



Principal's Post

April 6, 2023

Good Afternoon St. Margaret School Families,

I would like to thank the 8th grade students for their amazing performances of the Passion Play. Thank you Mrs. Cowan, Mrs. Komondor and Ms. Sliwka for all of their hard work with the students. Today the 4th-7th grades packed beautifully decorated (thank you students in grades PreK-2nd) bags with snacks and beautiful cards (thank you 3rd grade) for our Lenten outreach project. All of the snack bag packers did an awesome job! Thank you parents for the generous donations of snacks. The 6th and 7th graders also participated in a retreat and wellness morning at the middle school. Today was a wonderful Holy Thursday at SMS. Wishing you a blessed Easter and an enjoyable spring break!

HSA Spaghetti Dinner! Please save the date for the HSA's Annual Spaghetti Social on Sunday, April 30th. Please join us for delicious food and family fun! Tickets will be on sale as soon as we return from spring break!

Harford's FREE GenCyber Camp is now accepting applications and is ready to ignite the next generation of cyber defenders! JULY 10–14 or JULY 24–28 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM at the Harford Community College Cyber Lab. Registration closes on April 28. Please see [attached flyer](#) for more information.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

School Masses: 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.

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>

Spring Uniforms: 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.

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.

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.

Blessings,
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