



SMRS TIDES

AUGUST 2018



PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

As you enter the school this August you will notice a substantial face lift to the structure of the facility. Much time and energy has been given to create a more vibrant looking school. The building where your child goes to school is important. However, the spirituality and educational atmosphere is equally, if not, more important to achieve a solid Catholic education. It is essential that the students are given examples of how to live out our Catholic faith, each and every day.

SHINE THE LIGHT OF JESUS

The theme chosen for this school year comes from the Gospel of Matthew (5:16) – *Shine the light of Jesus*. Throughout this year you will hear often how we are called to do this in our school community and within the family. It is my hope that through this theme we will come together to grow in our faith journey, to render service to others and to shine the light of Jesus to all whom we encounter.

RIPPLES ON THE TIDES

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In scripture we hear that to everything there is a season, and a **time** to every purpose under the heaven. (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8). I believe that God guides us and inspires us on our journey in life. Each experience we encounter prepares us for the next one. I am truly excited and joyfilled to have started as principal here at SMRS. I am delighted to share with you some news concerning the opening of the school year. The school has undergone a substantial face lift, many changes and the atmosphere has a refreshing feel to the building, as you walk the halls.

It is important to remember that we are here to provide an excellence in academic knowledge and to give witness to a solid, Catholic tradition of living our faith each and every day. Whether we find ourselves as students, teachers, support staff or parents/guardians of the children enrolled in St. Margaret Regional School, we all have a role in Catholic education.

The educational objectives established by our school can only be achieved through the cooperative efforts of teachers and parents working together. Work-study habits, homework assignments, and other educational pursuits require parental guidance at home so that children may achieve their potential.

Parents are encouraged to become aware of the various needs of our educational facility by fully supporting the activities of our school. Parent-teacher conferences, a Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), fundraisers, and committees are a few ways parents can be involved. Parents are encouraged to make appointments to speak with their child's teacher and with administration.

A monthly calendar of events is available on the SMRS website ([.www.smrsbb.org](http://www.smrsbb.org)). It will have important dates, vacation days, school Masses, and other pertinent events. It might be worthwhile to print this calendar and place it in a prominent place in your home, so you can refer to it from time to time.

Thank you for your support of SMRS. We look forward to a successful year of nurturing your child in the tradition of Catholic Education.

Mrs. Beth Mahoney
SMRS Principal



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SCHOOL BRIEFS

Handbook

The parent/student handbook is on the school website (www.smrsbb.org). Please print out the student handbook and bullying policy form/ photograph form, sign it and turn it in the first week of school. If you have trouble viewing the document or printing the agreement form, please call the school for a hard copy. It is important that you read the handbook, become familiar with the content and review it with your child. We have extended the lunch period to 30 minutes, with 15 minutes for recess. We hope this will give the students enough time to eat a healthy lunch. Any questions, please call the principal.

Uniforms

After the summer months of not wearing school uniforms you may find that you are in need of uniform clothes. Please visit www.DonnelysClothing.com/MARGABUZZMA to place an order. Boys Web Code: CTRD-895393 and Girls Web Code: WIOH-922296. Please refer to the student handbook for clarifications on the school uniform policy. Please remember you are able to come to the school to see our uniform closet for any clothes that you might need. Also, please bring to school any clothes that your child is unable to wear. Other families will appreciate the ability to share the uniforms.

August Mailing

An August mailing will be arriving at your home. In it will have various items for your review. Important forms for you to sign and return to the school. Please watch for a school calendar, extended care form and procedures, an emergency form, milk form, lunch menu, walk-a-thon info and donation sheet and a letter from the principal. There are many details that need to be completed, reviewed and return during the first week of school. We want to make these tasks as easy as possible. If you have any questions, please call or come to the school and we will be able to assist you with completing all forms.

