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Mission Statement

St. Margaret School will provide a firm educational foundation of religious values and academic knowledge for each student in a Catholic nurturing environment.

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PRINCIPAL NEWSLETTER

February 12, 2018

Dear Jesus,

You said, "learn from Me for I am meek and humble of heart." (Matthew 11:29.) You are God, yet You become little out of love for me. So I desire to become little for love of You. Help me to be honest about my strengths and weaknesses. May You be glorified in everything I do! Amen

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we share in this Lenten journey together, please know that I am praying for all of you, and that each of you experiences the love of Jesus, while you pray, fast, and participate in almsgiving. Again this year, our students will participate in the Catholic Relief Services(CRS) Rice Bowl Collection. This activity will begin on Ash Wednesday and goes through Lent.. In addition to receiving ashes, the students will have their cardboard 'rice bowls' blessed at the student mass at 9:00 AM. Hopefully, the students can do some chores to "earn" money to donate to their rice bowl.

Please visit the Diocesan website (www.dioceseofkalamazoo.org) for more information and links to resources for this Lenten season.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Parents, St. Margaret School is hosting Stations of the Cross on Friday, February 16th, We are still looking for three altar servers and several Middle School readers (Grades 5-8). Some students may read two passages if we do not have enough students. Please call the school office, or let your child's teacher know if your child can participate. Students must be at the church at 5:30 PM. Stations begin at 5:45 PM. Thank you.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Come join in the fun. *I Wed Three Wives*, a murder mystery at the Lake Doster Golf Club, Dinner and show begin at 6:30 PM. Contact Donna Henderson (269) 720-5250. Cost \$30.00.

FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE

Put your dancin' shoes on and get ready for the Father/Daughter Dance on this Saturday, February 17th from 6:00-8:00 PM to be held in the St. Margaret School Gym.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

If Otsego Public Schools close, or are delayed because of inclement weather, St. Margaret School will also close or delay school. Remember, that on Wednesdays throughout the school year, Otsego Public Schools have a late start, so they would not necessarily be announcing any delays unless it was late morning. If there is a two-hour delay because of fog or ice, school doors will open at 10:15 AM and school will start at 10:25 AM with dismissal at the usual time. School closures and delays are posted to local TV stations: WKZO Channel 3, WOOD TV Channel 8, and WZZM Channel 13. In addition, we send out a Honeywell Alert informing parents of the school closure or delay. This is why it is so important that we have the telephone contact for all parents, and anyone else that transport your children to and from school.

Remember that students go out for recess, even when it is snowing, unless the temperature and/or wind chill factor is too low. Students should dress for the weather: a warm coat, hat, and gloves. snowpants and boots.

VOLUNTEERS

All parents wishing to volunteer in our school, or chaperone/drive for a field trip, MUST complete a *Protecting God's Children* training session, and complete an Authorization Form to have a criminal history check completed through iChAT (Michigan State Police.) In each Principal Newsletter throughout the year, a schedule of local training sessions will be included. For information, please visit the following link to register:

https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list.cfm?theme=0

Hackett Catholic Prep, Kalamazoo, 1000 W Kilgore Rd., Monday, February 21st, 6 PM
Immaculate Conception Parish, 63559 60yh Ave., Wednesday, February 21st, 6: PM

POPE'S INTENTIONS for FEBRUARY

February 2018

Universal: Say "No" to Corruption

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

The last day for returning Boxtops for Education labels will be on this Friday, February 16th. Don't have them cut out? We can do that for you. Don't let that stop you from donating to our school!! Thanks for all of your support.

EARLY CHILDHOOD INFORMATION NIGHT

We will host our annual Early Childhood Information Night on Wednesday evening, March 14th here at St Margaret School in the gym at 6:30 PM. A presentation on information for parents of Preschool 3's and 4's, as well as, our kindergarten program will be provided. This presentation is about one hour in length, and refreshments will be provided. If you know of anyone who has a son or daughter going into preschool or kindergarten next year, please let them know about this event.

NOTES:

- (1) Valentines Day Parties will be held on Tuesday, February 13th because of Ash Wednesday the following day.
- (2) Students and staff will attend mass at 9 AM for Ash Wednesday (There is also a 7 PM mass at St. Margaret Churh.) No mass on Tuesday, Feb. 13th.
- (3) 1st Communion Retreat was changed from Feb. 10th to March 10th
- (4) Remember, no masses next week, Feb. 19-23rd .
- (5) Since we do not have school on Friday, February 23rd, we will have Feed our Friends, Casual Day on Thursday, Feb. 22nd.

IMPORTANT DATES 2018 – FEBRUARY

13	Re-scheduled Tornado Drill #1; no school mass today PS 3's Valentines Party; Elementary Valentines Day Parties; Ladies Night Out
14	Ash Wednesday Mass at 9AM, PS 4's Valentines Day Party
15	First Communion Reconciliation, 6 PM Potluck, 6:30 Service
16	Stations of the Cross, hosted by SMS students 5:45 PM
17	Father/Daughter Dance, 6-8 PM
22	Feed our Friends-Casual Day
23-26	NO SCHOOL, Mid-Winter Break
27	School resumes; LCAB Mtg. 7 PM in McGuire Room
28	Progress Reports go home

God Bless.

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