

Principal's Post

March 3, 2023

Good afternoon St. Margaret School families,

As we end Read Across America Week, we want to send a special thank you to the parents who volunteered at our Book Fair on both campuses! Thank you to all families who supported the Book Fair. The students, young and old, enjoyed shopping for books, posters, pencils, pens, erasers, bookmarks and many other fun gadgets!

Our HSA Bingo was a huge success! Thank you to all of the families that volunteered, sponsored, made donations and of course purchased tickets to attend. Such a big event is never possible without everyone's help along the way!

Lenten Outreach - We are collecting paper towels and toilet paper to assist the parish with their outreach efforts for the local food pantries. Rice Bowls for Catholic Relief Services 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.

Parent Speaker Series with Dr. Shreya Hessler, Director of the MINDset Center:

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the session with Dr. Hessler as she spoke about having "difficult conversations" with our children. She gave a new perspective and how what she calls her "HOM" tool can help in your relationship within your family.

Some parents were interested in digital media safety and cell phone use for middle school aged students. This program is very comprehensive with a lot of information and resources for families, including a family media agreement. <u>http://scarlett digital citizenship project.weebly.com</u> Out of uniform for students whose parents attended the February presentation is Monday, March 6.

Please be sure to RSVP for the next session on March 30, we hope to see even more parents there as Dr. Hessler presents information on anxiety and depression in a post Covid world. **Please RSVP** here: <u>RSVP Speaker Series</u>

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

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.

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: <u>https://smsapparelspring2023.itemorder.com/</u>Thank you for your support of our school!

Smile! Picture days are coming soon! On March 14 and 15 students will have their class pictures taken.Clubs and Sports photos will be taken on these days as well.

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

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.

Hot Lunch Hot Lunch online system: <u>https://stmargaret.h1.hotlunchonline.net</u> 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 <u>stmargarethotlunch@gmail.com</u>.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Blessings, Mrs. Anna Shanahan Principal <u>ashanahan@smsch.org</u>