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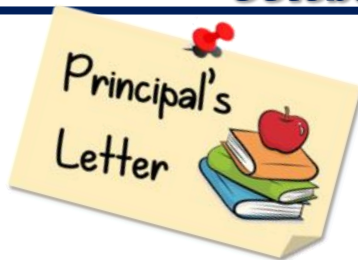


October 2022



Happy Fall!

Can you believe it's the end of the first quarter? Time flies when you are having fun! It has been a great start to the school year! Students are growing in mind, heart, and spirit every day through academics, sports, clubs, and activities! Students are looking forward to Blessing of the Animals, the St. Mary Bazaar, and SMCS Halloween Carnival this month. October also is the kick-off for our SMCS Annual Appeal.



Mrs. Halbardier



ANNUAL APPEAL KICK-OFF



The Annual Appeal is a way to bridge the gap between tuition and the full cost of educating our students. Tuition does not cover the entire operating budget of the school. The average cost to educate a student is \$9,606 while the yearly average tuition cost is \$5,800. The Annual Appeal helps to make up that crucial difference.

We will have speakers and an informational table at Masses the weekend of **Oct. 15-16**. Please have your family show their support for SMCS by wearing full dress to Mass on Annual Appeal weekend. If you would like to volunteer to help at one or more of these Masses, please email [Mrs. Halbardier](mailto:Mrs.Halbardier).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Activity
Oct. 1-2	All Masses	First Weekend Masses
Oct. 4	7:30 - 8:00 am	Blessing of the Animals
	10:15 am	School Council Meeting
Oct. 6		8th grade St. Agnes and Strake Field Trip
Oct. 7		Parent/Teacher Conference- No School
Oct. 9	10:00 am- 6:00 pm	St. Mary Church Bazaar
Oct. 10		Columbus Day- No School
Oct. 15-16	All Masses	Annual Appeal Kick-Off
Oct. 18	11:00 am- 9:00 pm	Esteban's Fundraiser
Oct. 20		St. Peter High School presentation
Oct. 24-28		Red Ribbon Week
Oct. 28		Halloween Carnival
Oct. 31		Halloween/Spirit shirt with school bottoms
Nov. 1		All Saints Day Mass full dress uniform
Nov. 4		Saints Living Museum
Nov. 5	All Masses	First Weekend Masses

RED RIBBON WEEK—OCT. 24-28

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Rally in Red <i>Wear all red</i>	From Head to Toe <i>Crazy Hair and Sock Day</i>	Team up <i>Wear favorite team shirt</i>	I'm too Bright <i>Wear a neon-colored shirt</i>	Halloween <i>Wear a costume</i>

FIRST SUNDAY MASS



Students who attend any Mass in person wearing full dress uniform will earn **free dress the following Monday**. Families may [sign up](#) to bring up the gifts.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



Bring your pets, photos of pets, or favorite stuffed animal to the Blessing of the Animals. Carline will end at 7:40 am and the Blessing will begin in the front parking lot at **7:45 am on November 4**. Parents are welcome to stay for the Blessing and all pets must go home after.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS



- ⇒ Uniforms – All students 1st – 8th must wear belts, SMCS Polo shirts should be tucked in, and all red plaid skirts must be no higher than 2 inches above the knees.
- ⇒ Lunch Orders – [Pomodoro's lunch orders](#) can be completed from 2 weeks ahead to 6:00 pm the night before. [Friday Lunches](#) can be ordered up to 7 weeks in advance.
- ⇒ Carline – Ensure all children are properly buckled and your phones are put away.
- ⇒ October Spirit Days – Wear your favorite Halloween shirts!
- ⇒ Steps for Students – [Sign up now!](#)

ST. MARY CHURCH BAZAAR



Our annual parish bazaar is a fun festival for the whole community held on **October 9 from 10 am-6 pm**. **Donations are needed for the Cake Wheel and Spin-A-Toy booths**. Cakes and new or gently used toys may be brought to the school office **October 7** and cakes may be brought to the Bazaar on **October 9**.

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL



St. Mary's will host the annual Halloween Carnival on **Friday October 28**. Students will not attend Mass that day and are invited to wear their Halloween costumes to school (no devils, witches, weapons, or masks please). We are in need of donations and volunteers to make the Carnival a success. For more information please contact [Maureen Munguia](#) or [Kendra Calvano](#).

ESTEBAN'S FUNDRAISER



Take a break from cooking and join us at Esteban's Café y Cantina on **Tuesday, October 18** anytime from **11:00 am -9:00 pm**. Esteban's will donate 25% of ALL sales that day to St. Mary Catholic School! No flier is required. www.estebanscafe.com

MASS AND VOCATION CROSS INFORMATION

Week	Class Receiving Vocation Cross	Class Serving at Friday Mass	Class Singing at Friday Mass
Oct. 14	Mrs. Keaten's 4 th grade	Mrs. Mellado's 3 rd grade	Mrs. Davila's 5 th grade
Oct. 21	Mrs. Mellado's 3 rd grade	Ms. Matthews' 3 rd grade	Mrs. Castillo's 5 th grade
Oct. 28	Ms. Matthew's 3 rd grade	No Mass	No Mass
Nov. 4	Mrs. Lopez's 2 nd grade	Mrs. Rivet's 2 nd grade	Mrs. Davila's 5 th grade

MORNING PRAYER

Oct. 3-6	Mrs. Pray's 4 th grade
Oct. 10-15	Ms. Matthew's 3 rd grade
Oct. 17-21	Mrs. Mellado's 3 rd grade
Oct. 24-28	Mrs. Rivet's 2 nd grade
Oct. 31-Nov. 4	Mrs. Lopez's 2 nd grade

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

October 2

Mrs. Davila



THANK YOU

- ... *Susie Springrose* for organizing the Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
- ... *St. Mary School Council members* for their work on the Annual Appeal
- ... *Father John* for his continued support
- ... *Parents* for donating bottled water

SAFE HAVEN ONLINE TRAINING

CMG
CONNECT

All adults who have regular contact with students including those eating lunch on campus, visiting the classroom, volunteering at school, driving for field trips, etc. are required to have Safe Environment training and a background check every 5 years. Access it at [CMG Connect](#).

RESOURCES

ParentsWeb (FACTS, grades, lunch ordering)
stmy-tx.client.renweb.com/pwr
 Teacher's Friday Letters
<https://www.stmarylc.org/academics/newsletters.cfm>
 St. Mary Facebook Page
www.facebook.com/stmarylc

FUNDRAISING

SMCS has several easy fundraising opportunities for you:



- [Amazon Smile](#) (set SMCS as your charity and use the link for your orders)
- [Kroger Community Rewards](#) (Connect your Kroger Plus Card with Organization Number UV373)
- [Box Tops® for Education](#) (App available on Google Play or the App Store, set SMCS as your school and scan your receipts)
- SMCS Cafeteria Fundraisers (Friday lunches, treat sales)