



Principal's Post

March 31, 2023

Good Afternoon St. Margaret School Families,

All homerooms are participating in an Outreach activity for Holy Thursday. Students in each grade will contribute by writing cards, decorating, and stuffing snack bags for Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Edgewood. These bags will be distributed to the needy at their weekly Saturday morning Sharing Table event in Edgewood. If you would like to provide donations of individually pre packaged salty snacks, sweet snacks, and drinks, please click on the link below to sign up. Thank you for your generosity!

ES Sign up link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B44AAAE2BA6FC1-holy>

MS Sign up link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B48AAA82DA20-6routreach>

Reminder Early Dismissal on Holy Thursday, April 6:

Middle School 11:45AM - Kindergarten 12:00PM - Grades 1-5 12:05PM

School Closed for Easter Break April 7-14

Safety and Security:

Please see the **attached** letter from the Department of Catholic Schools regarding safety and security.

Beginning on Wednesday, April 19th, the 8:30am Masses on Wednesdays and Thursdays will not be open to the public and will be attended only by faculty, students, and parents. Parents must check in with their drivers' licenses at the main offices to receive visitor badges to attend Mass.

Some parents have asked to review our safety and security plans. We do not disclose our emergency plans as it negates the purpose of the plans. Only the Bel Air PD, Harford County Sheriff's Office and the Office of Risk Management have access to our emergency plans.

There were posts made online which contained inaccurate information. The SMS Elementary Facebook page is not our official school Facebook page. School Resource Officers are not assigned to private schools. If you have any questions or concerns regarding safety and security please contact the administration for accurate information. Thank you for your support.

We are blessed to have the support of Bel Air Chief of Police Charles Moore, the Bel Air PD and the Sheriff's Office. We thank them for their partnership!

Spring Uniforms:

Spring has arrived and we are moving to our **spring uniforms on Monday, April 4!** We ask that our students take pride in wearing their uniforms properly. Spring break is a great time for hair cuts as well! Please review the uniform guidelines in the school handbook:

PreK & K- gym uniform (shorts, t-shirt, long sleeve t-shirt, sweatshirts when chilly)

ES Boys 1st-5th: shorts with belt & polo shirt with approved shoes.

ES Girls 1st- 5th: skort or navy shorts with polo or white uniform blouse, jumper with peter pan blouse short sleeved with approved shoes.

MS Boys: pants with belt & polo shirt or oxford shirt with tie with approved shoes.

MS Girls: skirt with polo or oxford blouse with approved shoes.

PE uniforms are shorts and short sleeve shirts with tennis shoes.

Yearbook orders are due by April 16. Please note that no yearbooks may be ordered after the deadline of April 16. There will be no extra copies of the yearbook available for purchase after that time. Order online at: <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/Order/SelectJob>

During the month of April, Our Green School Committee will sponsor the following:

- Collection of plastic bags for recycling
- Waste free lunch on Wednesdays (April 5, 19, and 26) - Students will be encouraged to bring lunches that do not contain throwaway packaging or produce food waste. The food is put in reusable containers and all containers are resealable so that leftover food can be taken home.
- **April 21st - Earth Day Out Of Uniform** and various Earth Day activities - more info to come

Spring MAP Testing - The spring MAP testing window opens April 24 through May 11.

2023-2024 CALENDAR:

The first day of school will be on Monday, August 28. **Please see the attached document for a list of key dates for 2023-2024.**

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Parent Speaker Series with Dr. Shreya Hessler, Director of the MINDset Center: Please be sure to RSVP for the next session at 6:00pm on Thursday, April 27 [RSVP Speaker Series](#) Location: Middle School Campus

A Special Message from Archbishop Lori! The principals received a message from Archbishop Lori announcing that all Archdiocesan schools will receive one snow day back in their calendar. Each school is responsible for choosing their specific date. Therefore, **St. Margaret School will be closed on Monday, May 15 for the “Archbishop’s No Snow Day”!** We thank Archbishop Lori for this special gesture for our school communities..

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,
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