

Dear Families,

Lots of activities and announcements in this letter. Please read through its entirety so you don't miss out on any news. ☺ Thank you. (If you don't wear reading glasses yet, you might need to read this small print. Sorry.)

Congratulations to our cross country teams and coaches. SMCS took 4th as combined girls/boys middle school team. Athletes run again Saturday, Oct 13th in the Rudyard Invitational. Good luck, runners!

Please welcome Mr. Jim Modelski to our teaching faculty. Mr. Modelski has accepted the position as our 3rd grade teacher; however, there will be a period of transition as he learns our Catholic Liberal Arts Curriculum which means Mrs. Shackleton and I will remain in the classroom while Mr. Modelski becomes acclimated. Thank you for all the prayers. God is good!

Progress reports will be issued today. As progress reports only reflect scores halfway through the marking period, there is plenty of time for scores to be raised, if necessary. If you have any questions about your child's progress, please contact your child's teacher. Thank you.

This week is Fire Prevention Week; preschool through 3rd grade will have a visit from our local fire department on Tuesday, where they will discuss fire prevention and safety. It's always enjoyable to have the fire department and their trucks visit the school.

Wednesday, our Bishop, Most Reverend John Doerfler will be here celebrating Mass with us. He will also be visiting each classroom to speak with our students. Please join us if you are able for Mass. It is always wonderful having parents attend Mass with us, and it means a great deal to your children when they see you there.

An example of how to decorate your vehicle for Trunk or Treat will be provided Thursday morning by Mrs. Emily Weber on the south side of the school (and there is always fun music playing during this decorative exhibition).

Friday is Grandparents/Special Friend Day. Our program will take place in Bishop Baraga Auditorium, beginning at 10:00a.m. There will be sign-out sheets available in each classroom in the event students will leave with grandparents/special friend after the program. Otherwise, school dismisses at 11:00 a.m. on the 12th.

Seek Ye First is hosting a Pick Up and Go Hot Dog Lunch this Friday, October 12th. All proceeds to benefit victims of Hurricane Florence. Thank you Seek Ye First! We are so very blessed each year to have this group of active students giving of themselves to serve others. Thank you, Mrs. Formolo for witnessing to these young people in such a positive way. Please see the enclosed flier for placing orders.

Rosary for World Peace will be said on Saturday, Oct 13th, Holy Name of Mary Parish, 12:00pm; please see flier for more information.

Please find enclosed in your Monday folder a letter regarding our new SMCS Staff Support Endowment Fund. This document went out in church bulletins this past weekend, and we want to be sure to share it with all of you. This is a very exciting opportunity to show our teachers how much we support them, while contributing to raising and sustaining faculty salaries within our amazing school. All donations to this endowment are tax deductible; please consider donating. Thank you.

Please also find enclosed in your Monday folder the 2018-2019 Candidates For Priesthood mini poster. The men are studying for our diocese (as well as for the Companions of Christ the Lamb, the religious order based in Paradise, MI); please keep all of these men in your prayers as they continue discerning the priesthood.

There will be a flu shot clinic held at SMCS on Monday, Oct 22nd. Please plan on attending with your child if he/she has a severe aversion to needles – office personnel won't hold down children for a shot. ☺ Please see enclosed fliers for details.

Friendly reminder from the Diocese of Marquette: All employees and volunteers in the Diocese of Marquette, over the age of 18, must have a current criminal background check on file with the diocese, along with the FIRTUS safe environment training.

Mark your calendars, all students in grades 4th-8th, SMCS's History Day will take place on Friday, February 8th. More details will be given in the near future to all families with students in grades 4-8th. If you're looking for information straight away, please visit <http://stmarysup.org>.

October 8, 2018

St. Mary's School



**School Office Hours:
Monday-Friday
7:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m.**

**October
Month of the Holy Rosary**

Upcoming Events:

**Progress Reports Issued:
Monday, October 8**

**Fire Department Visit: Tuesday,
October 9, 10:00 a.m.
(Pre-school through 3rd)**

**Bishop Doerfler School Visit:
Wednesday, October 10**

**School Mass: Wednesday,
October 10th with Bishop John,
8:15 a.m.; please join us!
(No school Mass, Thursday,
October 11)**

**HASA Meeting: Thursday,
October 11, 7:00pm, clubroom
or BBAuditorium (gymnasium)**

**Grandparents' Day: Friday,
October 12, 10:00 a.m.; Bishop
Baraga Auditorium**

**Teddy Bear Picnic Preschool
Event: October 18, 6:00-7:00 pm**

**Flu Shots: Monday, October 22,
9:00 a.m.**

**Picture Retake Day: Tuesday,
October 23, 9:30 a.m.**

**Color Day, Popcorn Friday,
School Virtue Program: Friday,
October 26**

**All Saints Day: Thursday, Nov
1st (saint costumes and parade)**

