

Good afternoon! Check out the news for the upcoming week!

Important Dates coming up this week:

- **Friday, November 9 ~**
 - **LAST DAY** for **Thanksgiving Feast order** forms & payment
 - Jeans Day for \$1
 - Ice Cream for \$1 going to Steps for Students
 - 3:45 P.M. Chess Club, Room 209
- **Saturday, November 10 ~**
 - 8th Grade High School Placement Tests
 - 9 A.M. Squires/Knights of Columbus Rosary Walk in the Rose Garden (between the Rectory and Magdalene House)
 - 6:30 P.M. PTO Karaoke Family Fun Night, FLC
- **Sunday, November 11 ~**
 - Veteran's Day
 - 9 A.M. School Mass
 - 9 A.M. – 3 P.M. Catholic Daughters Holiday Market Craft Fair, FLC
- **Monday, November 12 ~** St. John XXIII Middle School Soccer night (see attachment)
- **Tuesday, November 13 ~** Trash for Cash Free Dress Day
- **Wednesday, November 14 ~** 6 – 8 P.M. Love and Logic Parenting class
- **Thursday, November 15 ~** 6 P.M. 5th Grade Parents Meeting in classrooms
- **Friday, November 16 ~** Thanksgiving Feast, Noon Release, no P.R.I.D.E.
- **November 19 – 23 ~** No school – Thanksgiving Break

\$1 JEANS DAY

Students can wear their polo shirt, Spirit Shirt or an organizational shirt with **blue jeans** for \$1 tomorrow.

ICE CREAM TOMORROW

Ice cream treats will be available for \$1 during lunch tomorrow. The proceeds will be going to Steps for Students.

THANKSGIVING FEAST

The order form for our **Thanksgiving Feast** on November 16th is attached. Please be sure and **turn it in by TOMORROW, November 9**, so you can join us for this delicious meal. Just a reminder, all checks should be made out to **GEOMAR**. School accounts cannot be used for this meal.

Only the students who have purchased a meal or have told us they are attending will be sent to the FLC at their Feast time. If you plan to attend the Feast but you are bringing your own food, please send me an email at smckinney@smmcs.org. We will make sure your student will join you in the FLC. Students will be check out from the FLC after they finish eating.

Our parents supply the desserts for the Feast. The sweet treats can be store bought or homemade. Please drop them off in the FLC the morning of Friday, November 16th. Thank you very much!!!

KARAOKE FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Join us for our next Family Fun Night on Saturday, November 10th at 6:30 P.M. in the FLC. We will be having Karaoke! If you would like to perform, you can sign up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094ea9aa2aa2f58-sign>. We always need a little extra help at these events. You can get some FIC credit and volunteer by clicking on <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094ea9aa2aa2f58-karaoke>.

SCHOOL MASS

We will celebrate our incredible school and community on **Sunday, November 11th**, at the **9 A.M. Mass**. We would love to see *all* of our SMMCS families join us for this celebration. Students are asked to wear their Mass uniform.

VETERANS DAY

A number of our family members are Veterans. Please make sure you thank them for their service, especially on Sunday. Please pray for all of our active duty service members who are protecting us. Ask God to watch over them and return them safely to their families.

HOLIDAY MARKET CRAFT FAIR

It is time for the **Catholic Daughters Annual Holiday Market Craft Fair**. Stop by the FLC after our School Mass at 9 A.M. to shop with all of the vendors. Admission is free and you might even win a door prize!!!

BULLY AWARENESS WEEK

Bully Awareness Week is November 12 – 16. To increase awareness and help prevent bullying and cyber bullying, St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School students are invited to:

- **Monday, November 12 ~ No Bullying:** Students may wear a blue shirt with their uniform pants/shorts. Blue is a sign of peace and safety. *In a world where you can be anything, be kind.*
- **Tuesday, November 13 ~ You are Unique:** Students may wear mismatched clothes, representing being unique and different. *You can't blend in when you were born to stand out.*
- **Wednesday, November 14 ~ Choose Kind:** By signing the board downstairs, students will pledge to choose kindness. *5th through 8th grade students will attend a cyber bullying presentation in St. Mary's Hall.*
- **Thursday, November 15 ~ Acts of Kindness:** Everyone will be encouraged to perform random acts of kindness for their friends and teachers. *No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.*
- **Friday, November 16 ~ Lion Pride Day:** Wear your spirit shirt and be proud of being KIND and Saying No to Bullying. *Be proud of being kind.*

THANKSGIVING BREAK

Students attending the Thanksgiving Feast will be dismissed from the FLC after they have finished eating. Any student not attending the Feast will be dismissed at noon on Friday, November 16th as we begin our Thanksgiving Break. The P.R.I.D.E. Academy will **NOT** be held. All students will need to be picked up **before 12:20 P.M.** School will be back in session on Monday, November 26th.

PERSONA WOOD FIRED PIZZERIA SPIRIT NIGHT

Thank you very much to everyone who joined us Tuesday for our Spirit Night. It was great to see so many families participating and enjoying the delicious food! If you took any photographs and that you are willing to share, please send them to pto@smmcs.org.

CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Our **2nd graders** are collecting **non-perishable food items**, which will be donated to Magdalene House food pantry, as their **November service project**. Please see the attached list of the items most needed.

STEPS FOR STUDENTS

The Archdiocese involves students in Steps for Students by having a contest to design the front of the **t-shirt** that all registrants will receive. The **contest form** is attached for students interested in participating. Participants need to make their design on the t-shirt shown on the form. Please return the completed form to Mr. Greene **by Wednesday, November 14, 2018**. The website to sign up Steps for Students can be found at <https://www.steps4students.org/organizations/st-mary-magdalene>.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Each year, the Knights of Columbus sponsor "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest among children ages 5 through 14 (age is determined as of November 1). Last year, one of our students, Alyssa Cacanindin, won the State competition and competed at the National level. Let's see if one of our talented students can win the International competition! The entry form is attached ~ good luck!

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

This week's Love and Logic parenting tip: Balancing Busy Families
<https://www.loveandlogic.com/download/weekly-tips/CF-Balancing-busy-families.mp3>

UPCOMING EVENTS to put on your calendar now:

- **Sunday, November 18** ~ Parish Blood Drive, 8:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M. Call/text Rosa Herrera at 281-687-5823 to make an appointment.
- **Wednesday, November 21** ~ Knights of Columbus Annual Turkey Fry, 7:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. The cost is \$15 for a turkey that is completely thawed and less than 12 lbs. Call Tony Butera at 832-279-7072 for more information.
- **Saturday, December 1:**
 - Breakfast with Santa (FLC)
 - Enchanted Christmas Winter Book Fair begins (Library)
 - PTO Used Uniform sale (St. Joseph's Hall)