



**ST. MARGARET MARY**  
**CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

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## From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Saint Margaret Mary School Families,

In December we wait with Mary for the coming of Jesus. Prepare your hearts during this very special season of Advent.

I also hope you all had a blessed Thanksgiving. We all have so much to be thankful for.

Please support our school and continue to sell and buy 25 Days of Christmas tickets. There are still many great prizes to be won!!

Early registration for the 2018-2019 academic year is underway. Please return your registration form with registration fees as soon as possible. Planning for the next school year is already underway.

Thank you for supporting the 7th grade and their collection of pajamas, I hear we collected about 86 pajamas for the Scholastic Bedtime Story Pajama Drive.

I hope to see many of you at our Christmas Program, "Once Upon a Starry Night", on Tuesday, December 12th at 7pm in the school gym.

Our last day of School before Christmas break is Friday, December 22nd, we dismiss at noon. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas filled with the richness of the gift of Jesus.

We return to school in 2018 on Monday, January 8th.

"For unto you is born this day a Savior which is Christ the Lord" Luke 2:11

Peace and Goodness,

Alison Mallo  
Principal/Educational leader



## Upcoming Events

**12**<sup>DEC</sup>

Christmas Program

**25-5**<sup>JAN</sup>

Christmas Break

**8**<sup>JAN</sup>

School Resumes

**12**<sup>JAN</sup>

No School

**15**<sup>JAN</sup>

No School

**18**<sup>JAN</sup>

End of Second Quarter

## Get Connected with SMM!



Be on the lookout for the SMM Family LinkedIn network. We will be sending home information soon detailing how to join.

This will be such a valuable resource to our school community and a wonderful way to connect with other families.

## Time for Hats and Mittens!

The cold weather is here! Please make sure your child wears warm outerwear for recess. The students will go outside to get much needed exercise and will go out if the wind chill is at least 20 degrees.

If your child gets cool while indoors, they may wear either a sweater or a uniform sweatshirt.

## Volunteers Needed!

Please visit Sign Up Genius and help contribute to the many fun events that take place at SMM throughout the year. We cannot do these events without your help!

Visit the Saint Margaret Mary School website and click the "Volunteer" tab to access Sign Up Genius or visit directly at:

[www.stmmschool.org/home-school/volunteer-needed/](http://www.stmmschool.org/home-school/volunteer-needed/)

**We consider Christmas as the encounter, the great encounter, the historical encounter, the decisive encounter between God and mankind.**

He who has faith knows this truly; let him rejoice...

-Pope Paul VI

## 25 Days of Christmas Has Begun!

The 25 Days of Christmas raffle is underway. Thank you to all the families working hard to make this Third Source fundraiser a success. There are still with many great prizes yet to be won. Remember, names are never pulled out of the raffle, so you can win multiple times. Keep selling those tickets!



## Thank you to all our Elves!

A special thank you to all of the SMM's volunteers that help to make the holiday season special!

The students have enjoyed Elf Shelf and are looking forward to the Christmas program and other special holiday events - and we could not have any of these celebrations without our volunteers!





## Sports News

**Girls Volleyball:** Our Pack the House night raised over 70 pounds of food, which were donated to the Interfaith Food Pantry. Thank you to all who donated. The girls' volleyball teams wrapped up their seasons in mid-November. The 7th grade team finished in a 3-way tie for 1st place in the regular season and then finished in 3rd place for the conference tournament. The 8th grade team finished in 2nd place for the regular season and 2nd place for the conference tournament. Way to go girls!

**Boys Basketball:** We are gearing up for our 1st annual "Hoops for Hunger" event that will be held on December 20th and 21st. During these days, we will be collecting food donations for admission to the games. All of the collected food will be donated to the Interfaith Food Pantry just in time for Christmas! Please help us cheer on the boys AND feed the hungry! Our boys' basketball Pack the House night will be held on January 11th. We will also be recognizing our 8th graders on this evening. More information on both events will be sent home in future flyers.

**Spirit Squad:** Our spirit squad has been cheering their hearts out this season! The girls cheer at home on December 7th, at 5:00, and again on December 13th, at 7:00.

**Girls Basketball:** Girls basketball season starts on December 18th. If you are interested in playing basketball this year and have not signed up, please email [saintmargaretmaryad@gmail.com](mailto:saintmargaretmaryad@gmail.com) for more information.

A special "THANK YOU" to Monica Rafie for all of the amazing sports pictures!

## Around the School Halls...

