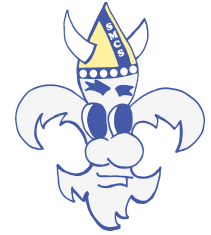


SMCS VIKING VINE



Nurturing all children and achieving academic success in the Spirit of Christ.

"Catholic Schools: Faith, Academics, Service"

November 18, 2011

Principal's Corner

"In All things, give thanks!"

As I envision a feast of turkey, cornbread dressing, sweet potatoes and perhaps a double helping of pumpkin pie, it is nice to slow down a bit and give thanks for the many blessings God has given us. I look to all my "families" and give thanks:

- To my **school family** for the opportunity to be a part of such an enriching academic and spiritual SMCS community.
- To my **church family** for providing the rich history of our Saints in the month of November especially our patron saint, St. Margaret of Scotland
- To my **national family** for being a part of the "land of the free and home of the brave"
- To my **personal family** as I gather with my husband, children and large extended family of

father, sisters, brothers, nieces and nephews and give thanks for the privilege of having each other!

*No matter which type of family gathering you have this month, remember that we all remain the **family of God** and for that I bow my head and give thanks!*

Yours in Faith,

Many Thanks!

A special Viking thank you goes out to Mr. Michael Mathis, Mr. Brady Broussard, Mr. Jon LaFleur, and the Barbie family for the awesome ceiling tile job! They replaced over 600 ceiling tiles and it has given the cafeteria a whole new look. We appreciate the time you volunteered to complete this project!



Happy Thanksgiving



The Faculty and Staff of SMCS would like to wish you and yours a Blessed and Safe Thanksgiving!

Christmas Gift Suggestion!

Looking for something special for that person who has everything? Consider giving a donation to the SMCS Viking Fund, or the Jo Self Library in honor of or in memory of those you love as a Christmas Gift.

Mid Terms

Mid Term testing for grades 6th, 7th, & 8th will begin **Thursday, December 15th (no testing on Friday, December 16th)** and will continue on **Monday, December 19th** ending on **Tuesday, December 20th.**

Events

Monday, November 28th

8:00 am - Blessing of the Advent Wreaths

Friday, December 2nd

8:40 am - Mass

Club Meeting Dates

Tuesday, November 29th

3:00 pm - Science Club

Thursday, December 1st

3:00 pm - Chess Club (All)

Lunches

Monday - Nov. 28th

Tacos, Orange Wedges & Cinnamon Roll

Tuesday - Nov. 29th

Salisbury Steak, Creamed Potatoes, Fruit Cocktail, Hot Roll

Wednesday - Nov. 30th

Chicken Nuggets, Mac & Cheese, Gr. Beans, Fruit, Hot Roll

Thursday - December 1st

Chicken Gumbo, Rice, Yams, Pears, Roll - Crackers

Friday - December 2nd

Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Vegetable Soup, Fruit Choice

Choice of Milk Daily

Things to Remember

Birthdays this week are:

Isabel David, Mrs. Pam Soileau, Blake Alley, Abbie Mire, Kamryn Harris, Joshua Combre, Gabe McGill, Rachel Willis, Alex Aguillard, Evan Ezell, Ava Brown, and Paul Labbe,

Tuition Due

15th of
every month

(Late fee of \$25.00 after the 25th)

HALO of the Week!

This week our HALO of the week is Madame Cecile Maes. Merci beaucoup Madame, for your expertise in teaching French as well as your wonderful French cooking. Thank you for the help you give in all areas.

Viking Lagniappe

Advent Season

November, the month of Thanksgiving, is a time to acknowledge how our lives have been blessed by God. In the spirit of true community living, our school again helped the Oak Park Food Pantry supply food to feed the hungry. Thank you for your generosity! With our food supply, the Pantry will be able to help many needy families. God Bless you!

When we return to school after the Thanksgiving holidays, we will have begun a new Liturgical Year. The season of Advent begins our Liturgical Year. Advent is a time of quiet, joyful preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birth, and a season to enjoy the hope that Christ's Resurrection points to. We will have a school wide blessing of the Advent Wreaths on **Monday, November 28th. at 7:45 am** in the Junior High Square (weather permitting). Each day in our classrooms we will be lighting our Advent Wreaths and decorating our Jesse Trees with symbols from the ancestry of Jesus. Our prayer will remind us that we need the *Light* of Christ and the *love* of families to sustain and keep us

close to our Lord.



Message from the Counselor

Winning and Losing

Winning gets the most attention, everyone loves to win, and most kids know how it feels to win!

However, if your children win or do well at something, teach him/her not to brag. If they lose, teach them not to show anger. Instead, they should say something like "I really enjoyed the competition, and I look forward to playing you again," or "Good game," or she shouldn't say anything at all. To show anger or sarcasm, such as "I wasn't playing hard anyway. You really aren't that good," shows weakness and a poor attitude about how to handle a loss.

Make sure your children know the

appropriate thing to say when winning or losing. Teach them to encourage others, to stay humble, and never put others down. When losing, they should be able to hold their heads up and either say something nice and sportsmanlike, or simply smile and say nothing at all. Because winning is such a huge part of our society and the sports world in particular, teaching our children how to be good losers can be very challenging.

When kids know how to lose, they become more humble winners. Losing is part of the game. No one can win all the time. If your children know this, they will also know that they learn a lot more about life, when they can handle losing.

Winning and cheering about it is easy. **Losing and not whining about it is a challenge.** Help your kids to always be ready for the challenge!

Kimberly Ardoin
SMCS Counselor

Extra! Extra! Read all about it!

Tuition Rates/Subsidy

In order to receive the St. Margaret rate (Tuition Rate #1), you must be registered in St. Margaret Catholic Church Parish and support the Parish financially. Each family must contribute a minimum of **\$300** per year to the parish through the use of check, envelopes or other identifiable means. This donation must be met by the end of 2011. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy @ 439-4585 at the Church.

Thank you to Mrs. Pam Williamson and the Veteran's Day Committee, Student Council, Choir, Boy Scouts and the teachers for the wonderful Veteran's Day Program that was held on Friday, November 11th. It was tremendously enjoyed by all!



Recycle! Recycle! Recycle!



Announcements

Save the Date!

St. Margaret Catholic School

Annual Christmas Program

Thursday, December 15, 2011

6:30 pm

St. Margaret Family Center Gym

Performances by the Pre-K thru 5th grade students

Accompanied by Mrs. Louise Allen

SMCS Music Teacher

Bring Family and Friends to enjoy a night of true Christmas Magic!

Advent Evening of Worship

Mark your calendars and Spread the Word!! Matt Maher and Adore Ministries are coming to the Diocese of Lake Charles on **Thursday, December 1, 2011** for an Advent Evening of Praise and Worship. The event will be held at the Our Lady Queen of Heaven Family Life Center (3939 Msgr. DeBlanc Drive. The doors will open at **6:20 pm**. The evening will begin with a Pre-Concert featuring Nichole Lanthier followed by Matt Maher concert, teaching Paul George and Eucharistic Adoration. If that is not awesome enough already, the night will conclude with Praise and Worship with Matt

Maher!!

Tickets are available at the Diocese of Lake Charles, Office of Youth Ministry located at 411 Iris Street. You can call to order tickets at **337-439-7401 (301)**. The cost is **\$8.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door.**

