



ST. MARGARET SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL

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January 11, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

NWEA MAP Testing

MAP testing began last week and continues for the next two weeks. Your child's teacher will let you know when your child's class will be testing. Please make sure your child gets a good night of sleep and eats a good breakfast the morning of testing.

Volunteer

We are looking for someone who is willing to work on a project. It is a simple task that can be done at home. Please let Mrs. Dennany in the office know if you may be able to help out.

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week begins Sunday, January 31st. We will kick-off CSW at the 11:00 mass on 01/31 at St. Margaret Church. We hope that you and your family will be able to join us at mass that day. We will end our celebration of Catholic Schools with mass at Blessed Sacrament at 8:30 on 02/07.

The schedule of special activities and special dress days will be sent home the week of the 25th.

Spirit Wear Day

Spirit wear day is this Thursday. If your child has spirit wear, they may wear it on Thursday with casual pants. If your child does not have spirit wear, they must wear their uniform.

Amendment to SMS Covid-19 Plan

We will be amending our SMS Covid-19 Preparedness and Response Plan in response to an amendment made by Governor Whitmer in regards to when it is appropriate to shorten quarantine periods from 14 to 10 days. Please see below



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the information we received from the ACHD regarding this amendment. I have highlighted the pertinent information.

Before the New Year, Governor Whitmer signed [Senate Bill 1258](#), which made amendments to [Public Act 238](#).

These amendments require employees to quarantine only after close contact with a person who tests positive; it no longer requires quarantine after close contact with a person who only has primary symptoms of COVID-19 but has not tested positive. In addition, it allows employees to return to work if either of the following have been met:

- 14 days have passed from the last date of close contact OR
- The employee is advised by a health care provider or public health professional that they have completed their period of quarantine.
 - The Allegan County Health Department (ACHD) has reduced the number of COVID-19 quarantine days for some cases, per recommendations from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).
 - While the standard 14-day quarantine period remains, the quarantine period may be reduced to 10 days where:
 - The individual does not develop any symptoms or clinical evidence of COVID-19 infection during daily symptom monitoring for the 10 days after the last exposure; and,
 - Daily symptom monitoring continues through day 14 after the last exposure.

Nine Days for Life Novena

The annual 9 Days for Life novena begins January 9th and runs through January 29th. You can join Catholics praying this novena across the country by signing up at respectlife.org to receive the novena, a short reflection and suggested activities by text message daily.

Upcoming Dates

- January 14th-spirit wear day
- January 15th-end of 2nd quarter
- January 27th-report cards sent home
- January 31st-February 7th-Catholic Schools Week



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- January 31st-Kick-off mass for CSW, 11:00 at St. Margaret Church
- February 7th-Closing mass for CSW, 8:30 at Blessed Sacrament

God bless,

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