

Good afternoon! Please continue reading for all of our upcoming events:

Important Dates coming up:

- **Friday, November 30 ~**
 - \$1 to wear blue jeans
 - \$1 Ice Cream (8th grade)
 - 3:45 P.M. Chess Club, room 209
- **Saturday, December 1 ~**
 - Breakfast with Santa (FLC) ~ **Photos** will be taken and available for **\$5 cash or check**
 - Enchanted Christmas Winter Book Fair begins (Library)
 - PTO Used Uniform sale (*changed to St. Mary's Hall*)
- **Tuesday, December 4 ~ 6:30 P.M.** Cub Scouts in classrooms
- **Wednesday, December 5 ~**
 - Last day to register for Kids Night Out / Parents Night Off
 - 4 – 7 P.M. Spirit Night at McDonald's at Mesa & Beltway 8
- **Thursday, December 6 ~ Polar Express Day**
- **Friday, December 7 ~**
 - "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster art work due
 - Ice Cream for Steps for Students
 - 3:45 P.M. Chess Club, room 209
- **Saturday, December 8 ~ PTO Kids Night Out / Parents Night Off**
- **Sunday, December 9 ~ 9 A.M.** School Mass

SMMCS SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We would like to invite you and your family to visit our Enchanted Forest Christmas Book Fair and encourage our kiddos to read every day so they can lead better lives. The book fair hours will be:

Saturday, December 1st: 9:00 A.M. – Noon
Monday through Friday, December 3rd – 7th: 7:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

As part of the Book Fair, SMMCS participates in "One-For-Books." This program supports literacy and builds book fair sales, which benefit the library. Everyone is encouraged to donate their loose change on the proper day. Scholastic donates one book to various charities for each "One-For-Books" dollar collected. The money collected is used to purchase books from the book fair for the classrooms or the library.

Each day during the Book Fair, students are invited to dress as part of each day's theme. We collect specific denominations of money each day:

Monday (12/3) – Red shirts with uniform pants – Bring all of your pennies.

Tuesday (12/4) – Green shirts with uniform pants – We are looking for nickels.

Wednesday (12/5) – Santa hats and/or bells (but not during Mass) – Donate dimes.

Thursday (12/6) – Polar Express Day – Wear your PJ's to watch Polar Express (*don't forget your blanket!*) and we will accept all of the quarters you have. Please send your student in regular shoes. Slippers are too slippery during recess and P.E.!

Friday (12/7) – Ugly Sweaters or any festive attire – Any denomination (coins, bills, checks) are welcome!

The class that brings in the most change per student each day will win a shopping spree for their homeroom teacher that day. The class with the most donations per student for the entire week will be treated to a pizza or Chick-Fil-A party when we return from Christmas break!

Parents, all of our teachers are encouraged to complete a "Wish List" for books from the Book Fair that they would like to add to their classrooms libraries. And Christmas is coming...

USED UNIFORM SALE

Do you have any outgrown uniforms to add to the Used Uniform Sale on Saturday, December 1st? Bring the clean uniforms to the front office by tomorrow and the PTO will add them to the Used Uniform Sale. Thank you!

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Every year, the Knights of Columbus sponsor a "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest among children ages 5 through 14 (age is determined as of November 1). One of our students, Alyssa Cacanindin, won the State competition and competed at the National level last year. Let's see if one of our talented students can win the International competition this year! The information is attached. The original art work is due in the school tomorrow, December 7th. Good luck!

DID YOU HEAR?

We had so many terrific entries in the Steps for Student t-shirt that the judges had a hard time picking just one. Our top three entries were Genivieve Martinez, Madison Koch and winner Jacob Rubio! **All** students who submitted an entry will receive a Free Dress Day coupon!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND DINNER

Please see the attached flyer for the upcoming "Hope Arriving" Christmas Concert and Dinner being held here at St. Mary Magdalene on December 21 at 7 P.M. For more information or for tickets, contact Sandie Everett (sandy.everett@united.com).

SHOW YOUR SMMCS SUPPORT

Support St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School when you shop this holiday. **Amazon** donates when you shop at smile.amazon.com/ch/76-065-0806. And if you link your Kroger Plus Customer Card to our reward number (TS493), **Kroger** will also donate a portion of your purchases to the school. Thank you!!!

V.I.N = VERY IMPORTANT NEWS

On Sunday, December 9th at 9 A.M., we will celebrate St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School and Community. Please join us at Mass. We encourage all of our students to come in their SMMCS Mass Uniform.

UPCOMING EVENTS to put on your calendar now:

- **Friday, December 14** ~ 2 P.M. release

- **Saturday, December 15** ~ Wreaths Across America Day
- **Tuesday, December 18** ~ 6 P.M. School Christmas program in FLC
- **Wednesday, December 19** ~
 - 11 A.M. Christmas parties
 - Noon Release, no P.R.I.D.E. Academy
- **December 20, 2018 – January 7, 2019** ~ No school, Christmas break
- **Sunday, January 13, 2019** ~ 1 P.M. Knight of Columbus Free Throw Contest in the FLC