SAINT MARGARET SCHOOL

Friday, October 8

Dear SMS families,

We are looking forward to our next HSA event…the annual Trunk or Treat! Stock up on your Halloween candy and treats and be ready for a "howling" good time!

New Information

Health and Wellness at SMS - It was a busy week in the health suites and we need your help and cooperation to keep our students and faculty safe and healthy. Please read the attached newsletter from our wonderful nurses, Mrs. Straub and Mrs. Zankowitz. Please contact us with any questions, thank you.

Fall Festival Volunteer Out of Uniform Day Monday, October 11th!
For those parents who volunteered at the Fall Festival, your students may be out of uniform on Monday, October 11th! Thank you, parents, for giving your time at our Fall Festival!

Hot Lunch - Look for a separate email from the HSA with information on ordering hot lunch!

Outreach Update - During October 11th - November 19th the students will be collecting **gently used coats and canned goods**. More info to come. Thank you for your generosity helping those in need in our Harford County community!

ES "Pumpkin Dash" - Last year's PE Pumpkin Dash was so much fun that we will be doing it again this year. Elementary School students will be running the Pumpkin Dash in PE class the week of October 25-29th. Students are encouraged to Add On fall colors and pumpkin items to their PE uniforms on their PE days. The student with the most laps in each class will receive a prize. The PE teachers are asking for donations; we would like to give each winner a metal water bottle and a Dick's Sporting Goods gift card. If you would like to help by donating one of these items, please have your child bring it in and give it to Mr. Sharretts or Mrs. Gerstmyer. Thank you!

MS "Food is Fuel" Run - The Middle School will be holding a running race at the beginning of November called, "Food Is Fuel". This race is for all middle school students and will coincide with our food drive and the unit we have been discussing in PE Class on nutrition. The school will be providing participation tokens & out-of-uniform passes for winners, but we are looking for some more prizes. We were hoping we could count on your generosity to donate other prizes for our top finishers…gift cards, healthy snacks, novelty socks with food on them, water bottles, etc. Thank you in advance from Mrs. Skandalis!

Water Bottles and Towels Needed - Students on both the ES and MS campuses should be sent to school with water bottles (each day) and beach towels to sit on during lunch time. Please

note there is no access to water fountains at the MS campus so MS students must have a water bottle (extra waters are appreciated, thank you).

SMS Sweatshirts - All students should have their SMS sweatshirts labeled with their names. On both campuses we have a plethora of SMS sweats with no owners. Thank you!

Reminders

St. Margaret Parish Tuition Assistance - applications for the 2022/23 school year will open on November 14, 2021 and will close on January 7, 2022. Only 2020 tax information will be required. More details and information will be provided once the application window opens.

Parent Conferences - School is closed on Monday, November 1st for parent conferences. You will receive an email with more information and a signup genius link in a few weeks.

Safe Schools Virtual Presentation for Parents - On Monday, October 18th at 6:00pm parents are invited to a virtual session led by Safe Schools Maryland. A link will be provided in an alert message closer to the date.

Early Dismissal - There is an early dismissal on Friday, October 29
Preschool 11:20am / MS campus 11:45am / ES campus 12:05pm

Lunch Duty at the Elementary School Campus - Lunch duty begins at 11:30am. Please do not arrive early as we cannot have anyone waiting inside the buildings/hallways. Your driver's license is needed to check in at the main office and please bring your mask.

Vacations - Per the school handbook - absence from school during the academic year due to family vacations is strongly discouraged. Missed work and assignments may only be obtained upon return.

"Commit your work to the Lord,
and your plans will be established." Proverbs 16:3-4