



St. Margaret School Family Newsletter September 5, 2019

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Questions? Email Mrs. D. at office@smsnarberth.org



SEE YOU TONIGHT! BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT is this evening on 9/5/19 starting at 6:30PM.
We encourage at least one parent to attend Back to School Night each year.

START OF SCHOOL NOTES FROM THE SMS OFFICE:

- ❖ **Welcome to our New Families!** This is our first Weekly Family Newsletter for the year; these weekly newsletters are posted on our website every Thursday afternoon, along with other important forms and information in the Thursday Family Envelope column. Each week, you will receive an Option C Alert Email when all information is uploaded. Please check the website every Thursday for any updates.
- ❖ A physical Thursday Family Envelope is also sent home every Thursday to the oldest child in the family. Please remind your child to take it out of his/her schoolbag for you to read. Please empty the envelope, read all the contents, and place any required information back in the paper envelope. Please give the envelope to your child to return to SMS the following day (Friday). Envelopes are reused each week of the school year.
 - Hard Copies in this Week's Family Envelope
 - **Emergency/Medical Form:** Please fill this form out and return it no later than **MONDAY (9/9/19)** to SMS in the paper family envelope, as this is very important information for the school office! Please note that this form has information on the front and back for you to fill out.
 - **Car Transportation Tag:** Every SMS family received a car tag personalized with your individual last name; please hang this tag on your rearview mirror when you pick up your child/ren in the afternoon car line. This comes in handy when calling out the family names, and helps us to move the car line along. Please take the time to place the tag in your car and keep it there for the year; we are unable to make replacement tags.
 - **September Hot Lunch:** Today in the family envelope please find the menu and order form for September's Hot Lunch Program. Please fill the order form out and return it with payment by **Monday, Sept 9th: no late orders will be accepted after that date.** Please keep the menu at home for your reference during the month.
 - **Fun Fair Flyer:** Join the SMS community from 11:00 am to 2pm on **Saturday, Sept. 14th** for our annual Fun Fair. Please check the flyer for all the exciting details!
- ❖ **August Mailing:** Parents, if you did not receive the packet we mailed this summer, please contact Mrs. D. All the contents that were mailed are available on our website.
- ❖ **Phone/Email Contact Check:** several emails and texts were sent from the SMS office to our families this summer. **If you did not receive any electronic contact from us, please get in touch with Mrs D by email (office@smsnarberth.org) or phone (610-664-2640) ASAP.**
- ❖ **Consent Forms:** You should have received a link to complete several necessary consent forms on Tuesday night. If you have not already done so, please click on the link and complete all the required consent forms. If you did not receive this link, please contact Mrs. D at office@smsnarberth.org as soon as possible.



START OF SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

- **Kindergarten** students report at **8:15 am** in the parking lot tomorrow.
- **Tomorrow** (Friday, 9/6/19) is an **early dismissal at 12:00 pm** for grades K thru 8th. CARES for grades K to 8 is available for those who signed up. Please remember that CARES students must bring their own lunch/drinks.

CARES:

Our after school and morning program began on Wednesday. If you have not yet signed up, the forms are available on our school website. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

CLASS ICE CREAM BIRTHDAYS RETURN FOR 2019/2020:

This year, the SMS lunch program will again be offering, the “Class Ice Cream Birthday”. SMS parents will have the option to purchase ice cream for your child and their classmates on their Birthday. The cost will be 50 cents per child. There is a wide variety of .50 cent ice creams they can choose from. Classmates who have allergies can choose any 50 cent snack (soft pretzels or chips) instead of ice cream. Prior approval will be needed from the teacher to have the “Class Ice Cream Birthday”. We will coordinate a time that works with the teacher to celebrate in the cafeteria. We require 2 WEEKS NOTICE for all orders. Thank you. If you are interested and would like to order please contact Mrs. Jane Pacelli our Lunch Program Coordinator at jpacelli@smsnarberth.org

ENGINEERING FOR KIDS (New Afterschool Program):

A hard copy was sent home in the August mailing. If your child is interested in signing up for this educational program, please fill out the form (copy available on our website), include payment, and return back ASAP in the Thursday Family Envelope.

MORNING ASSEMBLY:

All parents are invited (whenever possible) to join us for our daily Morning Prayer assembly where we gather and pray together as a school before beginning each day.

REBOOT: Let internationally renowned speaker and author Chris Stefanick help you REDISCOVER God, and REDISCOVER the life you were made for.

REBOOT! is the fun, inspiring and practical experience for all (ages 12 and up) of applying the beauty and genius of the Gospel to every aspect of your life, from prayer and spirituality, to work, dating, marriage, parenting, health and more! We hope you can join us for this exciting event!

VENUE: Archbishop Carroll High School

DATE: October 10th at 7 pm

TICKET PRICE: \$25 Checks to be made out to Real Life Catholic **For online registration, [click here](#)**



HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION:

Welcome back Monica Lawrence as Home & School President for a second term 19/20 school year and we welcome Stephanie Seal as the new H&S Vice President this year!

- *Please join the SMS community for Back to School Night tomorrow evening.* The program starts at 6:30pm in the gym. A letter was emailed yesterday with information about the schedule. Please follow the directions on the schedule to ensure you receive all the important information we will be giving out at Back to School Night. Please join us to hear from our principal, Mrs. Johnston, and to meet your child's teacher/s. **Volunteer sign-up sheets will be available for events throughout the year. Please keep in mind that you must have your clearances to volunteer.**
- *Save-the-date for our annual Walkathon, which will take place on Friday, **October 11, 2019.*** There is early dismissal that day (12:00PM). This is one of our major fundraisers. More information will be sent home.

BAND:

There will be a band demonstration for grades 4 to 7 next Tuesday 9/10. The Band Parent meeting will be Wednesday evening (9/11) at 7 pm in the cafeteria.

CHOIR SIGNS UPS FOR SCHOOL AND PARISH CHOIR:

Mrs. Beth Mirzai will serve as our school's choir teacher once again this year; sign up forms will be sent home in next week's Family Envelope.

Sign-up forms for the Saint Margaret Parish choir will also be sent home in next week's Family Envelope. Mrs. Sarah Worth leads the parish youth choir.

CROSS COUNTRY:

Come join our team! Practices are Tuesday & Thursday nights from 6-7 at General Wayne Playground where we run and play games. Parents are welcome to join in during our practices. You don't have to be a "runner" to come out. It is great exercise after a long day of sitting at a desk. There are six meets throughout the season at Belmont Plateau on Sunday afternoons. We are lucky to have a great group of kids who are supportive and cheer each other on and would welcome any newcomers. Feel free to stop by a practice to see if your child has any interest. This program is open to students in Kindergarten through 8th grade. (If you have an interested Kindergartener please email lauren.baraldi@gmail.com , as the website will not accept Kindergarten registration.)

CYO FOOTBALL:

Our sports program is underway. Please **check the SMS website under the Thursday Family Envelope column for more details regarding scheduling.** We are looking forward to a successful year of athletic and spiritual growth.

ASBESTOS PLAN AVAILABLE:



The Saint Margaret School has developed and maintains an Asbestos Inspection and Management Plan as required by the Asbestos Emergency Response Act of 1986 (AHERA). A copy of the plan is available for your inspection in my office during regular office hours. USA Environmental Management, Inc. is the school's asbestos program manager. All inquiries regarding the plan should be directed to them at 1257 South 26th Street Philadelphia, PA 19140 or 215-551-6010.