from 2:30-4:00p at the Elementary school between the flagpole and garage.

**Due to predicted rain on Monday, Used Uniform Collection has been moved from Monday 27th to Tuesday 28th.**

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

**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.

**Lenten Outreach** - We are collecting paper towels and toilet paper to assist the parish with their outreach efforts for the local food pantries.

**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.

**St. Patrick's Dinner Dance Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

**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.

**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](mailto:stmargarethotlunch@gmail.com).

Have a wonderful weekend!

Blessings,  
Mrs. Anna Shanahan  
Principal