



Principal's Post

February 3, 2023

Good afternoon St. Margaret School families,
Thank you to all of our SMS students, faculty, staff and families for a **WONDERFUL** Catholic Schools Week! We thank the HSA CSW committee for planning so many special treats for our students, faculty and staff! Some of the students have asked if they are still able to send in pajamas and cereal boxes next week and yes they can! Thank you for your generosity helping those in need in our community.

CONGRATULATIONS to our 2022-2023 Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Pauli Dillon! Thank you Mrs. Dillon for all that you do for our students! We love you!

Johns Hopkins School Survey - Next week, you will receive a link to the School Culture 360™ Survey that has been developed by researchers at the Institute for Education Policy at Johns Hopkins University. The Archdiocese of Baltimore Catholic school parents, teachers, staff, administrators, and students in Grades 6 to 8 will be asked to take the survey. This survey is completely anonymous. Please keep an eye out for the survey link that will be sent next week. Your feedback and input is valued. Thank you so much for your help!

St. Margaret School is so sweet! Our World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser begins today! 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.** All chocolate is peanut-free! **Please see the attached flyer for more details.** Thank you for supporting our school!

HSA Designer Bag 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://www.signupgenius.com)

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

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 are not permitted to play on the ES grounds and must follow all school rules when on either campus including no cell phones and wearing proper uniform attire (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.

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 Monday, February 6 for students in grades K-2.

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).

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.

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 (pschafer@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

SMS has "GRIT" (God, Respect and Responsibility, Integrity, Teamwork)