

ST. MARGARET MARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

*The Mission of St. Margaret Mary School is to nurture a
Christ – centered Community of Life-long Learners.*

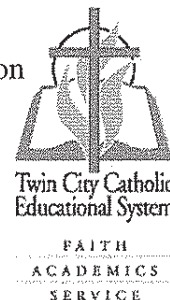
Welcome to the new school year. We are pleased to see all of our families, whether you have been with us for years or are new to our school. We are looking forward to a good year and are happy that all of you are part of the St. Margaret Mary School Community.

Theme

St. Catherine of Sienna is credited with saying, “All the Way to Heaven is Heaven, because I am the Way.” Our task, as a Catholic school is to help our students grow in faith along the way. Jesus taught us, “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.” Each day we remind our children that we are all called to be saints and the way to sainthood is in following the teachings of Jesus. This school year, we will place special emphasis on the meaning of the **Ten Commandments**. We will focus on the love of God and our love of and service to our brothers and sisters. Our study this year will lead us to the new law that Christ proclaimed when He gave us the Beatitudes. Catholic Schools reinforce the teachings of the Church and of our families by incorporating the faith into all areas of our lives. This faith, coupled with a strong academic curriculum, provides our children with the tools to lead a life of service to God and the community.

I will be sending a newsletter to all SMM families each week. The newsletter will keep you informed of all the events happening at school and all the information you need to help your child(ren) have a fulfilling and rewarding year. The newsletter is sent electronically. We use the email address that we have on file for your family. If you do not receive a copy of this newsletter by email, please contact the school office. This is the only time that we will send a paper copy.

Many school and community groups also forward information to be shared with families. Teachers will communicate with families about classroom news and activities through email. If you have items of importance to share in the weekly newsletter, please send those articles electronically to Eleanor Healy by Monday of that week.



REMINDERS

September

- 1.....First Day of School (K-5) and preschool
- 2.....First Day of School for PK
- 2.....Liturgy 8:00 a.m.
- 5.....Labor Day—no School
- 6.....Classes resume
- 7.....School Pictures
- 7.....Parent Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 9.....Liturgy Grade 4K 8:00
- 12 - 23.....MAP Testing for all students grades 2-5
- 16.....Liturgy Grade 4Z
- 22.....Homestead Meadows St. Margaret Mary Family Night
- 29.....School Pictures and retakes
- 30.....SMC Homecoming Parade and Football Game

New Staff Members

You will be seeing some new faces in school this year. We are very happy to welcome Cathy Schlieter to PreKindergarten; Kristina Fairweather to Kindergarten; Samantha Schmalzer in Third Grade, and Heather Frommell in Fifth Grade. They are wonderful additions to our staff. Please make them feel welcome in our school community. You will have a chance to get to know them better in future newsletters.

An email was sent to all school families this summer with numerous emails attached. We would like to have the forms returned to school by the end of this week (Friday, September 2nd). Those forms include:

- **Emergency Form**
- **Handbook Agreement**
- **Email address form**
- **Photo and Directory Permission.**
- **Acceptable Use of Technology (AUP) Form**
- **Volunteer Code of Conduct**

We have also some items on the desk of your child to be picked up on Orientation Day. These items include:

- **TCCES 2011-2012 School Year Calendar---pleaser keep this handy for dates of all events during the year.**
- **Guidelines-----Information to help the year run smoothly.**

The Guidelines should help to clarify any of the school procedures for which you may have a question. Things may seem overwhelming right now, but these procedures will also be explained to the children and you will have a chance to ask any questions you may have during the **“Parent Back to School Night”** on **Wednesday, September 7th**. This night is for parents of students in grades K-5. All preschool and PK parents have had an opportunity to meet with teachers prior to the start of school.

The newsletter will be our way of communicating information to you. Please call the office with any questions or concerns that you may have. We want you to be informed about your school and have the best possible learning experience for your child.

We look forward to a wonderful and blessed school year.

Eleanor Healy