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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

April 10, 2017

*Dear Jesus, You are kindness itself.
I desire to show charity to my neighbor through my thoughts, words, and actions.
When others meet me, let them meet You in me!*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that everyone was able to relax and enjoy time with their family during Spring Break. I also hope that during this final week of Lent, we may look forward to the great celebration of Easter and enjoy God's many blessings.

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON GRANT RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to both Mrs. Erin Bush and Mrs. Betty Dennany—each of them recipients of the Office of Schools, Diocese of Kalamazoo Seton Grant. The purpose of this grant is for professional development to improve instruction in order to have a high impact on student learning. Each of these teachers applied for a grant for the 2017-2018 school year and will be honored along with other recipients, at a dinner to be held in May, hosted by Bishop Bradley and the Office of Schools. Congratulations Erin and Betty!!!!

WELCOME WEDNESDAY

Every Wednesday, St. Margaret School will have an Open House from 9:30-10:30 AM and will welcome families interested in enrolling their child(ren) in our preschool or in K-8th grade. We will be giving tours, answering questions and providing parents with information about the opportunities that await their child at St. Margaret's.

OPEN HOUSE

St. Margaret School will host an Open House on Wednesday evening, April 19th from 6-7 PM.. We realize that many families work during the day, so we would like to offer this evening as an opportunity to tour our school, ask questions, meet other parents, and enjoy light refreshments. Please help us get out the word. If you know of anyone interested in enrolling their child(ren) in preschool or K-8, please share this information. If anyone has any questions, please call the school office, 269-694-2951.

SCHOOL SUBMARINE SANDWICH FUNDRAISE—GET YOUR ORDERS IN!!

On Wednesday, April 26th, our PTO will host a sub sale. We are selling both ham/cheese subs and turkey/cheese subs. These are great-tasting and you can freeze them too. ***We need all parents involved to help make this a success.*** If you have not done so already, please sign up to work a shift to help. A work schedule sign-up form is attached. Choose the time best suited for your schedule and return the form to the school office as soon as possible. We will contact you to confirm your sign-up time.

REMEMBER--All of the money we earn from these fundraisers goes to help defray the cost of tuition for ***all*** students. Please call if you have any questions. Sandwiches are \$2.50 each. You will need to pay when you submit your order, so that we know how much meat, cheese, and buns to buy. Checks should be made payable to St. Margaret School PTO. ***PLEASE TURN IN ALL ORDERS BY THURSDAY, APRIL 13th !!*** Thanks in advance for your support.

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

During the month of April, we are learning about and practicing the virtue of **kindness**. Students will focus on practicing being obedient—assenting to rightful authority without hesitation or resistance. At the end of this month, students will receive a card of **St. Pachomus**.

VIRTUS TRAINING SESSIONS

All volunteers must have attended a Protecting God's Children training session AND have a Criminal History Background Check. If you would like more information, please contact the school office 269-694-2951. Currently scheduled sessions:

St. Ann Parish (Augusta) 12648 E. D avenue, Tuesday, April 18th, 6 PM

VOLUNTEERS

All parents wishing to volunteer in our school, or chaperone on field trips, **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. There are currently no sessions scheduled at this time. For more information, please visit the following link to register: https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list.cfm?theme=0

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS—IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Just a reminder, that if you are interested in driving for field trips you must update/complete your driver information. Vehicle registrations, insurance, and driver’s license *must be current*. You will need to complete a Driver Information Form and we will need to see a current drivers license to verify. ***Only those parents with current driver information on file will be allowed to drive for any upcoming field trips.*** If you would like a Driver Information Form, please call the school office and we will send a form home.

HOLY FATHER’S INTENTIONS

Please remember the Holy Father’s, Pope Francis’ intentions in prayer through the month of

APRIL

For 2017, the Holy Father will focus on only one intention for each month:

Young People. “That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.”

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL

- 14 NO SCHOOL, Good Friday
- 25 LCAB Meeting 7 PM; Confirmation Rehearsal 6:30 PM
- 27 Confirmation 7 PM, Students arrive 6:45 PM
- 28 Feed our Friends Casual Day
- 29 First Communion Rehearsal
- 30 First Communion Mass 11AM

Sincerely,,

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