



# SMRS TIDES

JANUARY 2019



Dear Parents,

As we conclude the end of 2018 and begin a New Year of 2019 I want to thank you for your numerous Christmas cards and gifts that you shared with me this Christmas. I so appreciated hearing from you and I am grateful to you for your show of appreciation with your thoughtfulness. Please know that I remembered you in a special way during the Christmas Season. I am truly grateful to be at SMRS and to share in the mission of Catholic Education.

The month of January begins another month full of school activities. Please watch for announcements and flyers coming home with important information on the details of many field trips, class or school activities. If you are interested in lending a hand with an activity or going on a field trip, you need to complete all the necessary paperwork for your CORI. Please call the school office to complete the forms.

Our school uniform closet has some nice sweaters, sweatpants and sweatshirts, if your child is in need of uniforms, please stop by the school and visit the uniform closet. You can do this on your own time, so when it is convenient for you, just swing by the school between 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

I wish you and your family a very Happy, Healthy and Holy New Year!

-Ms. Beth Mahoney  
Principal of St. Margaret Regional School

## **Shine the Light of Jesus**

As we move into the New Year, there will be many opportunities for the students to live the school theme. Each morning we begin the school day with prayer. Often we identify ways that we are living this theme of shining the light of Jesus. Watch for ways which your child lives this theme at home. The students learn how to shine this light in class, in the school year and when they are with their friends. Take a moment and ask your child to example the school theme to you.

## **Principal's Notes**

It is that time once again when we will be administering the MAP test. For students in grades 2-3-4 we will test the students in math, reading and language arts, just as we did in October. This test is a good resource to track the progress of each student and see how they have improved from the first test. Throughout the year we will give this test 3 times. After this round we will have one more set of tests to administer in the spring. Once all 3 tests are completed, it will provide for us a good assessment of the growth of learning that took place with each child.

## SCHOOL BRIEFS

### *Snow Days*

Snow Day or change in school schedule: Please be aware that if we need to call a snow day or modify the day with a late start or early dismissal, you will be notified via text, phone and email of the information needed for this day. Any concerns please let the principal know – Thank you!

### *School Flyers*

Please make sure you are getting the school flyers being sent home with your child. These flyers have important information about field trips, after school clubs and school activities.

### *Box Tops for Education*

SMRS is collecting box tops to benefit the school. Please have your child bring them in to school and give them to their teacher. As you enter the main door of the school to your right on the wall is a board that will track each grade. Each month a winning class will be announced. At the end of the year we will celebrate all of the donated box tops.

### *Christmas Activities*

We were delighted to have offered Santa's workshop, breakfast with Santa, the Christmas Concert and many school activities related to the spirit of Christmas.

### *Mass on Fridays*

Reminder that we have Mass each Friday at 8AM. Parents are visited to join the school children.

