

Good afternoon! Check out all the news for this week!

### Important Dates coming up this week:

- **October 4 ~ McTeacher's Night** at McDonald's on Will Clayton Pkwy & Wilson
- **October 5 ~ Jeans Day** for IBC Network. Students may wear their spirit shirt, Fall Festival shirt, polo shirt, Astros shirt (they made the playoffs!!!) or organizational shirt with blue jeans for \$1.
- **October 5 ~ Chess Club**, 3:45 – 4:45 P.M., Room 209
- **October 6 ~ Knights of Columbus Annual Charity Golf Tournament**
- **October 8 ~ No school** (the teachers will be at an all-day In-Service)
- **October 9 ~ Cub Scouts** meeting at 6:30 P.M.
- **October 10 ~ Girl Scouts** meeting at 6:00 P.M.
- **October 11 & October 12 ~ Noon dismissals** both days for **Parent-Teacher Conferences**
- **Sunday, October 14 ~ School Mass** at the **9 A.M. Mass**

### McTeacher's Night

Join us **tonight** at **McDonald's** on Will Clayton Pkwy & Wilson Rd (the one near Humble High School) from **4-7 P.M.** for our **McTeacher's Night!!!** Everyone has a great time at these events! Make sure you mention St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School's spirit night when you order, even if you go through the drive-through!

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Service Project

Tomorrow is the last day to order your **Wreaths Across America t-shirt** to support our **1<sup>st</sup> Grade September service project**. Thank you so much to everyone who has ordered a shirt. You can help us meet our goal of 50 shirts sold by clicking on [https://www.customink.com/fundraising/wreaths-across-america-houston-national-cemetery?share=491536950795479&utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_content=wreaths-across-america-houston-national-cemetery&utm\\_campaign=desktop-post-launch-v2&ref=facebook\\_social\\_desktop-post-launch-v2&side=front&type=1&zoom=false](https://www.customink.com/fundraising/wreaths-across-america-houston-national-cemetery?share=491536950795479&utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_content=wreaths-across-america-houston-national-cemetery&utm_campaign=desktop-post-launch-v2&ref=facebook_social_desktop-post-launch-v2&side=front&type=1&zoom=false)

### Parent-Teacher Conferences and P.R.I.D.E. Academy Notice

Next **Thursday** and **Friday** (October 11 & 12) we will have **Noon dismissals** so our Parent Teacher Conferences can take place.

For your student(s) to be able to go to the **P.R.I.D.E. Academy** on noon dismissal days, you must **reserve** a spot by notifying the director, Mrs. Hughes. She needs reservations for **Thursday** no later than **Tuesday, October 9**, and for **Friday** no later than **Wednesday, October 10**. One of the reasons we need reservations is because we have to order lunches for the students, since we don't serve hot lunches from Geomar Catering on Noon release days. Please contact Mrs. Hughes at [chughes@smmcs.org](mailto:chughes@smmcs.org) to reserve your spot(s).

### Handbook Corrections

Please see the attached corrections for the Family Handbook. The first is for page 19 and the second is for page 79.

## Fall Festival Update

If you need more raffle tickets, please notify Mr. Eddie Greene at [egreene@smmcs.org](mailto:egreene@smmcs.org). Did you know that your family will receive 100% Family Involvement Commitment (FIC) credit for all Raffle Tickets sold?

Mr. Greene is also filling orders for the Fall Festival t-shirts and zip up hoodies. Please see the attached order form. You can send the completed form in with cash or a check made out to SMMCC (no credit card orders or FACTS) with your student, and the shirts are usually returned the same day.

We need volunteers to help with the games at the Fall Festival. If you would like to help, please click <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094EA9AA2AA2F58-volunteers3>.

Our Room Parents have been very busy preparing the class baskets for the Silent Auction. If you have any items you would like to donate, please contact Mr. Greene. We will be happy to find a home for any items you might have!

## October Service Project

For their October Service Project, the Middle School students will once again be raising money for the IBC Network in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness. They have several ways that you can support them in this worthy cause:

- **October 5** ~ Jeans Day tomorrow will be donated to the IBC Network. The cost is \$1, but we always accept any additional donations!
- **October 12** ~ Noon Release for Parent/Teacher Conferences. Students do not need to pay to wear blue jeans that day, but if they would like to wear a **Pink Shirt** they are asked to pay \$1.
- **October 15-19** ~ Bake sale before school every morning from 7:30-8:00 A.M. All baked items are \$1, with the money collected going to the IBC Network.
- **October 19** ~ Jeans Day monies collected will be donated to the IBC Network. The cost is \$1 but, again, any additional donations will be gratefully accepted!
- **October 25** ~ **Pink Shirt** Day: This particular Thursday, students wishing to wear a **Pink Shirt** can do so if they donate \$1.

Mrs. Turner is inviting you to send in the name of any person in your family's life that has faced the battle of Breast Cancer. The Middle School students will help her dedicate a wall for those people you would like to honor. The names she receives will be written on a pink symbol and remain on the wall for the month of October. Please send your names to [mturner@smmcs.org](mailto:mturner@smmcs.org) and please indicate if the dedication should be in honor of or in remembrance.

## Parent Alert System

We wanted to advise our community that we have changed and updated our Parent Alert System. The new system is part of RenWeb, which we are using for so many things. The alerts will be sent by email, text message and a cell phone message, if that information is on file in RenWeb.

We will be sending out a **TEST ALERT** on Friday, October 5, 2018, at approximately 10 A.M. to ensure parents receive the alert. We are notifying you of the initial system test

to make sure you are alerted that this is **ONLY A TEST**. If you have not received the alert by 11 am, please contact Mr. Greene at [egreene@smmcs.org](mailto:egreene@smmcs.org) so we can resolve the issue. Thanks and remember, this is **ONLY A TEST**.

### **BoxTops**

The **BoxTops** fall submission deadline is November 1<sup>st</sup>. Our BoxTops moms are asking that all box tops be turned in by Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> so they can be included in the fall submission. They need a little time to process them. This is just for the fall submission ~ please continue to collect and turn in the box tops throughout the year!

### **Counselor's Corner**

This week's Love and Logic parenting tip: Why isn't this working...?

<https://www.loveandlogic.com/download/weekly-tips/CF-Its-not-working.mp3>

The Love and Logic Parenting Class starts Wednesday October 10 at 6 P.M. in Room 208 (Technology Room). Come and see for yourself how we can use certain skills and techniques to improve our relationship with our own children and at the same time raise good kids. If you haven't signed up, please email me at [lvalladares@smmcs.org](mailto:lvalladares@smmcs.org) and let me know that you will be joining our class. There will be 6 different sessions every Wednesday in October and November. I hope to see as many parents there as possible. God Bless!

### **Perfect Attendance**

Last year, Myrna Canavati, one of our wonderful parents, donated a bicycle which was awarded to a student who had achieved perfect attendance. Mrs. Canavati has offered to donate a bicycle again this year! All students who have perfect attendance (no absences or tardies) will have their names placed in a container. One name will be drawn out and the deserving student will be presented with a **brand new bike!** Good luck to everyone!

### **Steps for Students**

Steps for Students is the major fundraiser for the Archdiocese of Galveston Houston. It raises funds for all Catholic schools as well as the Archdiocese Tuition Assistance Program.

The Steps 4 Students website is open for students, parents, family, and friends to register for the run and to donate to our school, students, a family member or friend. The website for Steps 4 Students is <https://www.steps4students.org/>. In the middle of the page is an area to search for our school where you can also register and/or donate.

This year we are going to have an ice cream social for the class(es) that have 100% participation in registering for the race. If none of the classes obtain 100% participation, we will award the ice cream social to the three classes that have the largest percentage of the class registering for the race.

Please note that 100% of the registration fee and all donations come back to our school, so please register your student(s) and encourage family members and friends to register or donate to our students.

We try to keep students involved with Steps for Students by having a contest to design the front of the t-shirt that all registrants will receive. Mr. Greene had me attach the contest form for students interested in participating. Participants need to complete the form and make their design on the tee shirt shown on the form. Please return the completed form to Mr. Greene by Wednesday, November 14, 2018, which will allow him time to submit them before their due date of Friday, November 16, 2018. Let's get a winner from SMMCS!

***Upcoming Events*** to put on your calendar now:

- **Sunday, October 14 ~ School Mass at the 9 A.M. Mass**
- **Monday through Friday, October 15 – 19 ~ Middle School Bake Sale for Breast Cancer Awareness month and all items will be \$1.**
- **Wednesday, October 17 ~ end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter**
- **Sunday, October 21 ~ St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Community Fall Festival**
- **Thursday, October 25 ~ **Pink Shirt** Day**
- **Friday, October 26 ~ Noon release for a Staff In-Service**
- **Saturday, October 27 ~ Knights of Columbus 5K Halloween Fun Run and 1K Trick-or-Treat Walk (see the attached flyer for more information)**

Don't forget to check our school website to stay in the know about upcoming events. Go to [www.smmcs.org](http://www.smmcs.org) and click on the small bar across the top labeled "School Calendar."