



ST. MARGARET MARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

REMINDERS

September

9.....Parent Night (K-5)
6:30 p.m. in gym

10.....Liturgy—Grade 5 (8:00)
(Please note new Mass time)

15/16.....Pre 3 Grandparents

13 – 24.....MAP Testing for
all students grades 2-5

17.....Liturgy – Grade 5

17.....Grade School Night
at SMC Football Game

21/22.....Pre 3 to Apple Orchard

23.....Homestead
Meadows St. Margaret Mary
Family Night

24.....PK to Gardens of the
Fox Cities

24.....Grade 5 to Ledgeview

28.....Kindergarten to
Heckrodt Preserve

Teacher

Our September theme for the **Names of Jesus** is very appropriate. Jesus is known as “Rabbi” or Teacher. Jesus teaches us what it means to be His disciple. He showed us in word and deed at the Last Supper. He wants us to seek opportunities to follow Him by serving those around us. He helps us to advance in wisdom, love, and grace as His followers.

First Days of School

We have had a great start to the school year. Even though the first few days of school were very warm, our students were cooperative and worked hard. Both the beginnings and endings of our days have been very smooth as far as dropping off and picking up students. Thank you so much for your cooperation.

Parent Night

Thursday, September 9th is Parent Night for all families with students in grades K-5. We will begin in the gym at **6:30 p.m.** There will be a few brief introductory words and introduction of staff. The FACES Committee (our parent group) will have a few comments and a member of the Jumbo Gumbo Committee will explain our all system fundraiser, which takes place in November. You will have a chance to meet with your child/ren’s teachers and hear an explanation of classroom procedures and goals and have your questions answered in a class setting. You will also have a chance to see our new interactive white boards (SMART Boards) that were purchased and installed this summer, thanks to you--our parents---who show such tremendous support for our school. A large portion of the money for the SMART Boards and other equipment and programs for the school is a result of the “Wines Around the World” fundraiser sponsored by FACES each February. We hope to see all families at Parent Night. Let’s get off to a great collaborative start to the year!

Summer Weather

The summer storms brought flooding to the lower level of our building. Our parish, maintenance committee and maintenance staff worked very hard to have the school ready to open this fall. You will notice new flooring in the Art Room, hallways,



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and library, and new carpeting in the After School Care room and Math room. We are grateful to the parish for their efforts in making sure the work on the school was completed in a timely manner. Our school looked great for the students' return.

Information

The beginning of the school year brings with it a deluge of paperwork and information to be absorbed. The office staff is always willing to help you with anything you need. We also have some parents who are more than happy to assist you by answering any questions, no matter how insignificant they may seem. When everything is new, it is nice to know that an answer may be as close as an email or a phone call. Patti Purcell hosted a "getting to know you" event for new families this August. Her committee members will also be contacting new families to see how things are going. Contact her at purcellscamp@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

Speaking of paperwork, please see that all forms that were emailed to you before the start of the year are turned in to the school office. We already have field trips planned for this month and need to have emergency forms completed before students can go on a trip. It is also helpful to have FACES activity fees and lunch payments up to date.

TCCES Elementary Band Update

Due to some recent surgery, Mr. Orth will not begin the band program immediately. He is at home doing well with his recovery. We ask that you keep him in your prayers. Mr. Orth's tentative return date is Monday, September 20th.

Congratulations and Prayers

During the school year, we often have additions to families or other events to celebrate. There are also times that we offer prayers to members of our faith community because of an illness or loss. This summer we heard the news that the Smith Family welcomed Emily Katherine on July 14th. She joins big brother Connor, who is in PK and sister Madeline, age 2. We also offer condolences to Frankie Rasmus's Family on the death of his grandfather in July. We pray for the needs of all of our families.

Homestead Meadows

Our Fall Family Night at Homestead Meadows is **Thursday, September 23rd**. Mark your calendars. There will be more information coming from the committee.

Percussion Band

Our Fifth Grade Percussion Band performed for the residents of Park View Health Care Center today. The staff, volunteers, family members and residents all had a wonderful time at the parade and were most appreciative of our students' participation. We have been taking part in this parade for the last eight years. It is an attempt to bring a parade and fall festival to the residents who cannot attend events in the community. We are happy to have our students perform this service. A new addition to the parade this year was the "Move to the Groove" van. This was a gift from the Home Makeover Extreme Edition Program for use by Mr. Arboleda in his quest to get students moving. Watch for the van at events throughout Neenah and in the SMC Homecoming Parade.

As we hear more information about the ABC Home Makeover program, we will pass the information on to you. We congratulate the Arboleda Family on their selection for the program and on their beautiful new home.

Market Day

Market Day is an optional fundraiser. You have the ability to order high quality food that is delivered to school once a month and the profit from the purchase is placed on your tuition account. Market Day is holding a contest for an Apple iPad and gift certificates. Registration is on-line at marketday.com/connect. If you are a winner, the school will receive a duplicate prize.

Date Change

We try very hard to keep the schedule that is listed in the school calendar, but sometimes changes are necessary. There is a change in the date of the **St. Margaret Mary Christmas Concert** for grades K-5. The concert will be on **December 7th** rather than December 2nd as stated on the calendar. Please make this change on your calendar.

Quarry Quest

This fun student event takes place on Saturday, September 18th from 9 –4 at Michels Materials Quarry on Tullar Rd. in Neenah. The money earned at Quarry Quest is divided among the schools in the area for Environmental Field Trips. Our school has benefited from these funds since the event started. Tickets are available on-line at QuarryQuest.com

Meet Me in the Middle

Seton Catholic Middle School is hosting our third annual Meet Me In The Middle fundraiser. Don't miss this opportunity to build community with Seton supporters! There will be Cocktail Tasting and Hors D'oeuvres, Live Music, 'Connection Stations' & more! Cash bar and non-alcoholic beverages will be available. Click [here](#) for more information.

September 11 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

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Ticket prices have been reduced by half and are only \$15.00 this year! Tickets may be purchased online by clicking [here](#) or by contacting the Seton office at 727-0279. Hope to see you there!

FunDAZ

The fundraiser that is taking the place of Entertainment Books this year is FunDaz. There will be packets coming home on Monday. Please watch for them.

Conferences

Our Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences will be held September 30th or October 4th. Please return your forms to the office as soon as possible.

